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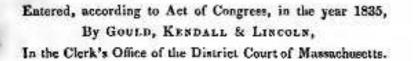
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PREFACE.

THE writer of this edition of the Memoirs of his late beloved wife, is not without apprehension, that it may, by some persons, be thought that we have already a redundancy of biographical works. His answer is, that while he hopes the work may be generally useful, there is a considerable class of Christians in America, with whom he has some influence, that are very little acquainted with books of this description; added to which, he is afraid that he shall neglect his duty to the lovely object of this Memoir, if he misimproves this opportunity of making her virtues known. He has long contemplated publishing a brief memoir of her history, but feelings of delicacy have hitherto prevented him. He has been accustomed to regard her with feelings of chastened awe, as a choice specimen of that divine beauty to which Christian influence is

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capable of elevating the fallen children of men. He does not, however, suppose that strangers to her can ever entertain those feelings towards her, which one united to her in the endearing relationship of husband, must possess. But he trusts that such a glimpse of her character may be seen through these brief fragments of her history, as may serve to endear the cause of Christ, and stimulate the reader to seek after that piety which in her, shone with such sacred splendor.

Although she was spared to the writer for so brief a period, and her early removal blighted the spring and prospects of his early life, yet he has never ceased to feel grateful to God for his permission to enjoy her society, even for so short a time. Nothing he has ever met with, has so deeply convinced his mind of the reality and divinity of our blessed religion, as its influence in forming the character of Charlotte Sutton. If such could be one of its lowly followers, what must its divine Author have been?

While the writer was collecting materials for this memoir, in far distant India, the Rev. J. G. Pike, anthor of Persuasives to Early Piety, &c., with whom she was intimately acquainted, prepared, for the periodical connected with the English General Baptiets, the substance of the following account, which has since been republished and extensively circulated in England. Since the writer's sojourn in this country, the fact above alluded to has seemed

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to call for a revised and somewhat enlarged edition of the work. These additions chiefly consist of letters, some particulars of her life, extracted from her private diary, not known to Mr. P., and some notices more especially referring to the time of the writer's union with her, interspersed with reflections which are inserted by especial request.

This little book is commended to the careful perusal of the young, especially of yoothful females, with an carnest prayer that it may foster those virtues, and cherish those graces in their hearts and lives, which so eminently adorned Charlotte Satton.

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