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WHOSE STEDFAST MAINTENANCE
OF THE "TRUTH AS IT IS IN JESUS,"
HAS SECURED THE ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE
OF ALL WHO LOVE THAT TRUTH ;
AS A TRIBUTE OF SINCERE ADMIRATION
OF HIS CHRISTIAN CHARACTER,
AND OF HIS
NOBLE DEFENCE OF THE PROTESTANT CAUSE,

This Volume

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

BY

THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE efforts of the Tractarian party have been, for several years, unremitting, to gain proselytes to the peculiar dogmas of their school. They have tried every mode to influence the public mind, and to increase their own reputation. In every department of literature, they are to be found; exhibiting a zeal, a stedfastness, and a talent, worthy of a better cause. They agitate through the daily press. They sit in the critic's chair, in Magazines and Reviews: they preach in sermons and tracts. They enounce their peculiar system in learned

treatises for the scholar : they scatter the A. B. C. of their doctrines in cards and leaflets for the poor. They clothe their views in attractive and romantic tales for the young, the inexperienced, and the ardent. They endeavour to catch the eye, by the beauty of their embellishments. The nursery, even, is not forgotten ; rhymes and stories for children are supplied in every form and of every kind, to suit high and low, rich and poor ; and thus they proceed with noiseless step, to win their way alike into the palace and the cottage ; and stealthily to lay the meshes of the net over every class of the community.

The Author of the following little volume has thought, that it is not only necessary to condemn the publications alluded to, but

that books of a similar description, embodying the principles of eternal Truth, in opposition to the errors of Tractarian Theology, ought to be placed in the hands of the public generally. With this view the Work has been undertaken, in the hope that in one of the departments of lighter literature, it may be found not altogether useless in elucidating some of the cardinal doctrines of the word of God; and not altogether powerless on the right side, in this day of necessary contention for "the faith once delivered to the saints."

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