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"Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom and instruction and understanding."—*Solomon.*

"Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—*Paul.*



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## PREFACE.



IN presenting the following pages to the public, the writer and compiler is not able to say, as many authors are, that she has been urged to do so by the solicitations of friends.

With the exception of some members of her own family, on whose discernment, judgment, and piety, she could rely, no persons are acquainted with their contents.

She might, perhaps, have sought and obtained the recommendation of some ministerial friends, well known to the public, but two distinct feelings prevented her from soliciting such a favour:—The first was, a desire that no respected name should be involved in the defects of the work; and the other, was a secret fear that some might check her in her progress, by intimating that she “exercised” herself “in great matters,” and “in things too high” for her.

Her reasons for studying the subject are given in the introductory Letter:—and knowing, from intercourse with many friends, that considerable feeling is entertained against the writings of Mr. Combe and the science of Phrenology, as well, also, from having been the subject of such feeling in her own mind; her intention was, from the first, to supply, according to her ability, that which, while it



would dissipate the fears of the timid Christian, would also serve as a guide to inquiring minds.

How successfully the self-imposed task has been accomplished, Eternity only will disclose.

Whatever defects may be found in the composition and arrangement, none will be detected in the extracts from the writings of the honoured men who *have* preached, or *do now* promulgate "the gospel of the grace of God." The compiler of the Letters owes to them,—as also to the other gentlemen whose works she has consulted,—a debt of gratitude; and begs to acknowledge her sense of obligation to such of them as do not yet "rest from their labours."

With an earnest desire and prayer, that the blessing of the Infinite Spirit may accompany

this feeble effort to promote His honour, in connexion with the benefit,—physical, mental, and moral,—of the great family of man, she leaves it in His keeping.

S. D. PUGH.

*London, December, 1845.*

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