

P R E F A C E.

HOWEVER trite such an apology may be, the Author of the following Discourses cannot but plead it for himself, that they would not have been intruded upon the public notice, had it not been for the earnest advice and request of several friends, to whose judgment he defers. To the expression of their opinion, that the publication of this volume was calculated to promote the glory of God in the edification of souls, he felt bound to yield; as he trusts such a motive would have more weight with him, than any hope of promoting his own interest, or any prospect of gaining for himself a name.

He is not, however, unwilling to acknowledge the existence of a secret hope, that, at a time when the attention of the British public has been