

## PREFACE.

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AS to the title, let no one infer from it that the author doubts the authenticity of the Scripture involved. For he accepts it as the revealed and inspired Word of God.

The scenes and incidents in the life of Joseph are so interesting and connected, and lead to such a striking result, that the title is thought to be justifiable.

“There are three points in Theology, about which all other things naturally revolve;—a supernatural book, a supernatural life, and a supernatural destiny.” Such a sublime and important truth is beautifully illustrated by the life of our hero.

The author presents it in verse, with the aim of interestingly disclosing a divine purpose in the affairs of men; and of arousing a greater interest in Sacred literature.

No attempt is made to merely please the æsthetic taste of the critics, many of whom are better able to destroy than to create. No claim is made to proficiency in versification. With due regard for Sacred truth, and conscious of defect, the life of our hero is portrayed from the shepherd's crook to the nation's sceptre, with the prayer that it may be a blessing and inspiration to many.

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