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NOTE.—As it is not the practice of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church to request publication of the Discourses preached at the commencement of its successive Sessions, by the retiring Moderators, the following Discourse, being one of that class, was composed without the slightest expectation that it would ever be published.

Many of the Ministers and Elders, however, in whose hearing it was delivered, having expressed a strong desire to have it in a printed form, it is in deference to that desire committed to the press.

In the course of transcription from the original manuscript, some alterations have been made. These alterations, however, have been, for the most part, merely verbal; and have in no instance been of such consequence as to call for particular specification.

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