

If it can cheer a moment of despondency, or chase away unmerited grief; if it furnishes amusement or instruction to the reader, the Author's end will be answered, and he will rest satisfied with himself and all mankind.

The Author flatters himself there is not an expression throughout the narrative that cannot appear before the most delicate eye, neither will it taint the mind, but more probably lead it to the fountain of all good.

As a first essay it pleads many excuses.—It was written with the intention of pointing out the interposition of Divine Providence in support of persecuted innocence.

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