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IT will naturally be expected that we, who have recommended the publication of the following sheets, should precede them by some account of the motives by which we have been actuated, as well as by a sketch of our own views of the character of the revered friend whose Memoirs are now laid before the world. Pursuant to this probable expectation, a few prefatory observations are here given.

We had long known that our excellent friend was in the habit of keeping a diary, in which he recorded the principal occurrences of his life, and sedulously traced his religious progress. But we had no idea, till after his death, to what extent his

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