

## PREFACE.

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THE following discourse was originally preached to my own congregation. At that time I had not the remotest idea of its publication. It was prepared with the view of correcting the misrepresentations of some *busy bodies*, who were loud in decrying Presbyterianism. A number of my people having expressed a desire to obtain it, that they might peruse it at their leisure, I have consented to publish it.

My object in doing so, is not to advance new ideas upon a subject which has occupied the master minds of the world; but, to express some of their views in a few brief and comprehensive arguments, so as to correct the ignorance of some, confirm the wavering of others, and silence ignorant cavillers. Let truth prevail.

JOHN CAMERON.

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