

INTRODUCTION.

THE existence and spread of Universalism in the immediate circle of the author's labours drew his attention to that form of error; the result of which was a determination to do what in him lay to meet and repel it.—The present publication is the last (for the present) of a series of efforts for the attainment of his object; and is presented to the serious, dispassionate, and prayerful reader, with the humble hope, and earnest prayer, it may promote his spiritual—his best interests.

It were impossible to receive a just apprehension of the nature of divine truth,—of the mode of its operation, nor less of its projected results, without perceiving in Universalism a mangling of the one, and a perversion and frustration of the others. This, as a matter of fact, and vital to the interests of man, cannot fail of fixing the attention, and exciting the caution of every considerate mind. With many the impression is found that the points of difference between Orthodoxy and Universalism are not so many and important as interested partisans represent. A few quotations from Universalist writers, as collected by the Rev. Nathan D. George, in his admirable little work upon the subject, will serve to convince the reader how unsustained is such an idea;—especially when we assure him no orthodox writer will question their correctness.

“Mr. J. D. Williamson in his work entitled, *‘Exposition and defence of Universalism,’* p. 215, says, ‘I have no disposition to conceal the fact, that there is a wide and irreconcilable difference between us and our opposers: nor can it be denied that if we are right they are wrong, not merely in some points, but radically, and I had almost said totally