

## CHAPTER I.

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"Guides of my life ! Instructors of my youth !  
Who first unveiled the hallowed form of truth."—ROGERS.

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### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

I WAS born in the historic town of B——, in the county of S ——. The noble abbey which in ages long lapsed reared its head in majestic grandeur, and in the pomp of its cremonial attracted its admirers, is now regarded as a relic of the past rather than as a monument of the present. At an early age I was sent to school, returning each evening to my home. My first ten years were passed in a place celebrated for its fashion, a town dignified by