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As this production was not undertaken for public perusal, but expressly to afford light reading to a few friends, patrons and old scholars; being therefore very limited in circulation, it is not to be considered fairly open to public criticism.

The Compiler has introduced a few religious reflections of his own, but hopes he may not on that account, be charged with egotism for so doing; he had no intention, when he first commenced the work, of bringing them forward, but considering them, though of a private nature, yet, as forming a part of his religious profession, he felt disposed to forego the reservation, and to print them, hoping, at the same time, that they who read them, may feel somewhat of the sacred pleasure, similar to that, which prompted him to write them.

Farther, the Editor cannot close this typographical performance, without acknowledging the pleasure he derived, in the very condescending manner, in which this little work was received by the subscribers here annexed. With the exception of a few applications, his solicitations were responded to in the most generous and polite manner. As he was anxious to get off his last form and make a finish, he has omitted applying to many who he believes would most readily have subscribed their names, and who must receive the above reason, as an apology for not being applied to.

Considering the simpleness and trifling character of the *Island Scrap Book*, the Compiler is led to infer, that they who have so readily patronised it, have done so, from a feeling sense of respect to himself and with reference to his exertions in the training of youth. Even his late Excellency Sir Donald Campbell during his mortal illness noticed it, and kindly allowed his name to be annexed, though unsolicited. It is true, the Editor, presuming upon the experience of the past easy affability of Lady Campbell, was emboldened to address her Ladyship; but he did not expect that His late Excellency would stoop to honor so humble and so faulty a performance.

In applying also to Miss Fleming, when about leaving the Island, with sadness and concern, no sooner received the work, than she hastened to secure with her own name, that of Lady Wood and others, who were in her presence.

When testimonials of respect come from persons more able to sustain character than ourselves, they confirm our decision in the course we have taken, and strengthen our determination in that of the future. The Editor acknowledges the obligation, and in doing so, feels the force and truthfulness of those words which Sir Henry Huntley remarked to him in his address, at the first School Tea Party: That—*He the Editor had not come to an Island, whose Conducting knew not how to appreciate Service and Character.*

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Juvenile and Infant Schools,

Charleston, P. E. Island. Oct. 20, 1850.