

a beloved Queen who has become the Mother of a young Princess—a sermon upon female influence in general cannot but be both acceptable and useful to a British public.

Solomon is here speaking of a virtuous woman. By a virtuous woman is meant, a pious woman ; a woman under the influence of religion ; a woman that fears God ; that loves him and delights in his ways, and who seeks to glorify him in all her conduct and movements in life. It is to this woman I call your attention at this time. Let me then hold her forth at the present as a *Wife*—as a *Mother*—as a *Merchant*—as a *Physician*—as a Christian—and as a *Princess*.

### I—AS A WIFE.

The matrimonial connection is not only an important and deeply interesting connection ; but also an institution of Divine appointment. It commenced with the origin of the human race, and in their days of innocence and happiness.

Hence we find that when God made man and placed him in the Garden of Paradise, with all that could delight him in a state of perfection : his Maker saw that there was one thing wanting, and that it was not good for man to be alone. In reading the history of the creation, it appears that all creatures, whether animate or inanimate, were made for the good, happiness and enjoyment of his favourite creature man. The flowers of the field with all their beauty and fragrance, the trees with all their nutritious fruit, the animal tribes, with all their powers of ministering satisfaction to the sense or to the mind—all, all were for him. Adam when in Paradise could look upon all the objects in creation, however grand and sublime, and call them his own. He could at the same time employ his vast and capacious mind in examining their various characters in their different forms, and give them names suitable to their respective qualities. He also allotted each its place and station, and at the same time glorified his Creator's perfections, as displayed in himself