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THERE is hardly a more common, and hardly a more hurtful mistake on the subject of religion, than the belief that its obligations may be assumed or deferred at our pleasure, or, as we sometimes choose to term it, our convenience. Many a one there is, who, like Felix, will take it upon himself without the least fear or shame, to defer the acknowledgement of duty, to dismiss the most serious considerations of life, and bid them come again at another time, a more convenient season. Many a one there is, who, fully aware of his obligations, fully sensible that there is such a thing as duty, and acquainted with its several requirements, yet imagines that he can in some measure evade their demands, and escape from their authority, by neglecting to make a public avowal of his subjection to them; imagines that he can throw off a portion of his responsibility by withholding his confession of it. Just as if his assent or his silence made any difference in his moral situation; as if he really possessed vol. II,—no. IV.