

PREFACE.

This little Address needs no preface, yet a few lines may not be unnecessary. The design of this book is to call the attention of those who may think it worthy of perusal, to the importance, and also the necessity of decided religion. It is hoped its contents may prove effectual to the strengthening of true religious feeling in the hearts of those who enjoy that blessing; but it is more especially addressed to those who have no religion at all. This class of people require invitations and threatenings to bring them to acknowledge Him, who has said—"unless you repent and be converted," &c. &c. in other words, become as little children, "you cannot enter the kingdom of God." The sacred truths are there from whence its lessons and statements are drawn: it wants no refinements of religious truths, but plain scriptural instructions. Its readers are addressed not as Churchmen or Dissenters, but as fallen, undone, and dying mortals, who need eternal salvation. I could humbly follow in the track of those calls and alarms to the unconverted, by which Baxter and Allen, and others—being dead yet speak—and have for some-centuries, under the power of the divine blessing, been useful to the saving of many a man's soul. Suppose but one individual among those countless millions should by this small volume be led to the Saviour, a great work will be accomplished—sufficiently important to recompense the labours of the writer. Perhaps some readers may think the subject of this volume is too often written upon, but let us remember that we cannot be