

## 1—THE IMPORTANCE OF FEMALE EDUCATION.

Of the importance and advantages of education to all classes, and especially to the female classes of society, it is not necessary for me to advocate in any part of the British Empire,—as the fact is admitted in every quarter of her Majesty's dominions. But is the subject sufficiently felt by those who profess to believe it? Must not every reflecting man admit from what has been said, as well as his own observation and experience, that the female class are in a strict and important sense, the most influential and interesting class of society, and on which the life and happiness of the great body social and political, depend. Remove them from the world and what have we left? Does not all our happiness, both social and political, depend under God upon them? Is it not here we find all those delightful associations included in the names of mother, sister, wife, friend, child, companion, with all those tender and endearing names peculiar to our race? At home, or abroad, in private solitude, or in the more immediate business of life, these names and relations follow us, and touch and soften the heart when all other objects fail. With these facts before us, it cannot I think be doubted, no not for a moment, that it is the duty of every parent, even of the most humble cottage, as well as those of the more splendid mansions, to exert all their powers to render these relations as dear as possible. The foundation of all real greatness and influence in woman, is that religion which purifies the heart, and regulates and softens the manners. And if it is not in the power of all to give their daughters those accomplishments included in what is called a refined education; yet it is within the reach of all to teach them the pure and undefiled religion of heaven—for after all it is to the operation of this divine principle upon the female character, we are to look for that meekness and humility, sincere love and constant affection, that untiring and vigilant attention, which has been the honour and glory of the