

THE VALUE OF THE PULPIT.

IN the following paper the writer has endeavoured to put together a few hints and observations, which, by leading to subsequent discussion, may elicit more important information, such as may prove useful to some of the younger Clergy, in their public ministrations. At the same time, he presumes not to dictate to his brethren in the ministry, to whose zealous and faithful labours he can bear humble testimony ; but desires rather to act the part of a friend and fellow helper, as one conscious of his own infirmities, and feeling the awful responsibilities of the ministerial office.

The grand design of preaching the Gospel is, to bring sinners to the Saviour, to win souls to Christ, in order to restore fallen and guilty man to that state of holiness and happiness from which Adam, by transgression, fell. The *fall* of man, and his *recovery* through Christ, lie at the foundation of all true religion, and should be constantly enforced and explained by the Christian ministerⁿ in his exhortations and addresses. In this respect, the *Pulpit* affords him a most excellent opportunity of setting forth the whole scheme of Redemption, as revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures. For this purpose the Bible should be his