

sermons, in which he trusts something will be found suited to the ease of all the varieties which compose a congregation.

Before closing these prefatory remarks, the author is constrained to beg the indulgence of his readers for many deficiencies of style and composition which a more careful revision might have enabled him to supply or correct. While he was engaged in the active duties of his parochial ministrations, such a revision was impracticable; and the opportunity which was looked forward to, during the enjoyment of a short sojourn in England, has, in the good providence of God, been so broken in upon by the visitation of severe sickness, and deep domestic affliction, that he is compelled, in order to complete the volume during his limited stay, to place his Discourses in the publisher's hands, just as they were composed and delivered without any reference to publication. For any errors of a more serious nature, should such appear, he feels that he is entitled to no indulgence, as the welfare of the souls entrusted to him is dependent upon the soundness of the matter set before them; and he hesitates not to avow his conviction, that they inculcate nothing "as essential to salvation, which is not contained in the Scriptures, or may