

PREFACE

It could not be otherwise than gratifying to the Author of this little work, to find that after the rapid sale of the first impression in England, it should have attracted so much attention in the new world as to render it probable that an Edition, calculated for the use of the Church in the United States, would be equally acceptable there.

It was the first intention of the Author to publish such an Edition on his own account: but finding that the General Sunday School Union of that Church, acting under its Bishops, was desirous of republishing the work, he gave up all idea of pecuniary advantage, and determined to co-operate with the Society in rendering it as suitable as possible to the circumstances of the Church in the United States. For that purpose, he has consented to alter and omit portions not essential in themselves, and which appeared to require change, in order to accomodate the work to the American Prayer-Book, and to the peculiar circumstances of that Church: and he has likewise