

MISCELLANEOUS DISCOURSES,

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I.

THE PEACEMAKER.

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God."
—MATT. v. 9.

WHAT a happy world this would be, if peace universally prevailed among its inhabitants!—if no battle-field ever presented its ghastly spectacles of blood and death!—if no quarrels ever disturbed our streets!—if no jealousies and antipathies ever existed among neighbours!—if in no home, of all the millions of the homes of men, feuds or alienations were ever known!—if scenes of acrimonious dispute never occurred between husbands and wives!—if the brothers and sisters were never at mutual variance!—if the hearts of the fathers were never turned from their children, nor the hearts of children from their fathers!—if no hand were ever raised to smite!—if the scowl of hate were never witnessed upon a human countenance, the language of angry passion never heard from a human tongue, the thought of malignity or revenge never harboured in a human breast!