

SERMON I.

ON THE TRUE HONOR OF MAN.

PROVERBS, iv. 8.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor.—

THE love of honor is one of the strongest passions in the human heart. It shows itself in our earliest years; and is coeval with the first exertions of reason. It accompanies us through all the stages of subsequent life; and in private stations discovers itself no less than in the higher ranks of society. Their ideas of what constitutes honor, men greatly vary, and often grossly err. But of some which they conceive to form pre-eminence and distinction, all are desirous. All wish, by some means or other, to acquire respect from those among whom they live; and to contempt and disgrace, none are insensible.