

## ADVERTISEMENT.

IF any apology be judged necessary for troubling the public with this discourse, the following, I hope, will be deemed sufficient. The reasons that induce me to give it publicity, are, First—The solicitation of several friends, to whom I can scarcely deny any thing. Secondly,—An expectation that benefit will accrue to the poor, to whose relief the entire profits arising from the sale of it will be appropriated,—And, Thirdly, a hope that the spiritual welfare of some may be promoted.

If this pamphlet shall be found to contain nothing new, I beg permission to observe, that I consider this circumstance as its greatest excellency and recommendation. Novelty in religion, is to be regarded as dangerous. Every part of Christianity, like its great Author, is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. In this sermon I make no pretensions to complete originality; on the contrary, much is borrowed: but in a plain discourse, which has no ornament except truth, and which allows of no place for discovery or invention, properly so called, I should consider it superfluous to trouble the printer, reader, or myself with marginal references, merely for the purpose of specifying the names of those authors from whom I have derived assistance. If the miseries of the indigent should be mitigated by this humble attempt, and if the spiritual interests of men should, in any degree, be advanced, my design will be answered, and my most sanguine expectations realized.

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