

PREFACE.

THE advantages which the introduction of this work into our seminaries of education would be likely to produce are many and obvious :

1. The author having adopted for the model of his style the phraseology of the best of books, remarkable for its simplicity and strength, the young pupil will acquire, with the knowledge of reading, a love for the manner in which the great truths of Divine Revelation are conveyed to his understanding, and this will be an inducement to him to study the Holy Scriptures.

2 All the circumstances related in this work are true : they are recent, being within the recollection of the present generation ; they form a very important part in the history of our country, and will be read with pride and pleasure by every one of our young men in whose bosom may glow the sentiments of patriotism and piety.

3. The most prominent virtues of the heroes who produced the events here treated of, are held up in such a manner as to inspire in the youthful mind a love for the country they defended, and a spirit of honorable emulation, which may be highly advantageous to that country whenever it shall be necessary to call it into exercise.

4. Although a vein of morality runs through the work, the sentiments have not the smallest bearing on the particular tenets of any religious sect, but are calculated to be read by all persons, of whatever denomination, who love virtue, valor, and freedom.

5. The facts described are related in so clear and concise a way as without much effort on the part of the pupil, will easily fasten themselves on his memory.

These are some amongst other reasons which have induced the author to recommend his little work to