

INTRODUCTION.

THE design of this little manual is to facilitate to the students of the Bible, the acquisition of a systematic knowledge of its whole subject-matter, by exhibiting, in a short compass; a clear and comprehensive analysis of the contents successively of each book, to serve the double purpose of a natural method to help the memory, and of a guide to the right interpretation, and the ready command of its precious contents. In fine, the great object of its publication is to furnish our Christian youth, in this age of Sunday Schools and Bible-classes, with a cheap help to the memory and the understanding, in the study of the Scriptures.

A few sentences will embrace all the directions that are requisite to guide the learner, in the use of this manual, so as to accomplish the end desired.

The whole subject-matter of the Old Testament is reduced under three simple and natural divisions, in the successive order,—*First*—of the Historical; *Secondly*—of the Prophetical; and, *Thirdly*—the Poetical and Didactic Books: and that of the New Testament in like manner, under three general heads,—*First*—Historical, embracing the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles; *Secondly*—Doctrinal; the fourteen Epistles of Paul, and the seven Catholic or General Epistles; and, *Thirdly*—Prophetical, the Apocalypse, or Revelation, forming the last book of the New Testament canon.