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favorably drawn towards colonial contributions of other descriptions to the British press, some feeling of the same kind might gain an access for the plain truths of the Gospel to persons, who, under other circumstances, would turn away from them. The fact that these Discourses were preached by a native colonist in a colonial pulpit might gain for them an interest which would not otherwise be felt 'in them ; and who can tell the blessing, which, through the Lord's grace, may ensue from the pernsal of the humbling and searching doctrines of the eross, by whatever motive an attention to them might be at first induced ?

Yet, while for these reasons indulging the hope that his humble volume may not be without some circulation, nor, through the Lord's mercy, without some fruit, among British readers, the author, of course, looks with the fondest and most intense anxiety to the reception which his Discourses may meet with among those in whose hearing they were delivered, and for whose edification they were composed. Grateful as he is for the kind interest in his undertaking which was manifested on the part of the flock to whom it has been his privilege to minister the word of life, and for the support which enables him,

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