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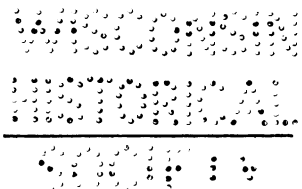
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ence," by Dr. Wayland, which is a work of high and deserved reputation. Soon after its publication in 1835, it became extensively introduced into the schools and colleges throughout the country; and has been justly esteemed the best text-book extant on the subject. But, with all its excellence, it has imperfections, which twenty-four years of critical examination have sufficed to discover. It omits some useful subjects; some of its reasonings are obscure and inconclusive; and in the following discussions some of its important doctrines are controverted, in both theoretical and practical ethics. A work of the same general character, but not liable to the same objections, has long been desired by many who are engaged in the instruction of youth; and the present volume is an humble attempt to supply the want.

A true system of ethics must necessarily refer to the Bible, the highest standard of morals. I have felt pleasure in making frequent quotations from the sacred volume; and have generally affixed a reference to the chapter and verse, with

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the hope that the student may be induced to read the passages in their connection, and by this means acquire increased familiarity with the lively oracles of God. The knowledge and love of the inspired writings furnish the only means on which parents and teachers may rely, for producing in the young the grace of a pure morality.

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