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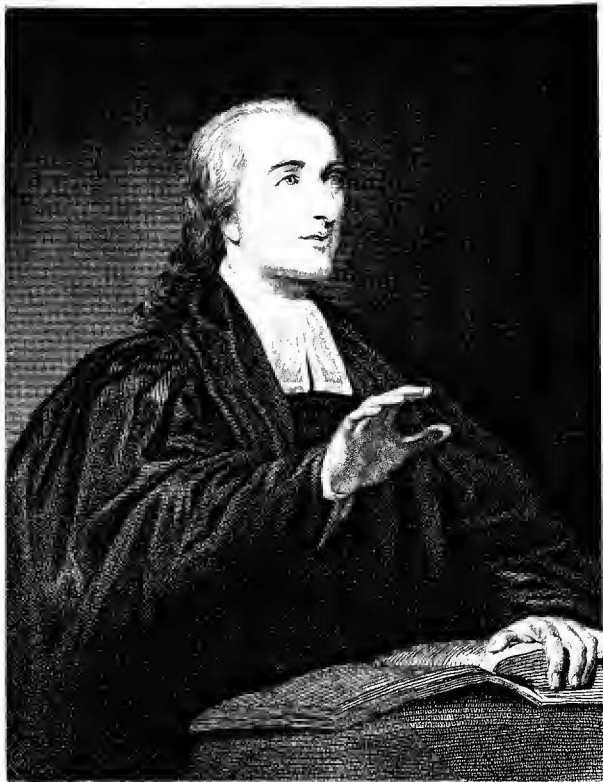
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OF

THE REV. JOHN FLETCHER,

VICAR OF MADELEY.

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THE letters contained in this volume form part of a work edited by Rev. Melvill Horne, and entitled "The Posthumous Works of the Rev. John Fletcher." He states in his Preface, that he was indebted to Mrs. Fletcher for the "Letters on the Manifestation of Christ," which were found in the handwriting of the author. He proceeds:—"When they were written, or to *whom* they were addressed, I cannot learn : but, from the beginning of the first letter, the decayed state of the manuscript, and the extreme smallness of the character, (which could scarcely have been legible to the Author in his latter years,) I judge them to have been the first essay of a genius afterward so much admired."

The "Pastoral and Familiar Letters" cover a period extending from the time of Mr.

Fletcher's conversion to within a few days of his decease. They form an admirable picture of the holy life and ardent devotion of this self-denying associate of John Wesley's labour; of whom even Mr. Southey records, that "no age or country has ever produced a man of more fervent piety or more perfect charity; no church has ever possessed a more apostolic minister." As these sweet and spiritual Letters have been long out of print in any portable form, the publishers are doing a welcome service to the religious public in issuing the present neat and convenient edition.

J. M'CLINTOCK.

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