

THE FABLES
OF ÆSOP AND OTHERS

WITH DESIGNS ON WOOD
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"THE WISEST OF THE ANCIENTS DELIVERED THEIR CONCEPTIONS
OF THE DEITY, AND THEIR LESSONS OF MORALITY,
IN FABLES AND PARABLES"

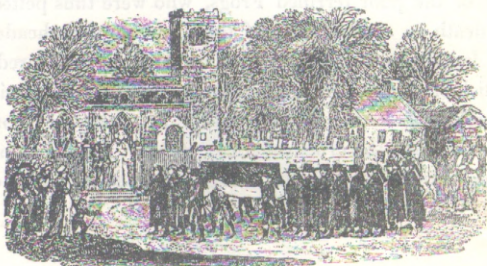
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nignity of conduct upon their minds, and giving them a direction towards a manly and generous humanity, which in manhood will shew itself in actions and habits that cannot fail to do honour to themselves, and qualify them for any office in the service of their country. The contrary of all this will be found to predominate in society, when youth are suffered to go on with impunity, in indulging their wicked inclinations for cruelty, by which their minds are hardened and debased. This hard-heartedness in boys will grow into brutality and tyranny in man; and that cruelty which was at first inflicted upon poor dumb animals, will soon shew itself upon their fellows. The great man of this cast will tyrannize over those below him: these again will shew the same hateful disposition to their dependants, and so downwards to the lowest, who, guided only by ignorance, will give vent to their natural baseness, by goading and distressing the poor animals which are wretchedly toiling in their service.



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