



## PREFACE.

**S**OME explanation is due to the reader, who may observe that the English and foreign mottoes of these emblems do not always correspond. The truth is, the emblems are taken in nearly all cases from old foreign books : this style of literature having been at one time much more popular on the Continent than it has ever been in England. Quarles himself was indebted to the same source for many of the emblems which he made his own by his