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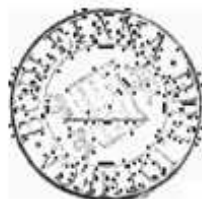
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P R E F A C E .

It has become the practice in many homes to change from time to time the books used to guide the family devotions. Such a plan is reasonable. For the bias of an author's mind must lead him to give prominence to some topics and feelings in prayer, while allowing less than their due to others; and the occasional change of book offers a simple and obvious remedy for this evil. The present volume merely seeks a place among others; and thus used it may by God's blessing prove helpful when the household is gathered together for evening prayer.

It is a great evil when that united worship, which ought to be one of the most real and close of family ties, is allowed to degenerate into a mere form. This it is sadly apt to do, especially with the younger or less educated members, if printed prayers alone are used, couched in such general terms as to be alike applicable to all families at all times. The matter demands

the prayerful consideration of all on whom the duty devolves of conducting family worship. Amongst other means which may be adopted to counteract the evil, it is a great point not to let matters of interest to the family as a whole, or to any of its members, pass without direct reference to them in a few words which may be prepared beforehand, and inserted in the usual prayer. The trouble involved will be as nothing to one who feels the importance of making the family devotions a heart-stirring and practical reality to all who take a part in them.

Repton, May 6th, 1868.

*. An Edition of these Prayers, adapted for use in School Boarding Houses, is also published under the title of "*Evening Devotions for Schools.*"

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ERRATA.

It is requested that the following corrections may be made before the book is used.

Page 58, line 7; after "and" read "as a family" and erase the remainder of the sentence.

Page 81, line 7; after "we" insert "be"

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