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**Meditations for the Morning and Evening of every
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THE selection contained in this small work is taken, with one exception, entirely, and without alteration, from the larger treatise for a year, by the Rev. J. CRAIG, Avon Bridge, a pious Christian. That compilation has been out of print nearly fifty years; and this portion of it now published, has been selected with much care, and desire to make it universally acceptable, and useful to *all Christians*.

With regard to the manner of reading these Meditations, the Editor would suggest, after an experience of using them for upwards of eighteen years, both at home and in foreign countries, that they should be read regularly through morning and evening; and for those who have opportunity and inclination, two each morning and evening; to those who have not so much time,

surely one for the morning and the evening can be accomplished.

In the larger work there was no arrangement of subjects—no title to any of the readings; but in this selection, the writer trusts it may be found a great improvement to have removed these defects, so that by consulting the index of contents it will at once be seen where to find whatever may be wished to be read. Every care has been taken to arrange the readings under appropriate subjects for all classes of believers.

The Editor, well knowing the many trials to which all Christians are subjected, from bereavement, from sickness, from loss of property, and many other adversities, has inserted a large number of Meditations for any one when suffering under affliction; which he trusts may be a means, under God's blessing, to enable them to exercise a quiet and patient resignation to His will. Should any who are not suffering in like manner, think this subject is too numerously attended to, let them remember that though this may be the hour of their health and wealth, the soul's prosperity is the best prosperity.

There are also inserted appropriate Meditations for the members of that large branch of Christ's Church—The United Church of England and Ireland—suited

to the festivals observed in remembrance of the great events of our catholic faith; and the writer ventures to say, however diverse men's minds may be, that "*all who profess and call themselves Christians*" should often meditate on these most important truths. As already said, only one, out of the sixty-two Meditations contained herein, has not been taken from the larger work: that single exception is the one upon the Holy Trinity, written by the Editor, and will be found, as mentioned, in the Index of Subjects.

The Meditations contained in this little book give concise and *plain scriptural advice* to all ranks and classes. They will be found to be an appropriate gift by parents, to their children; by guardians, to young persons; by masters and mistresses, to their domestics; and as to those of riper years, it is hoped they may also derive much comfort and edification: to clergymen it will afford sixty-two subjects under well-chosen texts, as outlines for their sermons; to all who desire to maintain a spiritual frame of mind, they will find this little work profitable reading for the Lord's day. At the end of each Meditation there is a short prayer (applicable to the subject), which, when used with a firm faith of God's mercy in Christ, will be an additional means to receive spiritual edification and strength.

The chief object in this small effort, is to show to all believing in the same most important truths, that we should hold our common faith "in the unity of the Spirit, and the bond of peace." We should remember there is but one Saviour, and one heaven for us all.

J. A. R.

EDINBURGH, 12th June 1864.

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