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I TRUST, the truly pious and devout Members of the Church will not think this little Work beneath their notice; and am encouraged by several eminent Schoolmasters, who have seen it in manuscript, to hope that it will be found of infinite service in Sunday and other Schools, where (as rhyme is pleasing, especially to young persons, and such a powerful and necessary assistant to the memory) one of these Collects may be every Week learned and retained, by the most indigent capacity.

WHAT heavenly fruit may be expected from thus planting the fertile soil of the infant mind with comprehensive Prayer! which, if watered with the Divine Blessing, will continually grow, take deep root, and can never be eradicated; but even, when lopped by the broad axe of Death, will break out more abundantly in praise and adoration, and flourish through a glorious Eternity.

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TO THOSE ILLUSTRIOUS, LEARNED, AND WORTHY CHARACTERS,

WHO HAVE

Graciously condescended to patronize my humble Endeavours,

MY HEART RECURS

WITH EFFUSIONS OF GRATITUDE,

BESEECHING

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose providential worth

Doth govern all things, both in heav'n and earth,

To blefs them more and more, and give them grace

To use His gifts to His eternal praise.

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