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## PREFACE.

It is only good manners, when a person comes newly among us, to give him what help and direction we can. On this principle, my brother, I offer to you my help, namely, some Prayers, with a few Directions, taken chiefly from the works of the good and great of former days.

We are a Christian Family, devoted to Learning and Prayer, to the greater glory of God, and to the increase of the kingdom of His Son.<sup>1</sup> And whoever is

<sup>1</sup> *Stat. Acad. Cantab.*—“Deum timeto—Regem honorato—virtutem colito: disciplinis bonis operam dato.”

*Preface to the University Calendar.*—“The University of Cambridge is a Society devoted to the study of learning and knowledge, and for the better service of the Church and State.”

*Stat. Coll. Jesu.*—“Statuimus quod Socii, Scholaræ, et commensales Collegii nostri, omnes et singuli, castè et decenter vivant, et se in divinis officiis et aliis bonarum literarum studiis exercent.”

*Stat. Coll. Jesu.*—“Deum precor ut ita viventium corda sua benignitatis Gratiâ affundat, ut ad Dei gloriam illustrandam, et Christianam religionem adaugendam opes et facultates quas similiter conferant.”

admitted to be one of us, is admitted upon these conditions.

You see then, first, to how honourable and important a place and work God has called you in bringing you here: and secondly—which I especially wish you to remember—that by the very act of your entering here, you give a promise to live according to the principles and rules of the University, and those particularly of your own College. This act is as good as a formal promise; and your word is pledged to God and man for the due performance of your part. Consider then this well, that you cannot otherwise get any real good here; and more, that if you neglect your duty, your life here will turn to evil to you: for “*abeunt studia in mores; et mores faciunt hominem: qualia sunt tua quotidiana colloquia, talis evaseris.*”

And what is this, which as a friend I urge upon you, but the precept of the Spirit of truth and love, *βλέπετε πῶς ἀκριβῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι, ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν*, take heed how exactly and accurately, “*ad amussim,*” ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise—not as men in darkness, nor as without knowledge, nor as Pharisees in self-chosen ways, or for the praise of men; but as children of the



light, and having knowledge; in the ways appointed by God, doing His will and expecting His blessing; not letting slip this critical turning point of your life. May you so walk, that you shall not have come here in vain.

The most valuable part of this Manual I take to be that from Bp. Ken's *Manual*, which is printed almost entire, and is nearly sufficient of itself alone.

I advise you not to burden yourself with too long Prayers, but to make your selections, and, generally, to keep to them.

If you become a Scholar, permit me to say that you are more especially bound to glorify God by your conduct and example, as for greater benefits and more honour received at His hands.

JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE,

*September, 1859.*



## Morning Prayer.<sup>1</sup>

EXACULATIONS—ONE OR MORE TO BE USED.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again : for Thou, Lord, hast sustained me.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep me this day without sin.

O my God, my only good, the author of my being, and last end, I give Thee my heart. Praise, honour, and glory be to Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

O my God, clothe my soul with the wedding-garment of all the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, and grant that I may wear it pure and undefiled before Thy Judgment-seat.

Give me grace, O Lord, to do what Thou commandest, and command what Thou pleasest.

Give me grace to suffer what Thou permittest, and permit what Thou pleasest.

While dressing, meditate on things holy and profitable, or on the purposes and works of the day.

<sup>1</sup> See Bp. Ken's *Directions concerning Infirmities*.