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OF

SCRIPTURE,

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P R E F A C E .

The following arrangement of texts, was undertaken, as the title page intimates, at the request of a friend. As many other friends, wishing for a copy, have urged the printing of them, and as the compiler feels considerable repugnance to appear before the public on such a subject, she has consented to print a number for *private circulation* among those who desire to have their minds led to a scriptural view of the subject, rather than to lengthened dissertations of man's writing. No apology is made for defects or deficiencies, as the book is intended only for those who have expressed a wish to possess it.

There is nothing original in the work ; it is merely an arrangement of scripture texts ; at the same time, as it is evident that texts *may* be so classified as to give the views of man, rather than a fair representation of scripture truth as a whole, the Compiler

earnestly entreats her friends to read and judge for themselves; and thankful will she be for any remarks or suggestions either for or against her expressed views of the subject. All she desires is, to get at the mind of the Spirit of God, and not to give any ideas of her own.

Many dear friends, who desire to look into these glorious subjects, are often at a loss how to begin. This classification of texts, therefore, is intended simply to lead them to the FOUNTAIN OF TRUTH; and by putting together such texts as appear to throw light on each other, to help them to form a judgment on the truths laid down.

May the Spirit of Truth, the great Teacher of the Church of God, guide them into all the truth, and lead them to watch for the approach of the Heavenly Bridegroom, having their lamps trimmed and burning brightly when the cry shall be heard, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him."

The texts have not been printed in full, on

account of the space they would occupy. It is hoped that they will be fully searched out and meditated upon; a few of the principal words are printed, as many who are well acquainted with scripture, may be thus spared the trouble of turning to every text.

It is perhaps needless to add, that the truths to be established are placed on the left hand page, and the proofs and remarks, under each head, on the right. This was thought the most perspicuous method of arrangement.

That her dear Christian friends may be led to see and embrace those glorious truths which form the subject of the following pages, which are held out for the comfort of the church in its militant state, and which have been a support and consolation to her in many an hour of sorrow—even enabling her to joy in tribulation—is the sincere prayer of their very affectionate friend,

THE COMPILER.

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TO THE SECOND EDITION.

The numerous applications which have been made for the publication of the Task, have induced the Compiler of the texts to yield her own feelings and judgment to those of her friends; and she therefore now sends forth the work in simple desire that the great Head of the Church may make it the humble instrument of good to many souls.

She takes this opportunity of earnestly pressing upon readers, to whom the subject may not be familiar, the importance of reading the passages in full IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR CONTEXTS.

In the following pages the texts are selected to suit the *heads*; but very frequently one chapter includes many of the subjects, which will be best understood when read as a *whole*.

April, 1847.