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"I pray God, this may go forth into a blessing to all that shall use it, and reflect blessings upon me all the way; that my spark may grow greater by kindling my brother's taper, and God may be glorified in us both."

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"I have known and felt comfort by reading, or hearing from other persons what I knew myself; and it was unactive upon my spirit, till it was made vigorous and effective from without; and in this sense I thought I might not be useless and impertinent."—*Jeremy Taylor*.





## PREFACE.

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THE object of this Manual, is to assist in the right improvement of the Communion season. Certain days have been set apart for special religious exercise by the Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, and the arrangement is such as to be suited to these days, without their being formally mentioned. There are select passages of Scripture, with prayers suited to each day, which can be used as they stand, or in the way of suggestion. There are short expositions, thoughts, meditations, in prose and verse, original and selected ; which may, with the blessing of God, conduce to the right improvement of a season so precious, and so well fitted to nourish the spiritual life. The offering is a small one to the Church, but it may not be without its use ; and it seems to fill up a space which has not yet been occupied.



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