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PREFATORY NOTICE.

THE following series of extracts was prepared by a Christian lady for her own use, and with the intention of printing a small number of copies only, for private circulation among her own friends. On fuller reflection, however, it seemed a pity that these gems of thought, so well adapted for Christian use, as a brief manual of daily meditation, should be turned into a spiritual luxury for a few persons, and not rendered accessible to a wider circle of readers, to whom they could hardly fail to be acceptable, from their sterling merit, and the rich treasure they contain, in a small compass, of spiritual truth and wisdom. She has, therefore, consented to their publication, requesting me, as a personal friend, to introduce them to the public with a few prefatory lines.

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The extracts, arranged as a short daily portion for three months, will form, I think, their own best introduction. They breathe, in every part, the fragrance of deep, simple, Gospel truth. Their tendency is to humble the sinner, to glorify the Saviour, and to promote personal holiness-the three-fold cord of all true and vital godliness. Most of the names are those of writers whose praise is in all the Churches for sound doctrine and experimental piety; and I have no doubt that those who are led to make use of this little compilation will find it, like the angel's gift to Elijah, "a cake baken upon the coals, and a cruse of living water," to refresh them on their journey through the wilderness of life, till they reach a better mountain than that which burned with fire, and their feet stand at last on the heavenly Zion.

T. R. BIRKS.

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Kelshall Rectory, May 11, 1854.

PREFACE.

SEARCH (with prayer and supplication) the Divine Oracles, that ye may know whither ye are travelling in the journey of life; for each day brings us nearer to mansions in the skies, or to "the blackness of darkness for ever." Solemn and momentous reflection I particularly if we consider that God, in his unerring Word, has revealed that few there be that find the narrow way that leadeth unto life; and that even the righteous scarcely are saved; although the fountain that was opened upon Calvary, for sin and for uncleanness, is said to exceed the offence, and that the gift by grace bath much more abounded. Then wherefore few? Because we come not with a single eye, and a whole heart, to Jesus, the "Lamb of God, which taketh

away the sin of the world." How few there be that can say, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."