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PREFACE.

I VENTURE to commend this little work as a help to those who, without being able to practise meditation in a regular form and for a lengthened time, yet desire a few suggestive thoughts on which they may ponder, thus keeping their hearts in daily communion with God.

The same plan has been preserved throughout; a text and a few verses, harmonizing with each other, being selected for the evening of each day, to be thus hallowed after the example of the Patriarch, who 'went out to meditate in the field at eventide.'

PREFACE.

Further, I would ask of those who may find these suggestions helpful to devotion, sometimes to remember in their prayers her whom the Spirit of God has led to undertake the task of compilation.

T. T. C.

CLUBBER RECTORY,

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EVENING REST.

First Sunday in Advent.

THE LORD, whom ye seek, shall
suddenly come to His Temple.
Malachi iii. 1.

See the King desired for ages, by the just
expected long;

Long implored, at length He hasteth, cometh
with salvation strong.

Oh, how past all utterance happy, sweet, and
joyful it will be,

When they who unseen have loved Him, Jesus
face to face shall see!

What will be the bliss and rapture none can
dream and none can tell,

There to reign among the angels, in that Heavenly
Home to dwell.

To those realms, just Judge, oh, call me, deign to
open that blest gate;

Thou whom, seeking, looking, longing, I with
eager hope await.

ADVENT.

Monday.

THEN shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. *S. Matt. xxiv. 30.*

Wondrous is the gate of even,
When through all the dark blue heaven
To our sight the stars are given;
But more solemn shall it be,
When around us we shall see
The celestial company.
More ten-thousand-fold the state
On the Judge's path shall wait
When He opes the Eastern Gate.

Tuesday.

BEHOLD, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Rev. xxii. 12.

Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice,
For toil comes rest, for exile home;
Soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight past, 'Behold, I come!'

ADVENT.

Wednesday.

THE Son of man is come to save that
which was lost. *S. Matt. xviii. 11.*

O Son of God, in glory crowned,
The Judge ordained of quick and dead;
O Son of man, so pitying found
For all the tears Thy people shed;
Be with us in this darkened place,
This weary, restless, dangerous night,
And teach, O teach us, by Thy grace
To struggle onward into light.

Thursday.

AFTERWARDS came also the other
virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to
us. But He answered and said, Verily I
say unto you, I know you not. Watch
therefore, for ye know neither the day nor
the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
S. Matt. xxv. 11.

Awful is the passing moan
Of a spirit left alone,
When it mourns occasions gone:
But more sad and desolate,
If we waken all too late,
And are found without the gate.
Day of days! though long it seem,
It shall come before we deem,
When all else shall be a dream.