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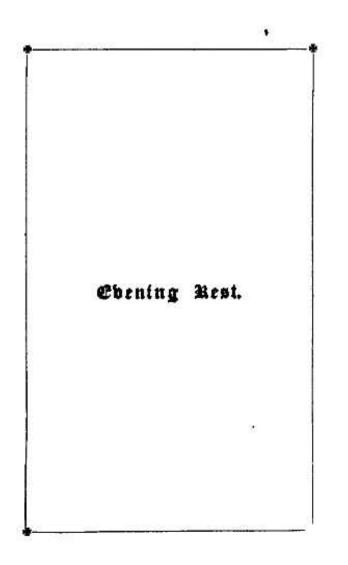
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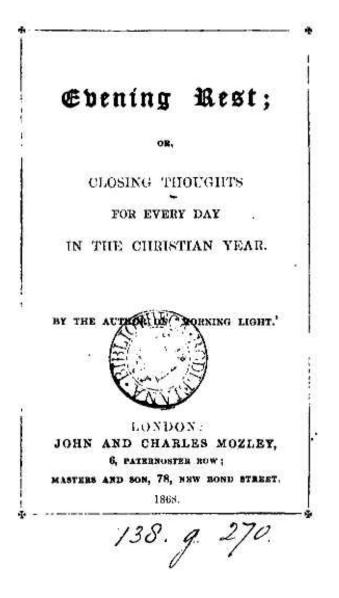
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PREFACE.

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.

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CLEWER RECTORY,

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Eastertide, 1868.

EVENING REST.

First Sunday in Adbent.

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 1

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; Thon whom, seeking, looking, longing, I with eager hope await.

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	ADVENT.
	Monday.
all the tribes of shall see the	appear the sign of the Sor in heaven: and then shall of the earth mourn, and they Son of man coming in the ven with power and great S. Matt. xxiv. 30.
When throw To our sight But more so When arour The celestia More ten-th On the Judg	s the gate of even, igh all the dark blue heaven t the stars are given; blemn shall it be, nd us we shall see l company. oussand-fold the state ge's path shall wait pes the Eastern Gate.
	Tuesday.
D reward	I come quickly; and My is with Me, to give every ; as his work shall be. <i>Rev.</i> xxii. 12.
For toil con Soon shalt the	n thy toil rejoice, as rest, for exile home; a hear the Bridegroom's voice, ht past, 'Behold, I come !' 2

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ADVENT. Wednesday. HE 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. FTERWARDS came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to But He answered and said, Verily I us. 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. 8