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BEING A MANUAL OF DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS
INTENDED AS HELPS TO THE SPIRITUAL
LIFE OF ORDINARY CHRISTIANS.

BY THE REV. EDWARD COLLETT.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always
acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my Strength and my Redeemer.



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To
THE SACRED MEMORY
OF
Many Faithful Souls,
WHO
HAVE CHANGED THEIR MEDITATIONS OF GOD
INTO
VISIONS OF HIS BEAUTY,
THE AUTHOR
DEDICATES THIS LITTLE BOOK,
IN THE HOPE AND PRAYER THAT IT MAY HELP
BOTH YOU AND HIM
TO JOIN THEM
HEREAFTER.

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TO THE READER.

BUT a very few words will suffice to explain the plan of this little book, and to point out the way in which it is intended to be used.

1. Each Meditation is arranged to extend over one week. It may therefore either be used on *one* occasion, or (by attention to its division into *paragraphs*) it may be spread over each of the seven days of a week.

2. Each of the paragraphs is divided into three parts. This is not always because of a fresh idea being then proposed, but to allow the soul to contemplate and *expand* the foregoing thoughts, and to adapt them to its own individual circumstances. The verses at the end of the volume should be repeated at each *pause* in the *daily* portions; or at the end of each *paragraph*, when a whole meditation is used at a time.

3. It must be remembered that the object of this book is *only to help* in the practice of regular meditation, and not to supersede any independent action of the soul. Therefore, to make it of *any* use at all, it must be accompanied by an abundance of devout *prayer* and serious thought.

4. It will be observed that there are a sufficient number of Meditations to last for one quarter of the year. Should the reader find that a continuation of the work would be useful to him, he is requested to communicate with the Author, through the Publishers; and, provided that a sufficient support be given to this first part, other similar volumes will follow in due course.



Give glory to God.

