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PREFACE.

SUPERINTENDENTS and teachers of Sabbath-schools have long felt the necessity of some suitable manual for the opening and closing of schools. Though the Bible is the great storehouse of religious truth, it is not always easy to find in it suitable portions for reading, or to meet with hymns appropriate to the subjects selected. And when these have been found, the teacher encounters another difficulty—to command the attention of the children while he is reading.

I have endeavored to obviate these several difficulties by preparing a series of exercises, which present the great fundamental truths of our holy Christianity in a way calculated to interest the youthful mind in the study of the Bible, and to impress the heart with feelings of a religious and devotional character. And to prevent that wandering of the mind, which is common in schools on the ordinary reading of a chapter by the teacher, as well as to engage all present in a direct act of devotion, I have deemed it advisable to make a part of the exercises consist of alternate readings and responses by the teacher and the pupils. As these are made up of extracts from the Bible, it is hoped they will prove acceptable to all denominations of Christians.

After singing one of the hymns and reading the morning or evening lesson, the teacher will offer a prayer to the Throne

of grace. At the close of his petition, all the scholars will unite with him in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

For the convenience of teachers, a few prayers are added at the end of the book. The author has issued a Scripture Manual also, intended for academies, schools and private families, with religious exercises, consisting of appropriate hymns, readings and prayers, for the morning and evening of each day in the month. The author commends both these volumes to the favorable consideration of pastors, teachers and parents, and all those interested in early imbuing the minds of the young with the cardinal truths of Christianity.

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