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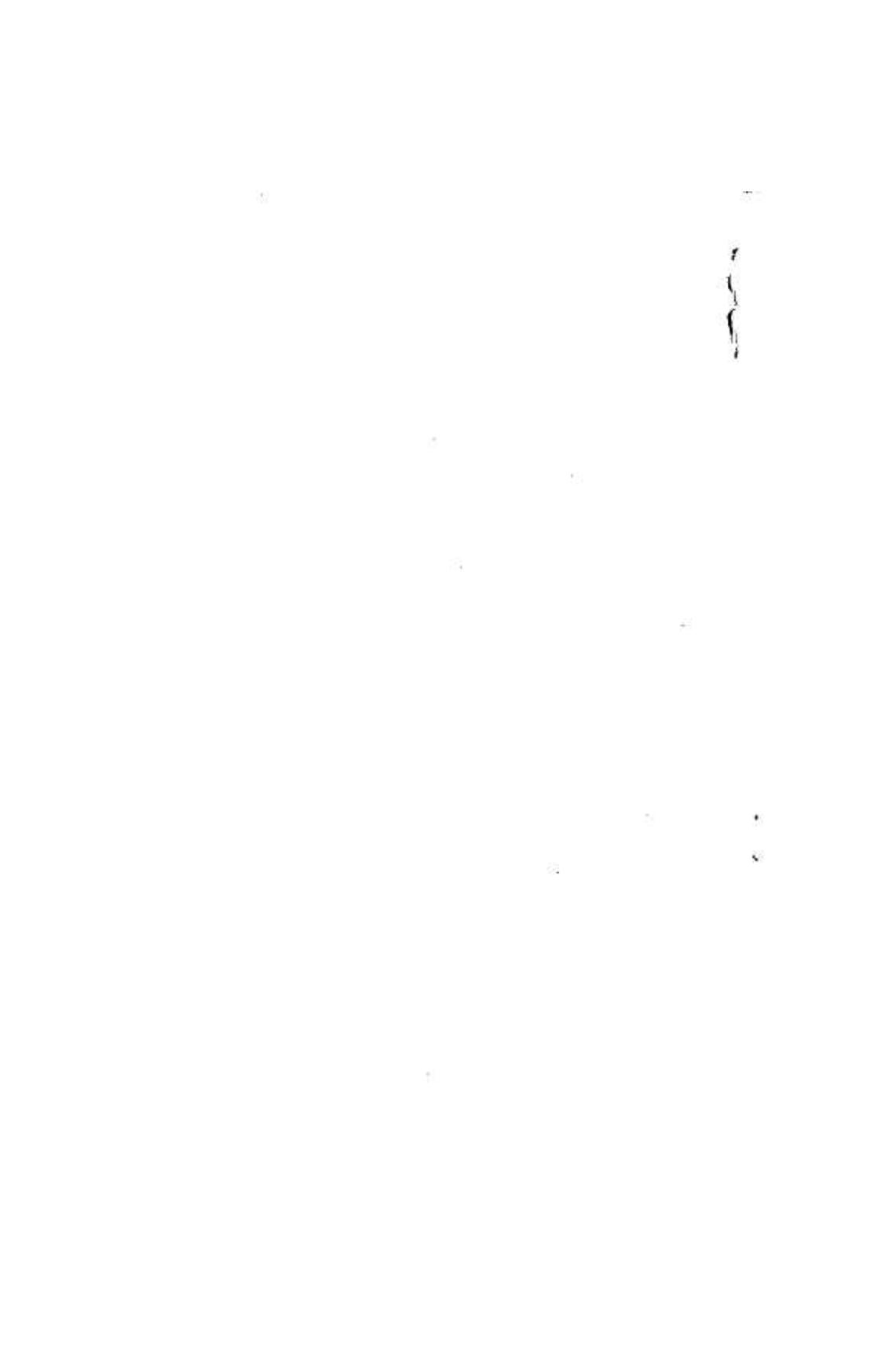
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ALTHOUGH this book is not a compilation in the ordinary sense of the word, it contains little that can properly be called original. Even those portions which will be less readily traced are chiefly composed of thoughts suggested by others,—and now only cast in a fresh mould.

In the longer prayers, the thoughts, and expressions for the most part—and often whole clauses—are derived from Holy Scripture, or from the ancient treasures of uninspired piety; while the versicles interspersed are generally taken unaltered from the Psalms, or the Book of Common Prayer.

In the Collects for Holy Days and Seasons, an endeavour has been made to avoid repeating the line of thought which pervades the Collects appointed for public use at the same times.

The Prayer for the Love of God, p. 107, is reprinted from another publication of the same writer.

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THE only change in this Edition that requires notice is the removal, for greater convenience, of the Prayers for the Use of a Family to the end of the volume.

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IT is desirable to call attention to the omission in this Edition of the expressions, "as on this day," "as at this time," etc., in some of the Proper Collects for the Days of the Week. This has been done, lest it should be inferred that the event mentioned is known to have certainly taken place on the day of its devotional commemoration. Some remarks in explanation are inserted in page 65; and a similar caution with regard to the precise hour of the Crucifixion is given in page 39.

A Preface on Prayer.

1. *What Prayer is.*

PRAYER is an act of homage, which we owe as creatures to our Creator, and a condition of the continuance of those blessings which He has bestowed on us. It declares our belief in His power and wisdom, and our confidence in His goodness, and engages Him, according to His own promise and appointment, to exert them for the relief of our necessities, or the promotion of our happiness.

2. *Of the Motives to Prayer.*

We might have been led to pray by the mere sense of our own helplessness, or even have seen it to be a duty by the unaided light of reason ; but we could not have known that God would hear and answer prayer, unless He had Himself been pleased to assure us of it. This blessed truth, however, was never left to the uncertain guesses or hopes of man. It was taught from the first by the Spirit of God in