

Preface

has been added from the Book of Praise, to aid in choosing the hymn to be used. This completes the devotional aids to Family Worship which have been deemed most helpful and necessary.

One word of a practical and personal kind
TO THE READER.

In the preparation of the prayers, in the selection of portions of Scripture to be read and hymns to be sung, we have followed carefully thought-out principles, which have been tested in practice and found to work satisfactorily. But in using this book yourself, bear in mind that the circumstances within our homes are very varied, and that it may be necessary to make little changes or adjustments to meet these conditions. For example, if you have not found it possible to have prayers in the morning, before or after breakfast, then try to secure a few minutes after the evening meal, if need be without leaving the table. Be brief—never more than eight, or less than three minutes—and let all take a part in the service as far as possible, in prayer, or hymn, or responsive reading, or by reading in unison. Be sincere, at the same time bright and natural, and keep in mind that you are entering into the Great Father's presence, and in thought and feeling try to bring your children and friends with you. In using a book such as this, there must of necessity be repetition, but avoid monotony in tone or manner, and let the