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EVENINGS WITH JESUS. A series of devotional readings for the closet and the family, carefully prepared from the notes of Sermons preached by the late Rev. WILLIAM JAY of Bath. Philadelphia: Parry & McMillan. Montreal: B. Dawson.

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LADIES OF THE REFORMATION. Memoirs of distinguished Female characters belonging to the period of the Reformation in the Sixteenth century, in Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, and Spain. By the Rev. J. ANDERSON. Blackie & Son, London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, N. York, and Montreal.

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