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TO A BROTHER IN CHRIST,
WITH WHOM
MANY HAPPY HOURS HAVE BEEN PASSED
IN THE
STUDY OF THE APOSTOLIC EPISTLES,

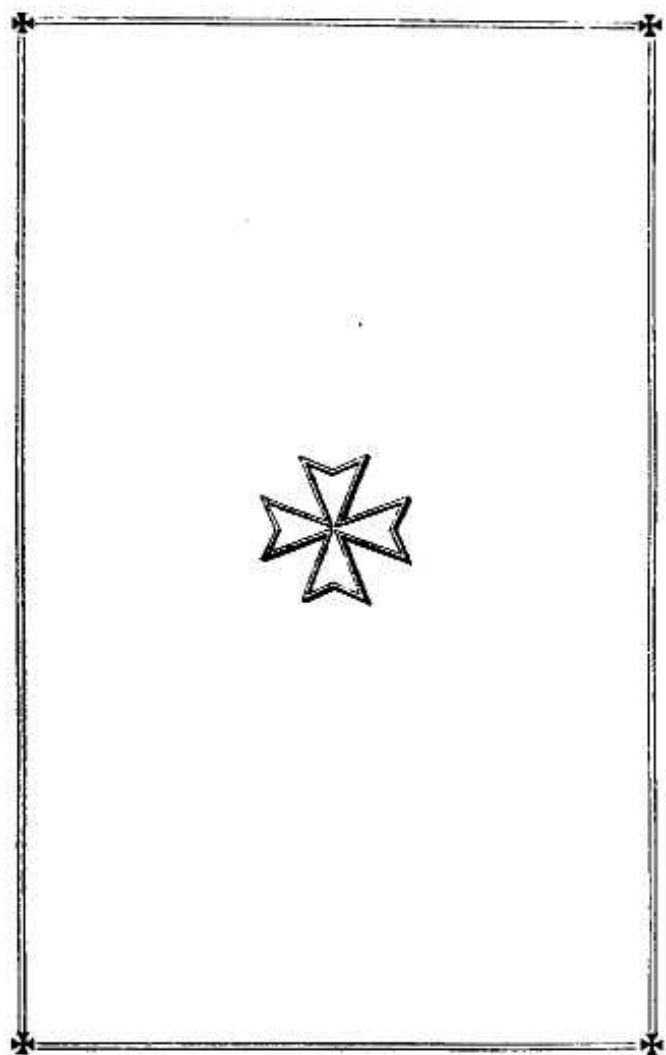
This little Book is inscribed,

IN TOKEN OF
REGARD AND ESTEEM, TO WHICH LATER YEARS HAVE ADDED,
AND IN GRATITUDE FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS,

AS WELL AS
PRIVATE FRIENDSHIP,
BY HIS ELDER IN YEARS, BUT JUNIOR IN ALL THE WISDOM
THAT YEARS OUGHT TO BRING,

THE AUTHOR.

Fest of the Purification,
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PREFACE.

THE following little book is simply what it professes to be, a series of Reflections written daily during Lent in reading the Epistle to the Romans. The writer had found it useful at times to take a particular Epistle, or other portion of Holy Scripture, as his companion for a while, and daily to read and meditate upon some portion of it, and he also found writing down his thoughts help him toward making them clear and definite. And although entirely unfit to serve as a model for such meditation or writing, these Reflections may serve to suggest to some readers a profitable way of reading Holy Scripture. They are given very nearly as they were written from day

to day after reading, only that in one or two places a few words have been added, or an expression altered that might suggest a false interpretation. Perhaps in the remarks on the seventh chapter there may be still a little too much favour shewn to the interpretation of St. Augustine, which was, at the time of writing, strongly impressed on the author's imagination by reading it in the words of that holy man. But it seemed well to shew, as the passage has been so taken by so high an authority, that even his interpretation, at least as he took it, could not be pressed into the service of Antinomianism. In general pains have been taken so far to indicate the main line of interpretation, as to furnish some help to any reader who may wish to make himself well acquainted with the Apostle's meaning.

The use for which this little book is

intended, is, to accompany a careful reading of the whole Epistle to the Romans, distributed through a series of days. There is not much to limit the use of it to the season of Lent, though the first day's thoughts, which are preliminary, belong to its commencement, and there are some points dwelt on especially on the Ember Days, in connection with the object of their observance. The Reflections cannot be understood without a careful reading of the portions of the Epistle indicated at the head of each division. Several verses, or even whole chapters, have been taken over again at times, in order to look at them from a different point of view, as, in meditative reading, it is necessary so far to observe the rules of meditation, as to keep very much to one subject at a time. When, therefore, any part of the Epistle appeared so rich in matter as to present many diffe-