

....*Home Worship, and the Use of the Bible in the Home*, is the title of a quarto of nearly one thousand pages, recently published by Armstrong & Son, of this city. A subsidiary and explanatory title is that of "A Practical Method of Using Scripture and Explanation for Systematic Study of the Bible by Subjects, for Readings Suited to every Special Need, and for Ready Reference." The volume is edited by the Rev. James H. Taylor, D.D., of this city. The explanatory part is furnished from the writings of the late Rev. J. P. Thompson, D.D., and those of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, of London. The editor, in his preface, says that "to furnish some systematic and attractive method of making the daily study of God's Word a delight, as well as a profit, is the one aim of the present volume." The special design is to secure this use of the Holy Scriptures in family worship, and make that worship alike intelligent, agreeable and devout. A single page is assumed to be sufficient at each exercise. Each page contains a selection from the Bible, with an appropriate heading at the top, with a brief explanation, and with reference to suitable hymns that may be sung, found in the back part of the volume, under the title of "Songs for Home Worship"; and, on every other page, we find a form of prayer, which, in the sentiments and desires expressed, corresponds with the Scripture selection. The selections, in an orderly and consecutive manner, exhaust nearly the whole Bible in both Testaments, and are sufficiently numerous to require the time of a whole year to go through the entire volume at the rate of two exercises on each day—one in the morning, and the other in the evening. In addition to the selections for daily use, there are selections for Sabbath morning and evening, for special days, for special occasions, and for religious services

with children. The volume contains hymns and tunes for home worship, also a pronouncing and interpreting dictionary, and an atlas of Bible lands, with a locating index, an index of Scripture passages, and an analytical index of subjects. The facilities for use are so complete that the reader can readily find any part of the work to which he may wish to refer. The typographical execution is all that can be desired. Our judgment, in a word, is that the end sought to be attained by this excellent volume is one of the highest importance to the family and the Church, and that work, far beyond any other that has fallen under our observation, is eminently adapted to secure this end. We feel no hesitation in recommending the use of the volume to all Christian families. We do not see how it can fail to increase both the interest and the profit of family worship. The regular worship of God in the family, made a fixed and pleasant habit, would be one of the richest blessings that this world can enjoy.