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#### Give me Work.

BY MRS. A. T. DAVIDSON. I've a strong right hand and a sinewy arm, And an earnest might of will; But weary days are circling round, And yet I am idle still.

Oh! give work! For though I might dare To grapple with Famine alone, There's a feeble cry aye sounds in mine car That would madden a heart of stone.

I would gladly survive with the rockiest soil, Or its burden of granite would bear; I would water its furrows with drops of toil, But others already are there.

I long to cope with the sturdy oak, Whose shadow an acre hath spanned; I woold conquer the monarch stroke by stroke, But the axe is in another's hand

I know there are forests broad and free, Where the wild deer roam at will: But though I have crossed the boundless sea. That land is far off still.

The sleep of the laboring man is sweet, When his daily task is done; But what sad dreams may visit him Whose hands no bread have won!

There are visions of want and wasting care In that cellar so damp and low, And spectres of Famine and Fell Despair, And the dread of a darker woe.

Let Charity care for feeble Age, On childhood's orphaned need; But the Brawny arm of manhood's prime Should scorn a pauper's meed.

Oh! speed the hour, from shore to shore, In this land, by God so blest,

And evening ray bring REST.

# Punctuality.

Ah! that's the word—punctuality! did We don't care who or what he waslearned, savage or civilized-we know if he did as he agreed, and was punctual in all his engagements, he prospered, and was more respected than his shiftless, lying

Men who commence business, should and who keepeth covenant for ever. be careful how they neglect their obliga-Never make promises upon uncertainties. Although the best men may sometimes fail to do as they would, the case is exceedingly rare. He who is prompt to promised. In all things, if you are thus dience of Christ. prompt, we will risk you through life; you will succeed-you cannot help it .ness in every thing characterizes them.

How Folks Differ !- We chew tobacco. the Hindoo takes to lime, while the Paton fried frogs, while an Esquimaux In- my narrative. differ from all these, their fancy dish being broiled clergymen, while they never get hold of a grass covered umbrella without boiling it up for greens.

Zealand chief, that a young missionary with which I was not familiar. My youth sink. I then concluded to arise and stand up, teacher deceased some time before. At that was good, and greedily walking after the ever, made no difference; and although I was scene be laid in America : an interview with the chief, the young ways of my own heart, and according to the parted brother ?" "Oh, yes! me deacon in his church." "Ah, then you know him well; and was he not a good and tender hearted man.

der. Me eat a piece of him !

[By Request.] JOHN DE LONG; The Prodigal of Fifty Years. BY A CLERGYMAN IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Taking a ride of a few miles on horseback, and ascending an elevation, upon the top of which was a cluster of cottages, I visited an aged couple, whose reputation for piety had spread through all that country. Like Zacharias and Elizabeth, they were "both righteous before God, walking in all the ordinances and commandments of the Lord blameless." Here the morning and the evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving was daily offered; and here the neighboring villagers came together from time to time, to present to the Creator the humble homage of their hearts, and to unite their supplications before his throne. Their animated and cheerful countenances bespoke their peace of mind; a neace which the vicisitudes of life had in a great measure, ceased to disturb; a peace which nothing but a sense of the divine approbation could afford, and which seemed daily toacquire new strength, as they felt life to be receding, and eternity, with its solemnities, drawing nigh.

excellent singer, and there was still some- Possessing a kind of vulgar wit, I soon found thing in his voice and manner which seldom failed to awaken a kind of sacred enthusiasm dance, and, to appearance, mightily pleased. in all who heard him. In former years he had stored his memory with worthless songs, with which he used to amuse the young; but since the final day; and I can never think of it his return to God, he had been as diligent in but with the deepest compunction and selfab- to the same place for prayer; but there was treasuring up delightful hymns, which he horence. sung for his own edification, and that of oth-

met me with a pleasant look and a cordial ty: but I considered such feelings were very much the same. -burst up-went to smash-and all my iron constitution, he was taken with the shake of the hand, and gave me an honest most part, as weakness, and endeavored alwelcome. Having seated myself, and know- ways to stifle them as quick as possible.— gleam of hope that there was yet forgiveness ruined man, and to make it sure, they ing, from long experience, that the readiest I sometimes found it pretty difficulty to effect wretch as I. The thought of this so overway to make a profitable religious topic, with- this in my sober moments, but never failed to whelmed my heart that the fountain of tears out first complimenting the world with tran- accomplish it by having recourse to my ususient remarks upon its business or its chan- al antidote, intoxication. With respect to and weeping, the greatest part of the day--it

who feel always heaven-born and heaven- thing well enough to be possessed when men bound; you hardly know I suppose, those ups and downs and changes of feeling which of- all the enjoyments and comforts of life .tentimes distress us weaker Christains.

Where the morning sun shall bring work for I have painful doubts as to the final issue, for of my days be one unvaried scene of gloom I can truly say, "I know in whom I have be- and duliness.

who is prompt can always be accomoda- cerns of the soul, and delighted to rehearse might in a measure hide myself, I determined ted, and is therefore "lord over another the dealings of divine Providence, for the en- to attend that meeting. Accordingly I went, man's purse," as Franklin would say. - couragement of others. Suppose you give with most of my neighbors; but coming rathfulfil his word, will never make a promise I have heard it said you was once a faithful side of an old man, who, in former years, where it is not next to a moral certainty ally of the powers of darkness, and it may be had been my companion in sin; but, for some that he can do as he agrees. If you interesting and profitable to hear something time, had been a reformed man, and a prowould succeed, be punctual to the hour. of the way in which your views have been fessed follower of Christ. Your text was, "By Return borrowed money the moment you changed, and your mind disciplined in the obe- faith Noah, being warned of God of things

Those who are prompt in their business ify you in this respect, for I am often called he condemned the world, and hecame heir affairs, are generally so in every depart- upon to speak of these matters to neighbors of the righteousness which is by faith."ment of life. You never know them to and friends; yet it is seldom I can do it with Heb. 11: 7. During the sermon my attenbe late at church, to the polls, or to pay a suitable command of feeling, or without tion was fixed. I felt more than usually solthe Printers for advertising. A prompt- making my heart bleed afresh for sins and emn. But at the close of the sermon, when the follies I would gladly, if possible, for ever e- line was drawn between those who might not rase from my memory. The rehearsal, how- worthily partake, and I witnessed the moveagonian finds contentment in a "bit of controlled dominion over me, while it would former life, had run, with myself, the downguano." The children of this country awaken in my own heart only painful recol- ward way; and particularly when I saw my delight in candy; those of Africa in rock lections, could give you but little satisfaction; aged friend, who sat at my side, and arise to find his seat at the table, my feelings became

The story is told of a certain New exception of murder, there is scarcely a crime of existence." I felt worse than it is possible up as to the title, but we commend the landed at his island, to succeed a sacred was spent in the utter neglect of everything and see if I did not feel better. This, howbitually violated, the house of God neglected, walk down through the village. evil company carefully sought and delighted in and the society of pious people as careful-

in many miles around, which was not graced, or rather disgraced, by my presence.

was married, although I well knew that such irregularities were then less excusable; yet such was the force of early habits that I could not deny myself. In such places I felt easy and at home-there I was sure to meet with others as corrupt as myself, who strength, ened all my prejudices, and were disposed to run as great lengths as I could, in intemperance and blasphemy, and in ridiculing holy men and holy things.

Such places are the very schools of Satan; and those who habitually visit them not only run the risk of effacing, ere long, every good impression from their minds, but the truth is, minds already are deeply corrupted.

Feeling myself lost as it were, to all good, I took a malignant pleasure in trying to make swer. Call on God I must, or be damned for others as abandoned as myself. Instead of ever. going to church on the Sabbath, I held out every inducement to the young people and children in the heighborhood to come together on that day at my house; and studied to pray. amuse them by relating some of my own wick-The old man in former days had been an ed exploits, or telling them obscene stories. my Sabbath audiences quite regular in atten-The amount of mischief which, in this way alone, I was guilty of, cannot be known until

During this career of vice and folly I had, at times, it is true, deep convictions of guilt, As I entered the door of his dwelling, he and awful apprehensions of death and eterni- of the Lord to distract me. Next day my exreligion and all its concerns, I had the most I suppose you are one of those favored few gloomy impressions. I viewed it as some- veral days afterwards it was never dry. I was and trade with me a little. I continued come to die, but as utterly inconsistent with Christains appeared to me a race of gloomy, Blessed be God, said he, I do feel that I walk unhappy mortals; and the breath of prayer, in the light, and that Jesus is constantly pre- emphatically, as melancholy breath. It apcious to my soul; still, there are seasons when peared to me, that if I became religious there I have not that full enjoyment with which was an end of all earthly comfort-that my God pleases to favor me at other times. Not that friends would abandon me, and the remainder and desponding feelings passed away, and

lieved," and am confident that he will keep Such had been my life until I reached a- years since I met with this change, and I have that which I have committed to him; but the bout the 49th year of my age. At that time, had no more hankering after spirituous liquors infirmities of nature come in, and render the which was nearly six years ago, it pleased than if I had never tasted them. I can truly body dull and heavy, and seem, for a season, God, in his holy providence, to bring you and say, I never knew what happiness was before; what you want to do, through the press. you ever see a man who was punctual, to cloud the soul and interrupt the Spirit's brother S. C. into this country, to proclaim sequences beyond the grave, yet the peace of saving one poor man situated as I was who did not prosper in the long run? - communications. Upon the whole, however, the truths of the everlasting Gospel. I did mind it here administers, renders it worthy of seven years ago, my object is accom-I have reason for unceasing thankfulness, not go to hear you myself, but finding a con- the pursuit of every individual. It sways are plished. high or low, black or white, ignorant or that it is with me as well as it is. It is but siderable excitement among the people, I a few years since I set my face heavenward, sometimes had a secret wish to go. I was and, during that time, I can truly testify I in truth, ashamed to show myself at a place have served a faithful Master, one who, has of worship. Hearing, however, that you intensaid, "I will never leave nor forsake thee," ded to administer the Lord's supper in D. S.'s barn, and not recollecting ever to have seen it Well, said I, friend John, the saints of old administered, and knowing that there would us a brief statement of the Spirit's operations er late, and finding the barn already filled, with yourself, in bringing you out from na- I was obliged to sit upon'the sill of the door. ture's darkness into God's marvellous light. It so happened that I seated myself by the not seen as yet moved with fear, prepared an I have no objection, sir, he replied, to grat. ark to the saving of his house; by the which ever, of what I once was, when sin had unwith this difference, that while some men herit the kingdom prepared for you,' and will are distinguished for one species of immor- go and dwell for ever with the Lord, while I tality, and others for another, in me vice of shall be left behind. Just as we are separated every kind reigned triumphant. With the now shall we be separated in a future state

years there was scarcely a midnight dance, jolly companions, what would they say to see said. "Tom, give me a chaw of tobacco!" ers.

or any other scene of riot and disorder, with- me coming away from the meeting crying? I should not know where to hide my head .-These feelings must in some way or other, be suppressed, and the soonor the better."-The same course was continued even after I accordingly determined to ge and get partly intoxicated, which I had always before found to be a speedy and effectual method of removing trouble. I went to a tavern and drank a gill of spirits. I shudder to think how I could thus peril my soul; yet still I found no abatement of my dreadful feelings. The judgment-day, with all its solemnities, was before me. I still, in immagination saw the righteous receiving the plaudit, "Well done good and faithful servants," and rising ing the certificates of doctors and drugwith their glorious Redeemer to a world of gists for true; but read the docuglory, while I was left behind to mingle my ments :unavailing cries with those of devils and damned spirits, and to sink with them into everlasting night. In a little while, my guilty soul, with all its crimes unpardoned, must in the city of Boston with a cash capital stand, helpless and naked, in the presence of a of \$5000, and a good fair credit. I whatever they may be willing to confess, their justly offended God. Now, thought I, there hired me a good store at a moderate ceptible to the influence of pebbles, stubs, &c., is no time for trifling; I shall soon be in that rent, and applied myself industriously and for this a day of two will be sufficient. awful hell I have so much dreaded. To stand out any longer, I plainly saw, would not an-

> I forthwith left the house, and aimed for a piece of wood near at hand. I came to a convenient spot, where a tree had fallen, and rather discouraged me, but as it was the kneeled by the side of it and endeavored to first year of my business, and I was but Bost. Cult. could for mercy and forgiveness, and to save my guilty soul from going down the pit. But although my misery was intolerable, and my feelings almost agonized, yet I could say but little, more than "God be mercful to me, the chief of sinners." If I my affairs, and found that if I could be could throw any man 'his neck of could have wept, it would have been some stop all my expenses, and sell my stock woods.' Josey was not an educated

no alteration in my feelings, and not a tear could I shed. The night that followed was a sleepless one to me. The pains of hell seemed to get hold upon me, and the terrors was now broken up, and my tongue unloosed termining, if I must perish, that I would die at his feet, crying for mercy; at the same time a secret whisper seemed to assure my heart, that there no soul was ever lost. He appeared to me a Savior just suited to my wretched circumstances, as willing and able tising, and my business keeps increasing. to save to the uttermost, all who come to God through him. Thus, by degrees, my painful light, and joy, and peace possessed my heart. Although I had been before an abandoned drunkard, yet it has now been more than five ways of pleasantness, and it is profitable as well for the life that now is, as for that which

While our aged friend was going with his narrative, several of his pious neighbors had, one after another, stepped in, and when he land, from gradual starvation. One of sisted of sundry visits to her wigwam, had ended, we improved the occasion for a little season of social prayer. After which, the old man sung the annexed hymn, which tions, and break their word. A person often spoke to each other on the great crowd of people, among whom I he had committed to memory, and which so well corresponded with his own felings, and was sung with such heavenly pathos as to draw tears from every eye.

> Nay, I cannot let thee go, Till a blessing thou bestow; Do not turn away thy face-Mine's an urgent, pressing case. Thou didst once a wretch behold, In rebellion blindly bold, Scorn thy grace, thy power defy That poor rebel, Lord, was I. Once a sinner, near despair, Sought thy mercy-seat by prayer Mercy heard, and set him free-Lord, that mercy came to me. Many years have passed since then, Many changes I have seen ; Yet have been upheld till now-Who could hold me up but thou! Thou hast help'd in every need,

When these exercises were finished, I felt refreshed, and my spiritual strength renewed, and could not help repeating, again and again, " It was good to be there.

This emboldens me to plead;

Canst thou let me sink at last !

After so much mercy past.

Reader, are you wandering from Christ, like John De Long? Return: trust in his found in different parts of the house." salt. A Frenchman "goes his length" I shall, therefore, be very brief in this part of overwhelming, and I was forced to say to myself, "Just so it will be with me at the day of some hopeless prodigal? Despair not of dian thinks a stewed candle the climax The history of my former life is but the of judgment; friend S. and hundreds of othof dainties. The South Sea Islanders history every other notoriously wicked man, ers that I was acquainted with here, will rehe may yet be brought to bow at the Saviour's ceive the joyful salute, 'Come ye blessed, infeet. There is mercy in Christ for "the chief feet. There is mercy in Christ for "the chief

> James' Next Novel .- We are not posted to describe, and did not know but I should following, which we clip from the Boston Bee, as a very good commencement, if the

desirous to stay until the exercises were ended, yet I found it was impossible. I took my keen north wind blew the falling snow that dry ashes would answer the same census table it appears that the average minister asked, "Did you know my de-sight of my own eyes. The Sabbath was har bat and hastened from the place, and took a violently upon the almost frozen forms purpose, and dry Plaster of Paris would be violently upon the almost frozen forms purpose, and dry Plaster of Paris would be violently upon the almost frozen forms viole of two young men who were traveling be better still. santly rolling down my cheeks and watering over Cambridge bridge; not a word had As many potatoes in cellars and pits cotton factories, male, 80 65, fema e, the path on which I trod. It immediately passed between them for several minutes, have been frozen by the late severe \$0.44. In Massachusetts the average is "Yes," replied the pious deacor, with ly avoided. My highest pleasure consisted occurred to me, "This will not answer. when one of them turned quickly about, weather, perhaps the foregoing hints \$1 01, \$1 27, \$0 52, \$0 88, \$0 54, remuch gusto, "he very good and very ten- in frolicking and carousing; and for many Suppose I should meet some of my former struck his companion on the shoulder and may prove valuable to some housekeep- spectively. Cotton labor there is paid

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derstand the benefits to be derived from plexed friend of his. Let him sions giving publicity to their business, through a waggish by-stander, 'he'll soon're-wife ! the medium of the Press. It will cure more brokendown, week, sickly business men-save more lives than were ever saved by all the medicines ever sold-tak-

#### HEAR THE TESTIMONY.

In the year 1840 I started business to my business. In 1842 1 took an ac- The hoofs will thus grow out sound and healcount of stock, and found that I was thy. If farmers will go through with this \$3000 worse off than when I began- process with their sheep each spring, we more than half of my capital had been guarrantee that they which have been thus sunk in expenses and bad debts. This treated, will not be troubled with the foot rot, I cried to God in the best way I little known, I thought I would try it another year. My creditors and friends recommended that I join a church or an engine company-both of which I did; and in 1843 I again took an account of relief; but the fountain of my tears was dried out at the marked prices, I should lack man; he took every thing literally and returned, after a while, to my home, just \$1500 of having money enough to and, in course of the day, went several times pay my debts. . I had a note against one of the brothers in church for \$200, which some said was good-this would

but he never paid it. But the day following I experienced a little friends and creditors pronouoced me a turned me out of the church. In 1845 I contrived to get a little money, with which I bought a few goods. I got some doctor did all he could for him, and finalsmall bills and Cards printed, and sent ly told Josey that he must seek his them to every body I could think of-the was almost drenched with my tears, and for se- consequence was, they began to come in er. enabled more and more to trust in the divine to push the Cards and Bills, and also to mercy, and to give myself up to Christ, de- advertise in the newspapers, and customers came in from all parts of the country. I soon had to enlarge my store, must prepare for death; there is no hope and I now do a bigger business than any of your living. man on the street-I keep up my adver-

I have got \$15,000 invested in good stocks, I own the house I live in, and it is as I buy for eash and sell for cash—and I have paid all my old debts of 1843.-This I attribute to your invaluable remedy to an unhealthy business, of letting the public know what you are doing and and if religion was followed by no blessed con- If this certificate will be the means of

C. SHARP, JR. (Signed)

walks, such as pieces of coal, old brooms, charge. etc. After his death, his house was The faithless swain denied the 'undefound to be so completely filled with such finable attentions' in toto. He had visware, that there was barely room for the ited her father's wigwam for the purpose entrance and lodging of a single person. of passing away time, when it was not The following is an inventory of his convenient to hunt; and had given the effects :- "One and a half tons of coals, feathers and flannels from friendly mo-(although it is well ascertained he had tive, and nothing further. only bought one ton for twenty years,) a During the latter part of the defence, cart-load of sticks, a quantity of gate- the young squaw fainted. posts, a pair of barrows, several plough- The plea was considered invalid, and shares, a cart-wheel, sundry posts and the offender was sentenced to give the partly-burnt candles, fifty half-worn coon skins.' brooms, a number of spades and shovels, a quantity of linen, principally belonging than the squaw sprang upon her feet, to children, a large number of tops, balls and clapping her hands, exclaimed with and marbles, which nearly filled a bushel joy-"Now me be ready for another sweetmeasure; many stones weight of staples, heart. hasps, nails, crooks, etc.; one sackful of cowties and halters, eighteen farmer's whips, eighteen plough hames, a large for bad colds-people should be careful number of rakes and forks, etc. The -Mrs. Partington says she has got a amount of £650 in sovereigns, spade romantic affection in her shoulders, the guineas, together with 7s. pieces, was neurology in her head, and the embargo

## Frozen Potatoes.

It is stated that if potatoes, when in shed. a frozen state, are dropped one by one into boiling water, and cooked, the taste A married lady, who was in the habit or the quality will be uninjured by the of spending most of her time in the

In Chaptal's Chemistry, it is recom- day to be sudenly taken ill, and sent her mended to sprinkle the frozen potatoes husband in great haste for a physician. with slacked lime, so as to absorb the The husband ran a short distance, but soon excess of moisture which forms beneath returned, exclaiming My dear, where the skin when the tuber begins to thaw, shall I find you when I get back ! and which would otherwise occasion The night was dark and stormy; the speedy decomposition. We presume

Everything has its ludricrous point of view, Certificate for the Cure of Bro- and funny incidents occur even on such grave occasions as funerals. A certain Blue Beard of this lattitude, overcome by his sensibilities, We have often tried, in our feeble fainted at the grave of his fourth spouse .way, to make the people of this city un- What shall we do with him? asked a per-

#### Foot Rot in Sheep

I would suggest a simple and yet sure and efficient preventative and remedy for the foot rot. The treatment is as follows :- As the farmers tags his sheep and turns them out in the spring, lot him pair their hoofs as thin as possible, without producing blood; let them remain in their pens till their books have become hard and cailous, so as to render them unsusno matter how much they may be exposed.

#### Wrestling with the Lord.

Josey Dobson was a fisherman, and a great wrestler, his great boast was that not figurativety-he despised all tropes or figures of style.

One occasion, during the heat of sumreduce my indebtedness that amount- mer Josey was in New Orleans pursuing his honorable calling, when the hot South-To make a long story short, I failed ern sun proving rather too much for his yellow fever. In a little while our hero found himself in the Charity Hospital, emaciated and shrunk up with disease, a mere shadow of what he had been. The peace with Heaven by calling in a preach-

> Accordingly the preacher was sent for, and like a good servant of his master, visted the poor man's bedside.

"Now," says the good man, "you

"But I don't know how," said the dying man.

"You must wrestle with the Lord," replied the preacher, " wrestle with him, worth \$7,500-my goods are all paid for, wrestle night and day as did Jacob of

> "What rastle with the Lord," said the assonished Josey, looking down to his emaciated limbs, "rastle with these poor shrunken limbs ? Why, he d trip me into hell the first pass!"

## Indian Barriage Promise.

A young Indian, falling in his intentions to a young squaw, she made complaints to an old chief, who appointed a hearing or trial. The lady laid her case A miser of the old school-such a miser before the judge, and explained the na-"as we read of "-died lately in Eng- ture of the promise made her. It conthe habits of the old gentleman was to many little, undefinable attentions, and pick up and carry home everything of presents, a bunch of feathers, and several the slightest value which he found in his yards of red flannel. This was the

rails, a guide-post, a quantity of children's lady " A yellow feather, a brooch that wearing apparel, a bushel and a-half of was dangling from his nose and a dozen

The sentence was no sooner concluded

This is a dangerous period of the year in the region of the jucular veins, all from opening the window, to throw a bottle at some beligerent cats on the

society of her neighbors, happened one

Wages in the United States.-From the is-in wrought iron works, \$0 97; in better than anywhere else in the Union.