

## Original Poetry.

### TO "OUR DIXIE" COLONISTS.

Go forth in faith, go forth with zeal,  
With firm intent for Zion's weal,  
Go forth with energy and will,  
Your mission, with God's help, to fill.

The barren lands must be reclaimed—  
The howling wilderness, be tamed:  
And Zion's sons, and daughters too,  
Have this important work to do.

We know the curse is on the soil,  
And man with sweating brow must toil  
Until the earth, redeemed at length,  
Will, crown'd with beauty, yield in strength.

Imagination's powers are quaint,  
In boldest scenes romance can paint,  
Compared with those in "Dixie land,"  
Portray'd by Nature's master hand.

There many a darken'd feature shows  
The effects of dread volcanic throes;  
And soft expressions seem to start  
With mimic touch of chiseled art.

There, mountain cliffs with grandeur rise  
Until their summits reach the skies;  
While here and there, a gaping gorge  
That swells the claims to Vulcan's forge.

This Dispensation teems with care  
And toil and effort everywhere:  
The cords of Zion must be lengthen'd—  
Her stakes, be multiplied and strengthen'd.

Onward and upward is the word,  
At which the saintly pulse is stirred—  
Faith and integrity impress  
A seal on ultimate success.

Inglorious ease awards no prize—  
In duty's path the treasure lies:  
And on its terminus, the key  
To life and immortality.

E. R. S.

**KEEPING GRAPES FRESH.**—Many plants have been tried to preserve pears, apples, grapes, etc., and all have partially or wholly failed. A gentleman in the interior of Pennsylvania received a present of grapes, some time ago; which he writes of to the *Germantown Telegraph* in the following manner:

A few days since a friend brought me about a pound of Catawba and Isabella grapes. They were about as good as if taken from the vine in the proper season—full and plump, but most of the berries had fallen off from the stems in the carriage of about ten miles over a rough road. Now the way these grapes were preserved may not be new to you, though it certainly seemed a novel one to me; but the fact of their keeping till the end of March in fine condition, is worthy of publicity. In the Fall, when they are perfectly ripe, they are taken from the vines, when they are free from anything like moisture, handled carefully, and packed in small kegs—nail kegs were the kind used in this instance. Put a layer of green leaves right off the vines, in the bottom; on this a layer of grapes, then leaves again, and grapes alternately, until the keg is full; then finish off with leaves. Put in the head, and your cask is ready for what? Why to be buried in the ground. Dig a trench so as to admit the cask deep enough that they will have about one foot or fifteen inches of soil over them when covered. The ground should be packed moderately tight, and a board laid along on the top before the ground is thrown in; then throw some litter on the surface of the ground over those which they wish to take up during the Winter, to prevent the ground from freezing so hard as to keep you from getting at them. One important thing must be observed, that they be placed where there can be no standing water about the casks, or they would suffer.

THERE is a beggar who sets on the bridge crossing the Seine, and leading to the *Corps Legislatif* in Paris, whose battered cap is almost daily seen heavily small silver pieces. He is a descendant of a long line of beggars who have begged there for generations. The position of the Paris beggars often descended, weighted down with sons and by the nobles of primogeniture, from beggar father to beggar son. Sometimes a beggar announces his position for sale, as he intends to retire from business, and then there is often a great excitement in the mendicant world. The position is auctioneered off to the highest bidder, and prices sometimes run so high that the buyer makes a bad speculation of it, and does not recover his original outlay through many days of industrious begging.

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