

Quickly must my thread be spun,
 Ere God says, '*I need no more.*'
 I am spinning, Lord for Thee;
 Thou wilt keep my hands from stain:
 Now I rest, that I may be
 Ready for *thy* work again."

(SARAH R. GELDARD.)

ACCEPTED OFFERINGS.

Rendered cheerfully and promptly.

[2] Coarse or *plain* work—(less pleasant service.)

"And all the women whose heart stirred them
 up in wisdom, spun *goats' hair*." (*Exodus 35. 25.*)

Every one whom God called to help in the making of His Tabernacle, had his or her own proper work to do; and we may be sure these 'wise-hearted women' whose work it was to spin *goats' hair*, were quite content to help in this way, even though their work was not so interesting as that of the others, or made so much show when it was done. So it ought to be with us now. We ought to do whatever work the Lord appoints for us, and not care so much what the work itself is, or whether we get credit for it. The following suggests one train of thought connecting this homely but consecrated service of the days of yore, with much humble but acceptable work for the Lord in our own day.

1. *The goats' hair must have been rough and unpleasant to spin, and incapable of producing such a fine and even thread as the "scarlet, blue and purple, and fine linen."* Is this unlike the circumstances under which we sometimes see the children of God obliged to