

ACCEPTED OFFERINGS.

(*Exodus 35.25.*)

Rendered cheerfully and promptly.

[1] Fine or fancy work—(agreeable service.)

“And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun.—of blue and of purple—of scarlet, and of fine linen”.

“Was it but a waking dream,
Formed by fancy’s viewless fingers?
Strangely clear the pictures seem :
Still, in memory’s ear there lingers,
Music of a chanted song :
Echoes of a woman’s voice
Oft are with me ’mid the throng,
Bidding still my heart rejoice.
On the desert’s level dun
Lay the tents in dark and bright ;
While the fiery pillar shone,
ISRAEL slept beneath its light.
But, within one lighted tent
Sat a woman singing low,
While her eager eyes were bent,
And her busy hands intent
On a thread as white as snow.
Sweet and low her murmuring song,
For her children slept around ;
And the thread grew smooth and long.
All in cadence with the sound—

“I am spinning for the LORD.
Blessed distaff! Happy hand!
Blest the ears that heard His word,
For I spin at His command.