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### THE PRAYER OF THE RETROTHED.

A Lady, in the St. Louis Union, says the signature of "Lionel" portrays her thoughts in the following most beautiful verses, on the eve of her marriage:

Father, I come before Thy throne  
With low and trembling knees  
To thank Thee, with a grateful tear,  
For all Thy love to me.  
Forgive me, if my heart this hour  
Linger not all to Thee,  
My affection's mightier power  
Divides its heart to Thee.

Thou knowest, Father, every thought  
That wakes within my breast,  
And how this heart has vainly sought  
To keep its love suspended  
From when the ideal, wooing eye,  
Shine forth by my side,  
And breathe a vow I cannot shun,  
To me, his destined bride.

Forgive me, if the living kiss  
Thou bestowest upon my brow  
Is to me as ever like this,  
And thine as ever like this,  
He's chosen me to be his love,  
That when his life is over,  
He'll say, O God! to prove  
A loving, faithful wife.

He knows not, Father, all the deep  
Affection I feel—  
The blessed love thoughts that sweep  
Over my heart—  
He knows not each warm fond look  
That gushes from my eye;  
Nor can he ever, ever prove  
My warm love.

Then guard him, Father—found his way  
To the choicest blessing cast,  
And render each successive day  
Still happier than the last.  
And, Father, grant us so to live,  
That when this life is over,  
Within the happy home you give,  
We'll meet to part no more.

### AGRICULTURE.

#### PROFESSOR JOHNSTON.—AMERICAN AGRICULTURE.

This distinguished Agriculturist, who lately visited the United States and the Lower Provinces, has returned to England. Although present at our Provincial show at Kingston, he saw very little of Upper Canada, and therefore his opinions are based upon what he saw in the Provinces and in the State of New York. Prof. Johnston, at a meeting of the Farmer's Club, in Newark, made the following among other remarks, on Agriculture in America:

"The Professor mentioned that the state of Agriculture in the Southern parts of America, in our own Provinces, and in New England, is generally what the state of agriculture in Scotland probably was 20 or 30 years ago. In some parts of New Brunswick they are very nearly in the present condition which Scotland was 130 years ago. Go as far west as you like, and as far south as you like, the same general description applies to the whole. In regard to the cultivation of land in America, its condition differs from a variety of causes, and a few considerations would enable them to understand how it had come about. In speaking of the exhausted soil, he did not refer to the virgin soil which had never received the plough or the spade, but to the soil which had been cultivated, and which they were now exhausting. The forest was in the first place cut down and burned, after which the ashes were scattered and a crop of wheat and oats was sown. When this crop was cut down, another was sown; but they did not always remove the straw, and they do not trouble themselves with any manure. The second year they sow it again and harrow it, and generally took three crops in succession. When they can take more out of the soil, they either sow grass seeds, or, as frequently, let it seed itself. They will then sometimes cut hay for 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, or 20 years in succession, in fact so long as they can even get half-tonnes of hay from it. The land was then broken up, and a crop of wheat—and then hay for 12 years again, and so the same course was repeated. Now this was the way in which this land was treated;—this was the way in which the exhaustion was brought about in the colonies situated in New York, New Brunswick, and in the State of New York to a considerable extent, over the whole of New England, and extended even to the State of New York. Well, what they are doing anything to bring back the soil to its original condition? On this point he could express very few views. All the new States—all the virgin land where wheat was cultivated yielded a crop for little or nothing, but it would not yield for any manure a large crop. In the State of Michigan, between Lakes Superior and Erie, the average produce was not twelve bushels an acre; but it was got for nothing. In New Brunswick, which was very thinly populated, he was told that ten bushels per acre paid well—but the Western States were enabled to produce it very cheaply. As regards its value, the time he was there the price varied from 60 to 80 cents a bushel, a 100 cents being 4s. 4d. In the colonies in Western States, and part of New York where it was shipped to England, the price varied according to the distance. The condition of the Farmers in Maine is exceedingly bad. The land was all mortgaged which hung like a mill stone round their necks, and was worse even than the state of the farmers in the colonies. They were thus unable to compete with the western States of New York or Lake Ontario. They had all heard of the famous wheat of Genesee, when the land was more fertile than any part of Great Britain, and he learned there that they were laying the land down to grass, because they could not afford to grow wheat. As a remedy for this state of things, they were establishing agricultural societies in the different States and the Legislature was providing funds to support them, and was doing for the diffusion of knowledge, to New Brunswick, New England, Vermont, New Hampshire, Con-

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