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TO THE READER.

HEALTH to thee, gentle Reader; health of body and soul! How greatly this blessing, "our being's end and aim," is promoted by INDUSTRY, and prevented by IDLENESS, observation and experience sufficiently show.

But perhaps you are young, and have not yet seen in the realities of human life the actual effects of Industry and Idleness on the condition of man. Take then, in good part, this little help, this series of reflections, which certain striking scenes from the pencil of William Hogarth have suggested to my mind.

The following general description of them is stated by Mr. John Ireland, in his Illustrations of Hogarth, to have been copied from the artist's own hand-writing:—

“ Industry and Idleness exemplified in the conduct of two fellow-prentices; where the one, by taking good courses, and pursuing points for which he was put apprentice, becomes a valuable man, and an ornament to his country: the other, by giving way to idleness, naturally falls into poverty, and ends fatally. As the prints were intended more for use than ornament, they were done in a way that might bring them within the purchase of whom they might most concern.”

I cannot read this passage of Hogarth's, nor contemplate his “ Industry and Idleness,” without feeling that in these works he designed the moral and religious well-being of the young. Such is my design also in this humble effort; and may the blessing of God attend it!

LONDON,

November, 1846.

The Two City Apprentices.



THOMAS IDLE AND FRANCIS GOODCHILD
AT THEIR LOOMS.

“WHAT! sound asleep, when duty claims
The labour of thine hands?”

’Tis thus the angry master blames
The breach of his commands.

“This morning I thy task assign’d ;
And now the noontide sun,
As usual, finds thy work behind,
Thy business all undone !”

As speeches utter'd to the dead,
The loud complaint was vain,
Intemperance, as dull as lead,
Had clogg'd the Idler's brain.

Those tatter'd leaves, that silent loom,
Yon shuttle out of place,
(A kitten's sport) declare the doom
Of folly and disgrace.

How different his companion's way,
Whose labour is delight ;
Whose round of duties fills the day,
Refreshing sleep the night.

The good advice his master gave
He keeps in constant view ;
My youthful reader, thus behave,
And thou'lt be happy too.

Be faithful ! and the Lord shall bless
Thy toil with wealth and fame ;*
But negligence and idleness
Shall bring a man to shame.†

* Prov. x. 4 ; xii. 24 ; xxi. 5 ; xxviii. 19.

† Ibid. xxiii. 21.



FRANCIS GOODCHILD AT CHURCH.

ASSEMBLED in thy temple, Lord,
We feel, with thankful mind,
The meaning of thy gracious word,
That they who seek shall find.*

We ask before thy mercy-seat
For benefits from heaven ;
And when in earnest we intreat,
How freely they are given !

Repentance, charity, and peace,
Submission to thy will,
These blessings by our pray'rs increase,
And keep increasing still.

* Matt. vii. 7.