



TO THE EDITOR OF THE DEVIZES GAZETTE. ON THE VALUE OF PUNCTUALITY.

Dear Sir,- The following was given to me, now many years ago, by one of the Society of Friends: and proved so effectual to the creditation of that evil habit of unpunctuality, for which I had been long notorious, that I think the article may prove not unprofitable to your readers:-

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY. Method is the very hinge of business, and there is as method without punctuality. Punctuality is important, because it promotes the peace and good temper of the family. The want of it not only infringes on necessary duty, but something excludes this duty. The calmness of mind which it produces is another advantage of punctuality. A disorderly man is always in a hurry: he has no time to speak to you, because he is going elsewhere: and, when he gets there, he is too late for his business: so he must hurry away to another before he can finish it.- Punctuality gives weight to character. "Such a man has made an appointment: then I know he will keep it." And this generates punctuality in you: for, like other virtues it propagates itself. Servants and children must be punctual when their leader is so. Appointments, indeed, become debts. I owe you punctuality, if I have made an appointment with you, and have no right to throw away your time, if I do mine."

I also unfeignedly thank God for the advantages and comforts I have derived from the use of their admirably wise and true practical remarks. To my housekeeper they are invaluable.

I am, dear Sir, faithfully yours,

September 28th, 1846.

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*The late William Powell of Nursteed

[The above remarks are important to everyone, and are deemed of so much importance by some of the attorneys in Devizes, that copies have been printed on cards and placed over their mantelpieces.]

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