

ago. The Chinese and Japanese are better up in manuring than any nation in the world; and we have it from Pliny that lime and marl were both in use in Britain in the days of Julius Cæsar. In the *Georgics*, written some twenty years before the birth of Christ, Virgil treats of rotation of crops; and in the cities of the dead, coeval with the building of the city of Thebes, in Egypt, a city the date of the decay of which was unknown at the time of the exodus of the Hebrews from Memphis, the city of kings, drawings and paintings in the tombs of Thebes, or cities of the dead, may be seen showing the plough in nearly as efficient condition as the plough of the present day; also paintings of mechanics and artisans, at work with tools just about as good and complete as those in present use. Compare, say our progress in architecture, with that of ancient Greece; it seems like comparing a donkey with a thorough bred hunter; because that 460 years before Christ, the Athenians, during the administration of Pericles, reared the most magnificent public buildings, as also temples to their gods, which, for beautiful simplicity, solemnity and majestic grandeur of proportions have not as yet been rivalled by any nation in the world.

We therefore say, educate your sons and daughters; never cease, in season and out of season, to impress upon their minds the nobility,

dignity; yes, the blessedness of labor, the godlike virtue of truth, the necessity of honesty and liberality in their dealings with all men. Purchase books, old and new, for the use of your families; spend less in adorning the person, more upon the mind; more usefulness, less worthless display. Place the minds of your sons and daughters, by means of books, in direct communication with the best minds that have lived during the last three thousand years, and thus endeavor to make the rising generations giants, mighty men of renown, who will go forth into the world to make their mark as artisans, mechanics, chemists and farmers, men who will be eager to aid industrial progress of every kind; to help forward a new social organization, having for its object the banishment of poverty and distress from the face of the land, together with other much needed reforms; then after a lifetime spent in usefulness and self abnegation in doing good and helping their weary, toilworn fellowmen, they will have fought the good fight and will be prepared for the welcome summons which will call them hence to a new and more glorious life, in which they will enjoy eternal peace and rest, leaving behind them honorable names to be emblazoned on the pages of history along with those of other great and good benefactors of humanity.

In Maine 8,000,000 acres of land remain unoccupied.

Forty Iowa and nearly all the Boston editors wear glasses.