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literal person with slight sense of humor, slow of comprehension, accepting blindly the tenets and fiats of the church, never thinking it possible to 'make reply or reason why.' More liberal education would have taught him to make more of himself and his possessions. Even his land would become more productive under more enlightened culture; but apparently he is content to grub along in slow, antique fashion."

Now, it is the habit of our neighbors from the land of "Iwantoknow" to wink patronizingly at Jacques, and to tell us he lacks smartness, and is stupidly faithful.

But for 'a that and 'a that, you know where to find Jacques when you want him. He is not showy, and has failings, but you must admit that "E'en his failings lean to virtue's side."

Perhaps he does cultivate his land in slow, antique fashion, and perhaps he does not go into debt for gang-ploughs, self-binders, and horse-rakes, but in the end he leaves no "abandoned farm" in his townward wake, like his pushing New England cousin.

You ought of a certainty to read his "giftie" that the fays have "gie us."

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