

look with grateful dependence to *Him*, for the continual supply of his bounty." The beautiful vicissitudes of the ever going and returning seasons, and the constant variations of climate remind him, above all others, that though Paul may plant and Apollos water, it is God that giveth the increase. And is not this the great advantage of a farmer's life? Do not our Jails and our Law courts attest the fact that above all others, the farmer's life, is the moral, and therefore the happy life? If he is a benefactor of his country who causes two blades of grass to grow, where only one grew before, how useful and materially important must be the life of the intelligent farmer. Agriculture, I may say, is of divine origin; in the beginning of the world the first man Adam, was sent forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground. And a divine decree was made, that he, and his descendants should from thence forth live, by tilling the ground.

Having thus briefly, and I may add imperfectly, sketched the importance of Agriculture—the humanizing and moral influence it exerts upon society—as a calling none more honorable—the basis, as well as key stone of the arch, upon which all other branches of industry and mercantile interests mainly rest; I shall now proceed to direct your attention to such a mode of cultivating our soil, as is, in my humble judgement, best adapted to our soil and climate; in connexion with our markets.

This branch of my subject I approach with great diffidence—when I see before me so many intelligent, practical farmers, who are better qualified to give, than I am to impart, instruction.