

always sustain you by our labor, whilst you enjoy the greatest ease? We will not do it.' When therefore they withheld food from the stomach, the body became weak, and, too late, the members repented of their envy." We may learn from this that all are needful to each other. What we need most of all is to see that honest labor is worthy. Whether it be done with hand or foot, with brain or muscle, with pen or spade, in the shop or office or field, it is all equally necessary. There is a dignity in labor. But if we are to select, we must say that the occupation of the farmer is the oldest, the most independent, the most useful, and the most conducive to comfort, contentment and good conduct of all the occupations in which men engage.

