

And, reading there Christ's story  
 Know that God cannot lie;  
 But giving Him the glory,  
 Ask not why He should die.

Content to hold our treasure  
 As it to us was given,  
 Do not apply earth's measure  
 To buildings planned in heaven.

And should this fair world's blessings  
 Fall bounteous on thy path;  
 Rank, wealth or power possessing,  
 Hold steadfast to your faith.

And ne'er forget the giver,  
 Who lightens thus thy load;  
 But with each true believer  
 Praise Jesus, Son of God.

But when the storm-clouds gather,  
 And fortune flees with youth  
 Still trusting to the Father  
 Cling closer to the truth.

And cry while bending lowly,  
 Submissive to the rod,  
 "Oh Jesus Christ most holy  
 Thou art the Son of God."

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### AGRICULTURAL READING.

The great benefits of reliable agricultural reading, both to individuals and communities, have been too well established during the past twenty-five years, to require any demonstration. But even at this time if one compares the number of farmers as returned by the census, with that of the subscribers to all the agricultural papers published, he will find the latter to compose but a very small fraction of the whole.

Every farmer, however small his farm, can well afford to take a good agricultural paper,—to assist him in the erection of suitable buildings and fences; in making and saving manure; in selecting proper implements and the best kinds of stock and fruit; in feeding and fattening his cattle; in managing his land and crops; through it obtaining the united wisdom and experience of science and the best practical farmers, not only of our own country, but of the whole civilized world.

—And every community is benefitted in the ratio of the prosperity of its individual members; the shiftless diminish, while the thrifty increase; it becomes attractive to strangers; every man derives good from the well-being of his neighbours; he can make better bargains, enjoy pleasanter society, and in a thousand ways, direct and indirect, will have cause to rejoice at the common advancement; he can put in practice new systems or buy new implements, without necessarily being esteemed a fool till he has proved himself a wise man; in the very change of public opinion so that it shall support instead of discouraging progressive agriculture, wonders will be effected for the common good. It is true that all this is only to be brought about by slow degrees.