

of his body and soul. If you do, I think your conscience needs some little light here, too. Understand, too, what I mean by being interested. I am not speaking of a little vaporized speech-making. An example will shew what we mean by being interested. There was one employer of whom we have read, who built neat cottages for his workmen, opened a news room, and collected a library for their benefit, and did many other things, besides paying their wages, and though, not done from interested motives, yet we believe he found that he thereby secured his own interests, not only in the affections of the workmen, but in cash, notwithstanding which, we trust, he has a further reward in heaven, for surely such a man is a Christian, in the best sense of the term. This man was *interested* in his people. You—each employing only a few—cannot work a benevolence for them, which looms up thus large in the eye of the world, but at least combinedly, those who have profited largely by the labours of others, might institute ways and means of improvement for those whose sinews and brains constitute, after all, the sources of wealth to our community. Why, from the lower stand-point of selfishness, I might ask you to try and conserve this great bone and sinew and brain manufactory, out of which you expect to grind wealth. If you had a steam engine, you would be at the expense of oil, that would keep it from wearing down; and yet, paradox of paradoxes, men who make their wealth by the great industrial machines, called men, will only grant fire—that is, food to keep them working; but they care not for the oil which would sweeten their action, and make them work and wear longer, by years, than through carelessness they are found to do. Air, exercise, amusement, means of mental and moral improvement, all go for nothing. On these we exercise no thought, and yet they should be main subjects of our thought.

In a state of slavery, which, we still hold to be the lower and more barbarous state, they order things better. The slave owner cares for the health of his *slave*, gives him means of enjoying life, is glad to see him *active* and happy.