

but that he holds it as a trust from God, and must use his energy to coax the shy ground to produce more and more. This is his duty before God, the real Owner of it all. If the man is idle and ignorant, he will have to stand aside and starve. The State has to see to it that the opportunities of the land shall not be wasted; and the tiller has to do his best "that two blades may grow where there was but one before."

This book may be called a Utopia, as being of an imaginary aim. Still it is based on the history of the early Jews, and the undeveloped possibilities of a great growth of prosperity from the soil, unique mother of all production.

Mr. Verinder has revived in our hearts an ancient pleasure; for he has shown that the most modern aspirations breathe in the oldest Scriptures; it is as fit for ancient civilizations as for our days, when we now record the triumph of Knowledge over the powers of Nature. For all ages, whether three thousand years ago or today, there is the same hope; the hope of living in days of happy productiveness. Now that what Cobbett used to call the "great Wen" of London has seen the growth of many like "wens" all over the country, we are filled with a hopeful longing for a renewed country-life; we discern that, with better relations between mankind and the land, we shall attain to a purer life in the cleanness of country air, laboring there in liberty, self-supporting, and reviving the happiness of family life in peace. For it prophesies to us a new view of civilized activity, *ohne Hast, ohne Rast*.

Let us welcome this interesting book; it releases us from a city-made population, and brings us back to that healthy life, the true heritage of a vigorous race, escaping from the stifling atmosphere of the hurrying town.

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