

attention of late—objects which our more simple-minded forefathers never even dreamed of; but in regard to some things at least, “Ichabod” may be inscribed over them. The intellectual and moral training of agricultural servants has been *overlooked* by us. Masters have been everywhere more intent on themselves keeping pace with the intelligence and improvements of the age, than in trying to elevate those immediately beneath them; and thus the gulf which now separates masters from servants has been daily widening. Agriculture itself has made rapid progress of late, and demands more than ever increased intelligence in its operatives; but this is even not more necessary than is the restoration of right feeling towards employers; and this can only be effected by a return to right acting towards the employed. Servants are just what their masters have *made them*, or rather *left them to become*. Engagements have for the most part degenerated into purely mercenary contracts—so much work performed for so much money promised. All kindness of intercourse between the two classes has been dropped. The servant now feels that “no man careth for his soul,” at least that his master, to whom it belongs in the providence of God to do it, does not do so; and feeling this, he consoles himself with the heartless sentiment—

“I care for naebody—no, not I,—
If naebody cares for me.”

This is the grand regulating law of corrupt humanity, as expressed by one who knew human nature well, and who himself keenly *felt* its truth.

Having glanced at this evil and its cause, we would now say generally to masters:—Set at once about winning the affections of your dependents by acts of kindness, and if this does not improve them, nothing else will. It is the divine plan of turning enemies into friends, and surely it cannot fail here. Let it be done then hopefully, for it cannot yet be too late to restore the ancient bond of sympathy between employers and employed; and the benefits conferred will be reciprocal. Kindness and condescension on the part of the master would be amply repaid by increased exertion on the