

ducting to new and inexhaustible fields of inquiry, prove a never-failing source of the most pure and elevated gratification.

It is indeed the peculiar charm and privilege of natural philosophy, that it

————— “ Can so inform  
 The mind that is within us—so impress  
 With quietness and beauty—and so feed  
 With lofty thoughts, that neither evil tongues,  
 Rash judgments, nor the sneers of selfish men,  
 Nor greetings where no kindness is, nor all  
 The dreary intercourse of common life  
 Can e'er prevail against us, or disturb  
 Our cheerful faith, that all which we behold  
 Is full of blessings!” \*

For to one imbued with a taste for natural science, Nature unfolds “ her hoarded poetry and her hidden spells;” for him there is a voice in the winds, and a language in the waves—and he is

————— “ Even as one,  
 Who, by some secret gift of soul or eye,  
 In every spot beneath the smiling sun,  
 Sees where the *springs of living waters lie!*” †

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\* Wordsworth.

† Mrs. Hemans.