

application. How many are the days since early boyhood, of which not one trace or vestige now abides upon the memory! Yet perhaps there is not one of these days, the history of which could not be recalled, by means of some such external or foreign help to the remembrance of it. Let us imagine, for example, that a daily companion had, unknown to us, kept a minute and statistical journal of all the events we personally shared in; and the likelihood is, that, if admitted to the perusal of this document, even after the lapse of half a lifetime, our memory would depone to many thousand events, which had else escaped into utter and irrecoverable forgetfulness. It is certainly remarkable, that, on some brief utterance by another, the stories of former days should suddenly reappear, as if in illumined characters, on the tablet from which they had so totally faded; that the mention of a single circumstance, if only the link of a train, should conjure to life again a whole host of sleeping recollections: And so, in each of our fellow-men, might we have a remembrancer, who can vivify our consciences anew, respecting scenes and transactions of our former history which had long gone by; and which, after having vanished once from a solitary mind left to its own processes, would have vanished everlastingly.

4. It is thus, that, not only can one man make instant translation of his own memory; but on certain subjects, he can even make instant trans-