

existence. And what a vivid and varied interest that is, may be rendered evident by a mere repetition of those words which compose the nomenclature of our feelings—as hope, and fear, and grief, and joy, and love, diversified into so many separate affections towards wealth, fame, power, knowledge, and all the other objects of human desire, besides the tasteful and benevolent emotions—which altogether keep their unremitting play in the heart, and sustain or fill up the continuity of our sensible being. It says enough for the adaptation of external nature to a mental constitution so complexly and variously endowed, that numerous as these susceptibilities are, the world is crowded with objects that keep them in full and busy occupation. The details of this contemplation are inexhaustible; and we are not sure but that the general lesson of the Divine care or Divine benevolence, which may be founded upon these, could be more effectually learned by a close attention of the mind upon one specific instance, than by a complete enumeration of all the instances, with at the same time only a briefer and slighter notice of each of them.

12. And it would make the lesson all the more impressive, if, instead of selecting as our example an emotion of very exalted character, and of which the influence on human enjoyment stood forth in bright daylight to the observation of all, such as the sensibility of a heart that was feelingly alive to