

these, he gives a foremost place to attention—where, instead however of any profound or careful analysis, he presents us with a number of very sensible remarks; and from the undoubted part which the will has in the guidance and exercise of this faculty, he comes to the sound conclusion, that a great part of wisdom and virtue consists in giving the proper direction to it.

14. Dugald Stewart ranks attention among the intellectual faculties;—and seems to regard it as an original power, which had very much escaped the notice of former observers. But Dr. Brown we hold to have been far the most successful in his expositions of this faculty; and by which he makes it evident, that it is not more distinct from the mental perception of any object of thought, than the faculty of looking to any object of sight, is distinct from the faculty of seeing it.

15. In his chapter on the external affections combined with desire, he institutes a beautiful analysis; in the conduct of which, he has thrown the magic tints of poetry over a process of very abstract but conclusive reasoning. We fear, that in this age of superficial readers, the public are far from being adequately aware of that wondrous combination of talent which this singularly gifted individual realized in his own person; and with what facility, yet elegance, he could intersperse the graces of fancy among the demonstrations of a most profound and original metaphysics. The