

passage to which we now refer, is perhaps the finest exemplification of this in all his volumes : and though we can hardly hope that the majority, even of the well-educated, will ever be tempted to embark on his adventurous speculations—yet many, we doubt not, have been led by the fascination of his minor accomplishments, to brave the depths and the difficulties of that masterly course which he has given to the world. For among the steeps and the arduous elevations of that high walk which he has taken, he kindly provides the reader with many a resting place—some enchanted spot, over which the hand of taste hath thrown her choicest decorations ; or where, after the fatigues and the triumphs of successful intellect, the traveller may, from the eminence that he has won, look abroad on some sweet or noble perspective, which the great master whose footsteps he follows hath thrown open to his gaze. It is thus that there is a constant relief and refreshment afforded along that ascending way, which but for this would be most severely intellectual ; and if never was philosophy more abstruse, yet never was it seasoned so exquisitely, or spread over a page so rich in all those attic delicacies of the imagination and the style which could make the study of it attractive.

16. There is a philosophy not more solid or more sublime of achievement than his, but of sterner frame—that would spurn “the fairy dreams of sacred fountains and Elysian groves and vales of