

from his grounds ; and I have known many that have voluntarily thrown them open to all quiet and decent persons who wish to enjoy them. The game of such liberal proprietors, their plantations, their fences, and all that is apt to suffer from intruders, have, I have observed, been better protected than when severe measures of general seclusion were adopted. But in many districts the part of the soil which, with the utmost stretch of appropriation, the first-born of Egypt can set apart for his own exclusive use, bears a small proportion indeed to the uncultivated wastes. The step of the mountaineer on his wild heath, solitary mountains, and beside his far-spread lake, is more free than that which is confined to a dusty turnpike, and warned from casual deviations by advertisements, which menace the summary vindication of the proprietor's monopoly of his extensive park by spring-guns or man-traps, or the more protracted, yet scarce less formidable, denunciation of what is often, and scarce unjustly, spelled '*persecution* according to law.' Above all, the peasant lives and dies, as his father did, in the cot where he was born, without ever experiencing the horrors of a workhouse. This may compensate for the want of much beef, beer, and pudding, in those to whom habit has not made this diet indispensable."

"Give us a good trespass act," say some of our proprietors, "and we care not though you abolish the game-laws to-morrow." The country sees in the affair of Glen Tilt and the Grampians what a good trespass act means, and has fair warning to avoid effecting the work of abolition—for effected it will be—in a careless and slovenly style, that might result ultimately in but shutting the Scotch out of Scotland. We trust, meanwhile, that the rencounter of the Duke of Atholl with the Edinburgh professor will not be unproductive of consequences. The general question could not be fought on more advantageous ground ; and at least nineteen-twentieths of the population of the kingdom have an interest in taking part in it, and fighting it out. There already exists in Edinburgh a "Footpath Society ;" and we think the country could not do better than make the Society the nucleus of a great League, and, in the case of the professor, bring his Grace the Duke into Court. By scarce any other means, in times like the present, can the rights of the people be asserted. Combination and a general fund formed the policy