

is certainly very competent to supply. His sybil ever returns upon him ; but, unlike her of old, it is with an increased, not a diminished store of volumes ; and she ever demands for them a larger and yet larger price.

And why should the tale of years be refused her ? Let year be heaped upon year, until the numerals that represent them, consisting all of nines, would extend in a close line from the sun to the planet Neptune, and they would still form but an inappreciable item in the lifetime of the Creator. We see nothing to regret in the truth, destined to become greatly more evident in the future than it is now, that there is nothing in all history, or in all creation, vast enough to be measured off against the periods of the geologist, save the spaces of the astronomer ; or that, with relation to at least our own planet, *rational* existence is still in its immature infancy. Could we wish it to be otherwise ? The world is still sowing its wild oats ; and, though somewhat better, on the whole, than it has been, there is surely nothing in its present aspect to reconcile any one to the belief that it has attained to its ultimate development. Its present most prominent features, if we may so express ourselves, are the horrible sufferings of war and the lies of stock-jobbers.—*October 25, 1854.*

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