

Illustrations." And in order to produce this amazing amount of elaborate writing, Dr Kitto used to rise, year after year, at four o'clock in the morning, and toil on till night. But the overwrought brain at length gave way, and in his fiftieth year he broke down and died. Could he have but retained the copyright of his several works, he would have been a wealthy man ; he would at least have left a competency to his family. But commencing without capital, and compelled, by the inevitable expense of a growing family, to labour for the booksellers, he was ever engaged in "providing," according to Johnson, "for the day that was passing over him," and died, in consequence, a poor man. And his widow and family have, we understand, a direct interest in the sale of the well-written and singularly interesting biographic work to which we are indebted for the materials of our article, and which we can recommend with a good conscience to the notice of our readers. We know not a finer example than that which it furnishes, of the "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties," nor of a devout and honest man engrossingly engaged in an important work, in which he was at length to affect the thinking of his age, and to instruct and influence its leading minds. It may be interesting to remark how such a man received the first decided direction in his course of study ; and so the following extract, with which we conclude, of a letter on the subject from a gentleman much before the public at the present time, from his, we believe, honest and fearless report on the mismanagement of our leading officers in the Crimea during the campaign now brought happily to a close, may be regarded by our readers as worthy of perusal :—

"My first meeting with Kitto," says Sir John M'Neil, "was at Tabreez in 1829. He was going with Mr and Mrs Groves and their two sons to Bagdad, where Mr Groves intended to establish himself as a missionary. Kitto was then acting as tutor to the two boys, who were lively and intelligent ; and I was struck with the singularity of his position, as the deaf and almost dumb teacher of boys who were very far