

order and series of these wonderful events, we became sensible how much further reason may sometimes go than imagination can venture to follow."

Hutton's lithe active body betokened the unwearied vigour of his mind. His high forehead, firmly moulded features, keen observant eyes, and well-shaped, rather aquiline nose, marked him out at once as a man of strong intellect, while the gentleness that beamed in his face was a reflex of the kindness of his nature. His plain dress, all of one colour, gave a further indication of the unostentatious simplicity of his character.

His mode of life was in harmonious keeping with these personal traits. After working in his study during the day he would invariably pass the evening with his friends. "A brighter tint of gaiety and cheerfulness spread itself over every countenance when the doctor entered the room; and the philosopher who had just descended from the sublimest speculations of metaphysics or risen from the deepest researches of geology, seated himself at the tea-table, as much disengaged from thought, as cheerful and gay, as the youngest of the company." His character was distinguished by its transparent simplicity, its frank openness, its absence of all that was little or selfish, and its overflowing enthusiasm and vivacity. In a company he was always one of the most animated speakers, his conversation full of ingenious and original observation, showing wide information, from which an excellent memory enabled him to draw endless illustrations of any subject that might be discussed, where, "when the subject admitted of it, the