

where enormous weights were to be set in motion !

Again, in the case of the dog, were all other varieties of this most useful animal to be annihilated, and only one form to prevail, its value would be proportionally lessened. If no variety of the dog existed but the small spaniel or the terrier, the miserable inhabitant of the north could no longer travel over his native tracts of frozen snow : nor could the victim of Alpine frost in Switzerland be hereafter rescued from a premature death, as he often now is, by the sagacity and strength of the mastiffs of that region. And, in another element, how many a life, which must have been otherwise lost, has been saved from a watery grave by the joint sagacity and powerful strength of the Newfoundland dog ! What would the shepherd do without the assistance which he now derives from his faithful companion ? Instead of that compact phalanx which we have often seen advancing over the distant downs, under the direction of the shepherd's dog ; and from time to time, in obedience to its intelligent commander, still altering its direction in advancing, as steadily as a ship in sail obeys the helm ; we should see a confused and scattered multitude, which all the shepherd's skill and activity could hardly restore to order.

Nor let me be accused of inhumanity if I here instance the assistance which is given to man