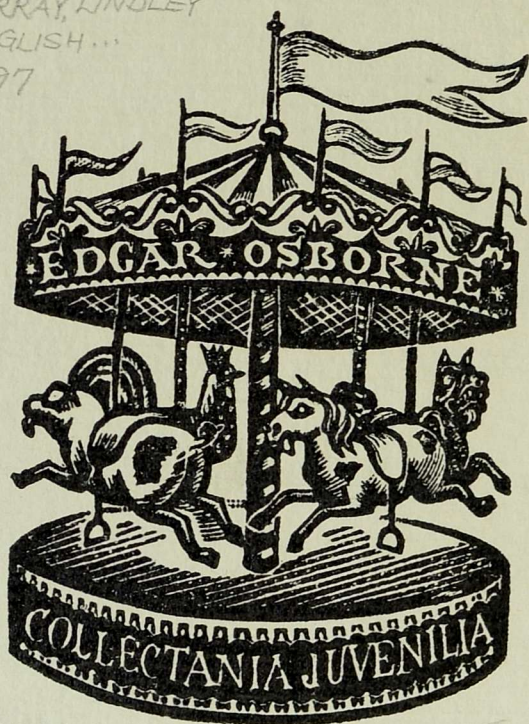


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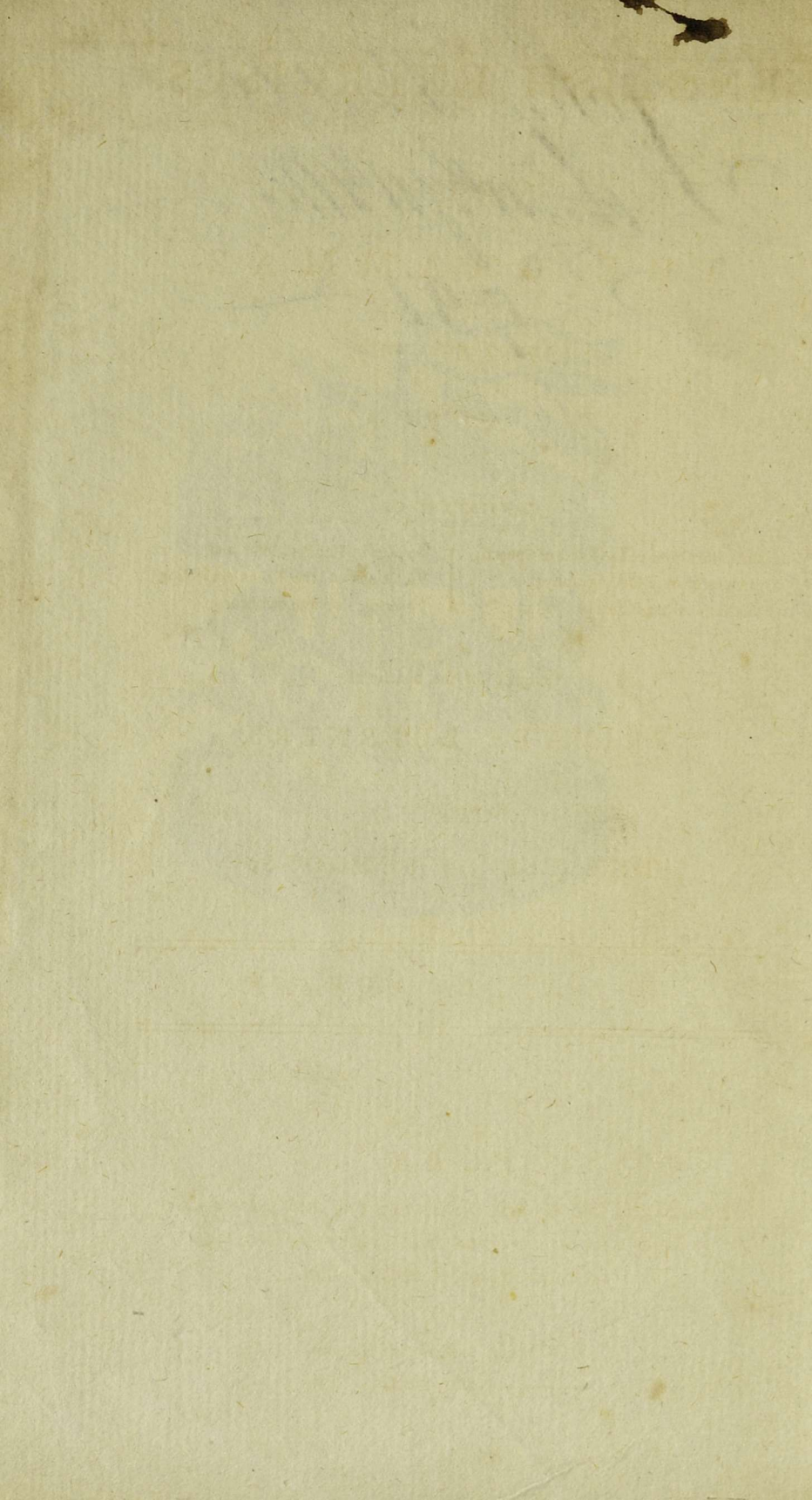
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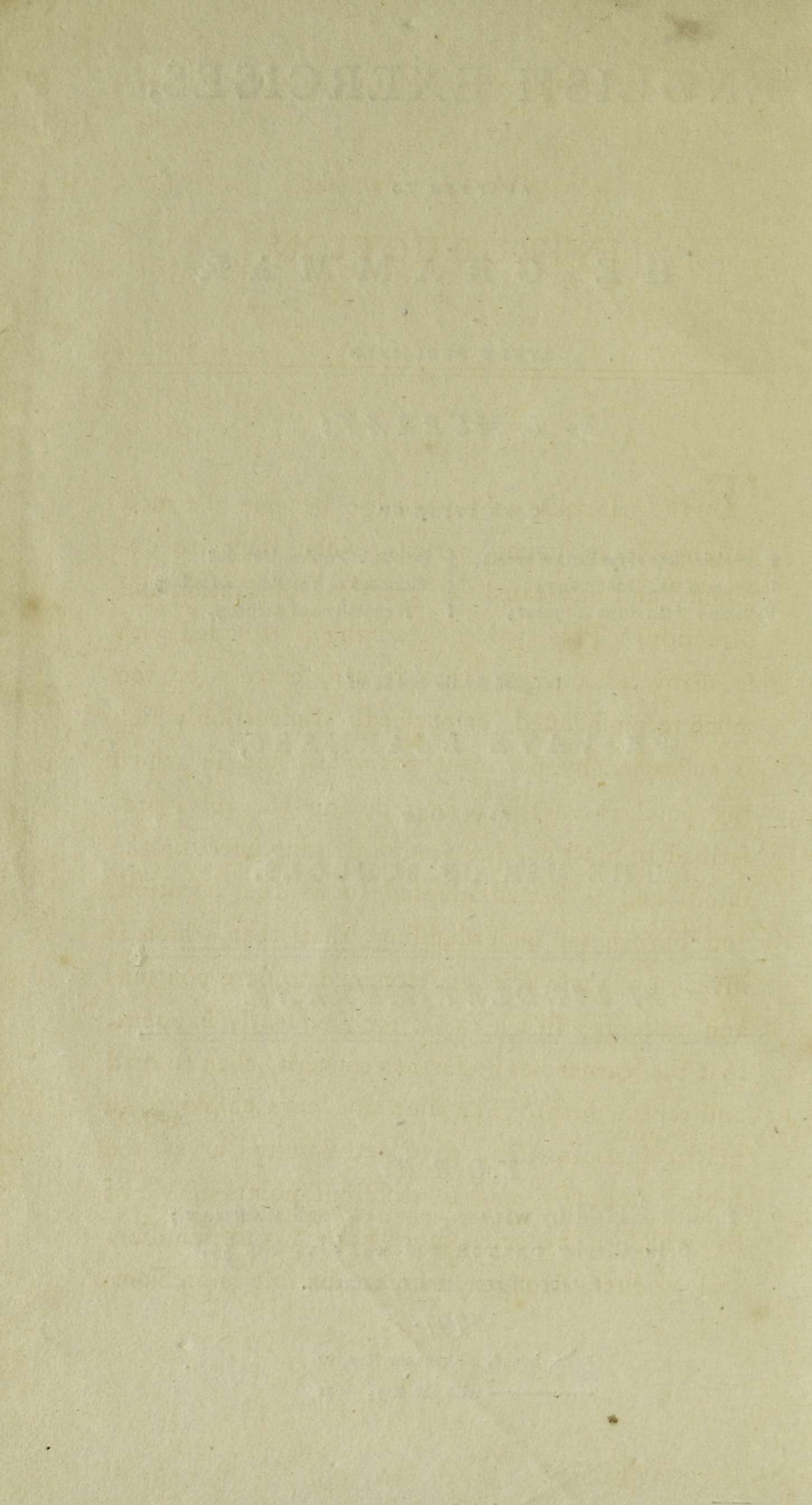
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INTRODUCTION.

THE principles of knowledge become the most intelligible to young persons, when they are explained and inculcated by practical illustration and direction. This mode of teaching is attended with so many advantages, that it can scarcely be too much recommended, or pursued. Instruction which is enlivened by pertinent examples, and in which the pupil is exercised in reducing the rules prescribed to practice, has a more striking effect on the mind, and is better adapted to fix the attention, and sharpen the understanding, than that which is divested of these aids, and confined to bare positions and precepts; in which, it too frequently happens, that the learner has no further concern, than to read and repeat them. The time and care employed in practical application, give occasion to survey the subject minutely, and in different points of view; by which it becomes more known and familiar, and produces stronger and more durable impressions.

THESE observations are peculiarly applicable to the study of grammar, and the method of teaching it. The rules require frequent explanation; and, besides direct elucidation, they admit of examples erroneously constructed, for exercising the student's sagacity and judgment. To rectify these, attention and reflection are requisite; and the knowledge of the rule necessarily results from the study and correction of the sentence. But these are not all the advantages which arise from Grammatical Exercises. By discovering their own abilities to detect and amend errors, and their consequent improvement, the scholars become pleased with their studies, and are animated to proceed, and surmount the obstacles which occur in their progress. The instructor too is relieved and encouraged in his labours. By discerning exactly the powers and improvement of his pupils, he perceives the proper season for advancing them; and by observing the points in which they are deficient, he knows precisely where to apply his directions and explanations.

THESE considerations have induced the Compiler to collect and arrange a variety of erroneous examples, adapted to the different rules and instructions of English Grammar, and to the principles

of perspicuous and accurate writing. It has not indeed been usual, to make Grammatical Exercises, in our language, very numerous and extensive: but if the importance and usefulness of them be as great as they are conceived to be, no apology will be necessary for the large field of employment, which the following work furnishes to the student of English Grammar. If he be detained longer than is common in this part of his studies, the probable result of it, an accurate and intimate knowledge of his subject, will constitute an ample recompense.

THE reader will perceive that some of the rules and observations, under the part of Syntax, contain a much greater number of examples than others. This has arisen from the superior importance of those rules, and from the variety requisite to illustrate them properly. When a few instances afford sufficient practice on the rule, the student is not fatigued with a repetition of examples, which would cast no new light on the subject.

IN selecting the instances of false construction, the Compiler has studied to avoid those that are glaringly erroneous, and to fix upon such only as frequently occur in writing and speaking. If there be any of a different complexion, it is presumed

that they are but few, and that they will be found under those rules only, which, from the nature of them, could not have been otherwise clearly exemplified to young persons. The illustrations applicable to the principal notes and observations, are carefully arranged under the respective rules of Syntax; and spaces are left between them, to mark the transition from one practical note to another.

As many of the examples contain several errors in the same sentence, and some of them admit of various constructions in amending them, it has been thought proper to publish a few copies of a Key for ascertaining all the corrections: and this has been the more expedient, from the work's being designed for the benefit of private learners, as well as for the use of schools. The Key to the part of Orthography might have been omitted, had not some of the sentences contained so many words erroneously spelled, as to render it probable that several of them would, in that case, have been inadvertently passed over; especially by persons who may not have the advantage of a tutor. In forming the Key, it appeared to be more eligible, to repeat the sentences at large, with their corrections, than simply to exhibit the amendments by themselves. In the mode adopted, the work has a more regular and uniform

appearance; the correspondent parts may be more readily compared; and the propriety of the corrections will be more apparent and striking.

IN a work which consists entirely of examples, and with which the learners will, consequently, be much occupied and impressed, the Compiler would have deemed himself culpable, had he exhibited such sentences as contained ideas inapplicable to young minds, or which were of a trivial or injurious nature. He has, therefore, been solicitous to avoid all exceptionable matter; and to improve his work, by blending moral and useful observations with Grammatical studies. Even sentiments of a pious and religious nature have not been thought improper to be occasionally inserted in these Exercises. The understanding and sensibility of young persons, are much under-rated by those who think them incapable of comprehending and relishing this kind of instruction. The sense and love of goodness are early and deeply implanted in the human mind; and often, by their infant energies, surprise the intelligent observer:—why, then, should not these emotions find their proper support and incentives, among the elements of learning? Congenial sentiments, thus disposed, besides making permanent impressions, may serve to cherish and expand those

generous principles; or, at least, to prepare them for regular operation, at a future period. The importance of exhibiting to the youthful mind, the deformities of vice; and of giving it just and animating views of piety and virtue, makes it not only warrantable, but our duty also, to embrace every proper occasion to promote, in any degree, these valuable ends.

IN presenting the learner with so great a number of examples, it was difficult to preserve them from too much uniformity. The Compiler has, however, been studious to give them an arrangement and diversity, as agreeable as the nature of the subject would admit of; and to render them interesting, as well as intelligible and instructive, to youth.

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Page 21, line 2, for *on* read *in*.

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EXERCISES.

PART I.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS OF THE PARTS OF SPEECH.

PARSING TABLE.

WHAT part of speech?

1. *An article.* What kind? Why?
2. *A substantive.* Common or proper? What Gender? Number? Case? Why?
3. *A pronoun.* What kind? Person? Gender? Number? Case? Why?
4. *An adjective.* What degree of comparison? To what does it belong? Why an adjective?
5. *A verb.* What kind? Mood? Tense? Number? Person? Why? If a participle, Why? Active or passive?
6. *An adverb.* Why is it an adverb?
7. *A preposition.* Why a preposition?
8. *A conjunction.* Why?
9. *An interjection.* Why? *

* This Table must be enlarged, and adapted to the scholar's progress, when he shall have attained a knowledge of the rules of Syntax. See the Praxis in the Grammar, p. 157, 2d edit.

CHAP. I.

Article and Substantive.

A bush	An abbess
A tree	An owl
A flower	A building
An apple	The Weavers' Company
An orange	Europe
An almond	The sciences
A hood	Yorkshire
A house	The planets
A hunter	The sun
An hour	A volume
An honour	Parchment
An hostler	The pens
The garden	A disposition
The fields	Benevolence
The rainbow	An oversight
The clouds	A design
The scholars' duty	The governess
The horizon	An ornament
Virtue	The girls' school
The vices	A grammar
Temperance	Mathematics
A variety	The elements
George	An earthquake
The Rhine	The King's prerogative
A prince	Africa
A rivulet	The continent
The Humber	Roundness
Gregory	A declivity
The pope	Blackness

An inclination	An elevation
The undertaking	The conqueror
Penelope	An Alexander
Constancy	Wisdom
An entertainment	America
A fever	The Cæsars
The stars	The Thames
A comet	A river
A miracle	The shadows
A prophecy	A vacancy
Depravity	The hollow
The constitution	An idea
The laws	A whim
Beauty	Nothing
A consumption	

CHAP. II.

Article, Adjective, and Substantive.

A good heart	An affable deportment
A wise head	The whistling winds
A strong body	A boisterous sea
An obedient son	The howling tempest
A diligent scholar	A gloomy cavern
A happy parent	Rapid streams
Shady trees	Unwholesome dews
A fragrant flower	A severe winter
The verdant fields	A useless drone
A peaceful mind	The industrious bees
Composed thoughts	Harmless doves
A serene aspect	The careless ostrich

The dutiful stork	A convenient mansion
The spacious firmament	Warm clothing
Cooling breezes	A temperate climate
An amiable woman	Wholesome aliment
A dignified character	An affectionate parent
A pleasing address	A free government
An open countenance	The diligent farmer
The candid reasoner	A fruitful field
Fair proposals	The crowning harvest
A mutual agreement	A virtuous conflict
A plain narrative	A final reward
An historical fiction	Peaceful abodes
Relentless war	The noblest prospect
An obdurate heart	A profligate life
Tempestuous passions	A miserable end
An unhappy temper	Gloomy regions
A sensual mind	An incomprehensible sub- ject
The babbling brook	A controverted point
A limpid stream	The cool sequestered vale
The devious walk	A garden inclosed
A winding canal	The ivy-mantled tower
The serpentine river	Virtue's fair form
A melancholy fact	A mahogany table
An interesting history	Sweet-scented myrtle
A happier life	A resolution wise, noble, disinterested
The woodbine's fragrance	Consolation's lenient hand
A cheering prospect	A better world
An harmonious sound	A cheerful, good, old man
Delicious fruit	
The sweetest incense	
An odorous garden	
The sensitive plant	

A silver tea-urn	A book of my friend's
Tender looking charity	An animating, well-
My brother's wife's mother	founded hope

CHAP. III.

Pronoun and Verb, &c.

I am sincere.	Let me depart.
Thou art industrious.	Do thou instruct him.
He is disinterested.	Prepare thy lesson.
We honour them.	Let him consider.
You encourage us.	Let us improve ourselves.
They commend her.	Know yourselves.
Thou dost improve.	Let them advance.
He assisted me.	They may offend.
We completed our journey.	I can forgive.
Our hopes did flatter us.	He might surpass them.
They have deceived me.	We could overtake him.
Your expectation has failed.	I would be happy.
The accident had happened.	Ye should repent.
He had resigned himself.	He may have deceived me.
Their fears will detect them.	They may have forgotten.
You shall submit.	Thou mightst have improved.
They will obey us.	We should have considered.
Good humour shall prevail.	To see the sun is pleasant.
He will have determined.	To live well is honourable.
We shall have agreed.	To have conquered him.

- self was his highest
 praise.
 Promoting others welfare,
 they advanced their
 own interest.
 He lives respected.
 Having resigned his of-
 fice, he retired.
 They are discouraged.
 He was condemned.
 We have been rewarded.
 She had been admired.
 Virtue will be rewarded.
 The person will have
 been executed, when
 the pardon arrives.
 Let him be animated.
 Be you intreated.
 Let them be prepared.
 It can be enlarged.
 You may be discovered.
 He might be convinced.
 It would be carested.
 I may have been deceived.
 They might have been
 honoured.
 To be trusted, we must
 be virtuous.
 To have been admired,
 availed him little.
 Ridiculed, despised, per-
 secuted, he maintained
 his principles.
- Being reviled, we bless.
 Having been deserted, he
 became discouraged.
 The fight being new,
 he startled.
 This uncouth figure start-
 led him.
 I have searched, I have
 found it.
 They searched those
 rooms; he was gone.
 The book is his; it was
 mine.
 These are yours, those
 are ours.
 Our hearts are deceitful.
 Your conduct met their
 approbation.
 None met who could
 avoid it.
 Thy esteem is my ho-
 nour.
 Her work does her cre-
 dit.
 Each must answer the
 question.
 Every heart knows its
 own sorrows.
 Which was his choice?
 It was neither.
 Hers is finished, thine is
 to do.
 This is what I feared.

That is the thing which
I desired.
Who can preserve him-
self?
Whose books are these?
Whom have we served?
Some are negligent, o-

thers industrious.
One may deceive one's
self.
All have a talent to im-
prove.
Can any dispute it?
Such is our condition.

CHAP. IV.

Adverb, Preposition, Conjunction, and Interjection.

I have seen him once,
perhaps twice.

Thirdly, and lastly, I
shall conclude.

This plant is found here,
and elsewhere.

Only to-day is properly
ours.

The task is already per-
formed.

We could not serve him
then, but will here-
after.

We often resolve, but
seldom perform.

He is much more pro-
mising now than for-
merly.

We are wisely and hap-
pily directed.

He has certainly been di-
ligent, and he will
probably succeed.

How sweetly the birds
sing!

Why art thou so heed-
less?

He is little attentive;
nay, absolutely stupid.

When will they arrive?

Where shall we stop?

Mentally and bodily, we
are curiously and won-
derfully formed.

They travelled through
France, in haste, to-
wards Italy.

From virtue to vice, the
progress is gradual.

By diligence and frugality, we arrive at competency.

We are often below our wishes, and above our desert.

Some things make for him, others against him.

By this imprudence, he was plunged into new difficulties.

Without the aid of charity, he supported himself with credit.

Of his talents much might be said; concerning his integrity, nothing.

On all occasions she behaved with propriety.

We in vain look for a path between virtue and vice.

He lives within his income.

The house was sold at a great price, and above its value.

She came down stairs slowly, but went briskly up again.

His father and mother

and uncle, reside at Rome.

We must be temperate, if we would be healthy.

He is as old as his classmate, but not so learned.

Charles is esteemed, because he is both discreet and benevolent.

We will stay till he arrives.

He retires to rest soon, that he may rise early.

We ought to be thankful, for we have received much.

Though he is often advised, yet he does not reform.

Reproof either softens or hardens its object.

Neither prosperity nor adversity has improved him.

He can acquire no virtue, unless he make some sacrifices.

Let him that standeth take heed lest he fall.

If thou wert his superior, thou shouldst not have boasted.

He will be detected,
though he deny the
fact.

If he have promised, he
should act according-
ly.

She will transgress, un-
less she be admonished.

If he were encouraged,
he would amend.

Though he condemn me,
I will respect him.

Their talents are more
brilliant than useful.

Notwithstanding his po-
verty, he is a wise and
worthy person.

If our desires are mode-
rate, our wants will be
few.

Hope often amuses, but
seldom satisfies us.

Though he is lively, yet
he is not volatile.

Oh, peace! how desir-
able art thou!

I have been often occu-
pied, alas! with trifles.

Strange! that we should
be so infatuated.

O! the humiliations to
which vice reduces us.

Hark! how sweetly the
woodlark sings!

Ah! the delusions of
hope.

Hail, simplicity! source
of genuine joy.

Behold! how pleasant it
is for brethren to dwell
together in unity.

Welcome again! my long-
lost friend.

*The following are a few instances of the same word's
constituting several of the parts of speech.*

Calm was the day, and
the scene delightful.

We may expect a calm
after a storm.

To prevent passion, is ea-
sier than to calm it.

Better is a little with
content, than a great
deal with anxiety.

The gay and dissolute
think little of the
miseries, which are

stealing softly after
them.

A little attention will
rectify some errors.

He laboured to still the
tumult.

Still waters are common-
ly deepest.

Though he is out of dan-
ger, he is still afraid.

To-day's lesson is harder
than yesterday's.

We are but of yesterday,
and know nothing.

He rode hard yesterday,
rests to-day, and will
travel again to-mor-
row.

Though she is rich and
fair, yet she is not
amiable.

They are yet young,
and must suspend their
judgment yet a while.

Many persons are better
than we suppose them
to be.

The few and the many
have their prepossession-
sions.

Few days pass without
some clouds.

Much money is corrupt-
ing.

Think much, and speak
little.

He has seen much of the
world, and been much
caressed.

His years are more than
hers; but he has not
more knowledge.

The more we are blessed,
the more grateful we
should be.

The desire of getting
more, is rarely satisfied.

He has equal knowledge,
but inferior judgment.

She is his inferior in sense,
but his equal in pru-
dence.

We must make a like
space between the lines.

Every being loves its
like.

Behave yourselves like
men.

We are too apt to like
pernicious company.

He may go or stay as he
likes.

They strive to learn.

He goes to and fro.

To his wisdom we owe	I have a regard for him.
our privilege.	It is for our health to be
The proportion is ten to	temperate.
one.	O! for better times.
He has served them with	Both of them deserve
his utmost ability.	praise.
When we do our utmost,	He is esteemed, both on
no more is required.	his own account, and
I will submit, for I know	on that of his pa-
it brings peace.	rents.

CHAP. V.

All the Parts of Speech indiscriminately arranged.

DISSIMULATION in youth, is the forerunner of perfidy in old age. Its first appearance, is the fatal omen of growing depravity, and future shame.

If we possess not the power of self-government, we shall be the prey of every loose inclination that chances to arise. Pampered by continual indulgence, all our passions will become mutinous and headstrong. Desire, not reason, will be the ruling principle of our conduct.

Absurdly we spend our time in contending about the trifles of a day, while we ought to be preparing for a higher existence.

How little do they know of the true happiness of life, who are strangers to that intercourse of good offices and kind affections, which, by a pleasing charm, attach men to one another, and circulate rational enjoyment from heart to heart.

If we view ourselves, with all our imperfections and failings, in a just light, we shall rather be surprised at our enjoying so many good things, than discontented, because there are any which we want.

True cheerfulness makes a man happy in himself, and promotes the happiness of all around him. It is the clear and calm sunshine of a mind illuminated by piety and virtue,

Wherever views of interest, and prospects of return, mingle with the feelings of affection, sensibility acts an imperfect part, and entitles us to small share of commendation.

Let not your expectations from the years that are to come, rise too high; and your disappointments will be fewer, and more easily supported.

To live long, ought not to be our favourite wish, so much as to live well. By continuing too long on earth, we might only live to witness a greater number of melancholy scenes, and to expose ourselves to a wider compass of human woe.

How many pass away some of the most valuable years of their lives, tost in a whirlpool of what cannot be called pleasure, so much as mere giddiness and folly.

Look round you with attentive eye, and weigh characters well, before you connect yourselves too closely with any who court your society.

The true honour of man consists not in the multitude of riches, or the elevation of rank; for experience shows, that these may be possessed by the worthless, as well as by the deserving.

Beauty of form has often betrayed its possessor. The flower is easily blasted. It is short-lived at the best ; and trifling, at any rate, in comparison with the higher, and more lasting beauties of the mind.

A contented temper opens a clear sky, and brightens every object around us. It is in the sullen and dark shade of discontent, that noxious passions, like venomous animals, breed, and prey upon the heart.

Thousands whom indolence has sunk into contemptible obscurity, might have come forward to usefulness and honour, if idleness had not frustrated the effect of all their powers.

Sloth is like the slowly-flowing, putrid stream, which stagnates in the marsh, breeds venomous animals, and poisonous plants ; and infects with pestilential vapours the whole country round it.

Disappointments derange, and overcome, vulgar minds. The patient and the wise, by a proper improvement, frequently make them contribute to their high advantage.

Sobriety of mind is one of those virtues, which the present condition of human life strongly inculcates. The uncertainty of its enjoyments, checks presumption ; the multiplicity of its dangers, demands perpetual caution. Moderation, vigilance, and self-government, are duties incumbent on all ; but especially on such as are beginning the journey of life.

The charms and comforts of virtue are inexpressible ; and can only be justly conceived by those who possess her. The consciousness of Divine approbation and support, and the steady hope of future hap-

pinefs, communicate a peace and joy, to which all the delights of the world bear no refemblance.

If we knew how much the pleasures of this life deceive and betray their unhappy votaries ; and reflected on the difappointments in purfuit, the diflatisfaction in enjoyment, or the uncertainty of poffeffion, which every where attend them ; we fhould ceafe to be enamoured with fuch brittle and tranfient joys ; and fhould wifely fix our hearts on thofe virtuous attainments, which the world can neither give nor take away.

Order is Heav'ns firft law ; and this confeft,
Some are, and muft be, greater than the reft,
More rich, more wife ; but who infers from hence,
That fuch are happier, fhocks all common fenfe.

Needful austerities our wills refrain ;
As thorns fence in the tender plant from harm.

Reason's whole pleasure, all the joys of fenfe,
Lie in three words, health, peace, and competence ;
But health confifts with temperance alone ;
And peace, Oh virtue ! peace is all thy own.

On earth nought precious is obtain'd
But what is painful too ;
By travel, and *to* travel born,
Our fabbaths are but few.

Who noble ends by noble means obtains,
Or failing, fmiles in exile or in chains,
Like good Aurelius let him reign, or bleed
Like Socrates, that man is great indeed.

Our hearts are fasten'd to this world
By strong and endless ties ;
But every sorrow cuts a string,
And urges us to rise.

Oft pining cares in rich brocades are dress'd,
And diamonds glitter on an anxious breast.

Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see ;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.
This day be bread, and peace, my lot ;
All else beneath the sun :
Thou know'st if best bestow'd or not ;
And let thy will be done.

Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As, to be hated, needs but to be seen :
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

If nothing more than purpose in thy power,
Thy purpose firm, is equal to the deed :
Who does the best his circumstance allows,
Does well, acts nobly ; angels could no more.

In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity.

To be resign'd when ills betide,
Patient when favours are denied,
And pleas'd with favours giv'n :
Most surely, this is Wisdom's part ;
This is that incense of the heart,
Whose fragrance smells to Heav'n.

All fame is foreign, but of true desert ;
 Plays round the head, but comes not to the heart :
 One self-approving hour whole years outweighs
 Of stupid starers, and of loud huzzas ;
 And more true joy Marcellus exil'd feels,
 Than Cæsar with a senate at his heels.

Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife,
 Their sober wishes never learn'd to stray ;
 Along the cool sequester'd vale of life,
 They kept the noiseless tenor of their way.

What nothing earthly gives, or can destroy,
 The soul's calm sunshine, and the heartfelt joy,
 Is virtue's prize.

Pity the sorrows of a poor old man,
 Whose trembling limbs have borne him to thy door,
 Whose days are dwindled to the shortest span,
 Oh ! give relief, and Heav'n will bless thy store.

Who lives to nature, rarely can be poor :
 Who lives to fancy, never can be rich.

When, young, life's journey I began,
 The glit'ring prospect charm'd my eyes ;—
 I saw, along th' extended plain,
 Joy after joy successive rise.
 But soon I found 'twas all a dream ;
 And learn'd the fond pursuit to shun,
 Where few can reach their purpos'd aim,
 And thousands daily are undone.

'Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours ;
 And ask them, what report they bore to heav'n.

All nature is but art, unknown to thee ;
All chance, direction, which thou canst not see ;
All discord, harmony, not understood ;
All partial evil, universal good.

Heav'n's choice is safer than our own ;
Of ages past inquire,
What the most formidable fate ?
“ To have our own desire.”

If ceaseless, thus, the fowls of heav'n he feeds,
If o'er the fields such lucid robes he spreads ;
Will he not care for you, ye faithless, say ?
Is he unwise ? or, are ye less than they ?

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue etherial sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim :
Th' unwearied sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to ev'ry land,
The work of an Almighty hand.

Soon as the ev'ning shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wond'rous tale,
And, nightly, to the list'ning earth,
Repeats the story of her birth :
Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole..

What though, in solemn silence, all
Move round the dark terrestrial ball !
What tho' nor real voice nor sound,
Amid their radiant orbs be found !

In Reason's ear they all rejoice,
 And utter forth a glorious voice,
 For ever singing as they shine,
 "The hand that made us is Divine."

CHAP. VI.

Nouns, Adjectives, and Verbs, to be declined, compared, and conjugated.

WRITE, in the nominative case plural, the following nouns : apple, plum, orange, bush, tree, plant, convenience, disorder, novice, beginning, defeat, protuberance.

Write the following substantives, in the nominative case plural : cry, fly, cherry, fancy, glory, duty, boy, folly, play, lily, toy, conveniency.

Write the following nouns in the genitive case singular : boy, girl, man, woman, lake, sea, church, lass, beauty, sister, bee, branch.

Write the following in the nominative case plural : loaf, sheaf, self, muff, knife, stuff, wife, staff, wolf, half, calf, shelf, life.

Write the following in the genitive case plural : brother, child, man, woman, foot, tooth, ox, mouse, goose, penny.

Write the following nouns in the nominative and genitive cases plural : wife, chief, die, staff, city, river, proof, archer, master, crutch, tooth, mouth, baker, distaff.

Write the genitive singular and plural of the pronouns, I, thou, he, she, it, who, and other.

Write the objective cases, singular and plural, of the pronouns, I, thou, he, she, it, and who.

Compare the following adjectives: fair, grave, bright, long, short, tall, white, deep, strong, poor, rich, great.

Compare the following adjectives: amiable, moderate, disinterested, favourable, grateful, studious, attentive, negligent, industrious, perplexing.

Write the following adjectives in the comparative degree: near, far, little, low, good, indifferent, bad, worthy, convenient.

Write the following adjectives in the superlative degree: feeble, bold, good, ardent, cold, bad, base, little, strong, late, near, content.

Conjugate the following verbs in the indicative mood, present tense: beat, gain, read, eat, walk, desire, interpose.

Conjugate the following verbs in the potential mood, imperfect tense: fear, hope, dream, fly, consent, improve, controvert.

Conjugate the following verbs in the subjunctive mood, perfect tense: drive, prepare, starve, omit, indulge, demonstrate.

Conjugate the following verbs in the imperative mood: believe, depart, invent, give, abolish, contrive.

Write the following verbs in the infinitive mood, present and perfect tenses: grow, decrease, live, prosper, separate, incommode.

Write the present, perfect, and compound participles, of the following verbs: confess, disturb, please, know, begin, embrace, eat, contaminate.

Conjugate the following verbs in the indicative mood, present and perfect tenses of the passive voice: honour, abase, amuse, flight, enlighten, displease, envelope, bereave.

Conjugate the following verbs, in the indicative mood, pluperfect and first future tenses: fly, contrive, know, devise, choose, come, see, go, eat, grow, bring, forsake.

Write the following verbs in the present and imperfect tenses of the potential and subjunctive moods: know, shake, heat, keep, give, blow, bestow, beseech.

Write the following verbs in the indicative mood, imperfect and second future tenses, of the passive voice: slay, draw, crown, throw, defeat, grind, hear, divert.

Write the following verbs in the second and third persons singular of all the tenses in the indicative and subjunctive moods: approve, condemn, mourn, freeze, know, arise, drive, blow, investigate.

Form the following verbs in the infinitive and imperative moods, with their participles, all in the passive voice: embrace, draw, defeat, smite.

PART II.

EXERCISES ON ORTHOGRAPHY.

CHAP. I.

Containing instances of false Orthography,
arranged under the respective Rules.

RULE I.

Monosyllables ending with f, l, or s, preceded by a single vowel, double the final consonant ; as, staff, mill, pass, &c. The only exceptions are, of, if, as, is, has, was, yes, his, this, us, and thus. See Gram. 2d edit.

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It is no great merit to spel properly ; but a great defect to do it incorrectly.

Jacob worshipped his Creator leaning on the top of his staf.

We may place too little as well as too much stres upon dreams.

Our manners should be neither gros, nor excessively refined.

RULE II.

Monosyllables ending with any consonants, but f, l, or s, and preceded by a single vowel, never double the final consonant; excepting only, add, butt, egg, odd, err, inn, and buzz.

A carr signifies a chariot of war, or a small carriage of burden.

In the names of druggs and plants, the mistake in a word may endanger life.

Nor undelightful is the ceaseless humm

To him who muses through the woods at noon.

The finn of a fish is the limb, by which he balances his body, and moves in the water.

Many a trapp is laid to ensnare the feet of youth.

Many thousand families are supported by the simple business of making matts.

RULE III.

Words ending with y, preceded by a consonant, form the plurals of nouns, the persons of verbs, verbal nouns, past participles, comparatives, and superlatives, by changing y into i; as spy, spies; I carry, thou carriest; he carrieth, or carries; carrier, carried; happy, happier, happiest.

The present participle in ing, retains the y, that i may not be doubled; as, carry, carrying, bury, burying, &c.

But y, preceded by a vowel, in such instances as the above, is not changed; as, boy, boys; I cloy, he cloys, cloyed, &c. except in lay, pay, and say; from which are formed, laid, paid, and said; and their compounds, unlaid, unpaid, unsaid, &c.

We should subject our fancies to the government of reason.

If thou art seeking for the living amongst the dead, thou wearyest thyself in vain.

If we have denyed ourselves of sinful pleasures, we shall be great gainers in the end.

We shall not be the happier for possessing talents and affluence, unless we make a right use of them.

The truly good mind is not dismaied by poverty, afflictions, or death.

RULE IV.

Words ending with y, preceded by a consonant, upon assuming an additional syllable beginning with a consonant, commonly change y into i; as, happy, happily, happiness. But when y is preceded by a vowel, it is very rarely changed in the additional syllable; as, coy, coyly; boy, boyish, boyhood; annoy, annoyer, annoyance; joy, joyless, joyful, &c.

It is a great blessing to have a sound mind, uninfluenced by fancyful humours.

Common calamities, and common blessings, fall heavily upon the envious.

The comelyness of youth are modesty and frankness; of age, condescension and dignity.

When we act against conscience, we become the destroyers of our own peace.

We may be plaiful, and yet innocent; grave, and yet corrupt. It is only from general conduct, that our true character can be portraied.

RULE V.

Words ending with a single consonant, preceded by a single vowel, and with the accent on the last syllable, upon assuming an additional syllable beginning with a vowel, double the consonant; as, to abet, an abettor; to begin, a beginner; a fen, fenny; wit, witty; thin, thinnish, &c.

But if a diphthong precede, or the accent be on the preceding syllable, the consonant remains single; as, to toil, toiling; to offer, an offering; maid, maiden, &c.

When we bring the lawmaker into contempt, we have in effect annuled his laws.

By properly confessing our faults, we prove and ennoble our character.

The pupils of a certain ancient philosopher, were not, during their first years of study, permitted to ask any questions.

We all have many failings and lapses to lament and recover.

There is no affliction with which we are visited, that may not be improved to our advantage.

The Christian Lawgiver has prohibited many things, which the heathen philosophers allowed.

RULE VI.

Words ending with any double letter but l, and taking nefs, less, ly, or ful after them, preserve the letter double; as, harmlessnes, carelesnes, carelessly stiffly, successful, distressful, &c. But those words, which end with double l, and take nefs, less, ly, or ful after them, generally omit one l, as fulnes, skillefs, fully, skilful, &c.

Restlessness of mind disqualifies us, both for the enjoyment of peace, and the performance of our duty.

The arrows of calumny fall harmlessly at the feet of virtue.

The road to the blisful regions, is as open to the peasant as to the king.

A chillness or shivering of the body generally precedes a fever.

To recommend virtue to others, our lights must shine brightly, not dully.

The silent stranger stood amazed to see
Contempt of wealth, and willful poverty.

RULE VII.

Ness, less, ly, and ful, added to words ending with silent e, do not cut it off: as, paleness, guileless, closely, peaceful; except in a few words: as, duly, truly, awful.

The warmth of disputation, destroys that sedateness of mind which is necessary to discover truth.

All these with ceaseless praise his works behold,
Both day and night.

In all our reasonings, our minds should be sincerely employed in the pursuit of truth.

Rude behaviour, and indecent language, are peculiarly disgraceful to youth of education.

The true worship of God is an important and awful service.

Wisdom alone is truly fair: folly only appears so.

RULE VIII.

Ment, added to words ending with silent e, generally preserves the e from elision: as, abatement, chastisement, incitement, &c.

Like other terminations, it changes y into i, when preceded by a consonant: as, accompany, accompaniment; merry, merriment.

The study of the English language is making daily advancement.

A judicious arrangement of studies facilitates improvement.

To shun allurments is not hard,

To minds resolv'd, forewarn'd, and well prepar'd.

RULE IX.

Able and ible, when incorporated into words ending with silent e, almost always cut it off: as, blame, blamable; cure, curable; sense, sensible, &c.: but if c or g soft come before e in the original word, the e is then preserved in words compounded with able; as, change, changeable; peace, peaceable, &c.

Every person and thing connected with self, is apt to appear good and desirable in our eyes.

Errors and misconduct are more excuseable in ignorant, than in well instructed minds.

Gratitude operates forcibly in good and generous minds.

Our natural and involuntary defects of body, are not chargeable upon us.

We are made to be servicable to others, as well as to ourselves.

RULE X.

When ing or ish are added to words ending with silent e, the e is almost uni-versally omitted: as, place, placing; lodge, lodging; slave, slavish; prude, prudish.

An obligeing and humble disposition, is totally unconnected with a servile and cringeing humour.

By solaceing the sorrows of others, the heart is improved at the same time that our duty is performed.

Labour and expense are lost upon a droneish spirit.

The inadvertencies of youth may be excused, but knaveish tricks should meet with severe reproof.

RULE XI.

Words taken into composition, often drop those letters which were superfluous in their simples: as, handful, dunghill, withal, also, chilblain, foretel.

Love worketh no ill to our neighbour, and is the fullfilling of the law.

That which is sometimes expedient, is not always so.

We may be hurtfull to others, by our example, as well as by personal injuries.

Where diligence opens the door of the understanding, and impartiality keeps it, truth finds an entrance and a wellcome too.

CHAP. II.

Containing instances of false Orthography, promiscuously arranged.

AS the learners must be supposed to be tolerably versed in the spelling of words in very familiar use, the compiler has generally selected, for the following exercises, such words as are less obviously erroneous, and in the use of which young persons are more likely to commit mistakes. Though the instances which he gives of these deviations are not very numerous, yet, it is presumed, they are exhibited with sufficient variety, to show the necessity of care and attention in combining letters and syllables; and to excite the ingenious student to investigate the principles and rules of our Orthography, as well as to distinguish the exceptions and variations which every where attend them.

In rectifying these exercises, the compiler has been governed by Doctor Johnson's Dictionary, as the standard of propriety. This work is, indisputably, the best authority for the orthography of the English language, though the author, in some instances, has made decisions, which are not generally approved, and for which it is not easy to account.

Section 1.

Neglect no opportunity of doing good.
No man can stedily build upon accidents.

How shall we keep, what, sleeping or awake,
A weaker may surprize, a stronger take?

Neither time nor misfortunes should erase the remembrance of a friend.

Moderation should preside, both in the kitchen and the parlor.

Shall we receive good at the Divine hand, and shall we not receive evil?

In many designs, we may succeed and be miserable.

We should have sense and virtue enough to recede from our demands, when they appear to be unreasonable.

All our comforts proceed from the Father of goodness.

The ruin of a state is generally preceded by a universal degeneracy of manners, and a contempt of religion.

His father omitted nothing in his education, that might render him virtuous and useful.

The daw in the fable was dressed in pilfered ornaments.

A favor conferred with delicacy, doubles the obligation.

They tempted their Creator, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

The precepts of a good education have often recurred in the time of need.

We are frequently benefitted by what we have dreaded.

It is no great virtue to live lovingly with good natured and meek persons.

The Christian religion gives a more lovely character of God, than any religion ever did.

Without sinisterous views, they are dextrous managers of their own interest.

Any thing committed to the trust and care of another, is a deposit.

Here finish'd he, and all that he had made

Vieu'd and beheld! All was intirely good.

It deserves our best skil to enquire into those rules, by which we may guide our judgement.

Food, clotheing, and habitations, are the rewards of industry.

If we lie no restraint upon our lusts, no controul upon our appetites and passions, they will hurry us into guilt and misery.

An Independant is one who, in religious affairs, holds that every congregation is a compleat Church.

Receive his council, and securly move :

Entrust thy fortune to the Power above.

Following life in creatures we disect,

We lose it in the moment we detect.

The acknowledgement of our transgressions must precede the forgiveness of them.

Judicious abridgements often aid the studys of youth.

Examine how thy humor is enclin'd,

And which the ruleing passion of thy mind,

———He falters at the question :

His fears, his words, his looks, declare him guilty.

Calicoe is an Indian stuff made of cotton ; sometimes stained with lively colors.

To promote iniquity in others, is nearly the same as being the actors of it ourselves.

The Glasier's business was unknown to the antients.

The antecedant, in grammer, is the noun to which the relative refers.

Seet. 2.

Be not affraid of the wicked: they are under the controul of Providence. Conscioufness of guilt may justly afright us.

Convey to others no inteligence which you would be ashamed to avow.

Many are weighed in the ballance, and found wanting.

How many disapointments have, in their consequences, saved a man from ruin!

A well-poised mind makes a chearful countenance.

A certain housholder planted a vinyard, but the men imployed in it made ungratefull returns.

Let us show dilligence in every laudable undertaking.

Cinamon is the fragrant bark of a low tree in the iland of Ceylon.

A ram will but with his head, though he be brought up tame, and never saw the action.

We percieve a piece of silver in a bason, when water is poured on it, though we could not discover it before.

Virtue imbalms the memory of the good.

The King of Brittain is a limited monarch; and the Brittish nation a free people.

The phisician may dispence the medicin, but Providence alone can bless it.

In many pursuits, we embark with pleasure, and land sorrowfully.

Rocks, mountains, and caverns, are of indispensable use, both to the earth and to man.

The hive of a city, or kingdom, is in the best condition, when there is the least noise or buzz in it.

The roughnesses found on our entrance into the paths of virtue and learning, grow smoother as we advance.

That which was once the most beautiful spot of Italy, covered with palaces, embellished by Emperors, and celebrated by poets, has now nothing to show but ruins.

Battering rams were antiently used to beat down the walls of a city.

Jockey signifies a man that rides horses in a race; or who deals in horses.

The harmlessness of many animals, and the enjoyment which they have of life, should plead for them against cruel usage.

We may be very busy, to no useful purpose.

We cannot plead in abatement of our guilt, that we are ignorant of our duty.

Genuine charity, how liberal soever it may be, will never impoverish ourselves. If we save sparingly, we shall reap accordingly.

However disagreeable, we must resolutely perform our duty.

A fit of sickness is often a kind chastisement and discipline, to moderate our affection for the things of this life.

It is a happiness to young persons, when they are

preserved from the snares of the world, as in a garden inclosed.

Health and peace, the most valueable possessions, are obtained at small expence.

Incence signifies perfumes exhailed by fire, and made use of in religious ceremonies.

The prudent dispatch of buziness gains time; the imprudent, wastes it.

Few reflexions are more distressing, than those which we make on our own ingratitude.

There is an inseperable connection between piety and virtue.

Many actions have a fair complection, which have not sprung from virtue.

Which way soever we turn ourselves, we are incountered with sensible demonstrations of a Deity.

If we forsake the ways of virtue, we cannot alledge any color of ignorance, or want of instruction.

Sect. 3.

There are more cultivaters of the earth, than of their own hearts.

Man is incompassed with dangers innumerable.

War is attended with distressful and desolating effects. It is confessedly the scourge of our angry passions.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

The greater our incitments to evil, the greater will be our victory and reward.

We should not incourage persons to do what they beleive to be wrong.

Virtue is placed between two extreams, which are on both sides equally blameable.

We should continually have the gaol in our eyes, which would direct us in the race.

The goals were forced open, and the prisoners set free.

It cannot be said that we are charitable donors, when our gifts proceed from selfish motives.

Straight is the gate, and narrow the way, that lead to life eternal.

Integrity leads us strait forward, disdainning all doubleings, and crooked paths.

Licentiousness and crimes pave the way to ruin.

Words are the countres of wise men, but the money of fools.

Recompence to no man evil for evil.

He was an excellent person ; a mirrour of antient faith in early youth.

Meekness controuls our angry passions ; candor, our severe judgements.

He is not only a descendent from pious ancestors, but an inheriter too of their virtues.

An idle person spends his time, and eats the fruits of the earth, like a vermin or a wolf.

Faithfulness and judgment are peculiarly requisite in testamentary executors.

To be faithfull among the faithless, argues great strength of principal.

Mountains appear to be like so many wens or unnatural protuberancies on the face of the earth.

In some places the sea incroaches upon the land ; in others, the land upon the sea.

Philosophers agreed in despizing riches, as the encumberances of life.

Wars are regulated robberies and pyracies.

Fishes encrease more than beasts or birds, as appears from their numrous spaun.

The piramids of Egypt have stood more than three thousand years.

Precepts have small influence, when not inforced by example.

How has kind heav'n adorn'd the happy land,
And scatter'd blessings with a wastful hand !

A friend exaggarates a man's virtues, an enemy enflames his crimes.

A witty and humourous vein has often produced ennemies.

Neither pleasure nor buisness should ingross our time and affections ; proper seasons should be allotted for retirement.

It is laudable to enquire before we determin.

Many have been visited with afflictions, who have not profitted by them.

We may be succesful, and yet disappointed.

Seet. 4.

The experience of want inhances the value of plenty.

To maintain opinions stiffly, is no evidence of their truth, or of our moderation.

Horehound has been famous for its medecinal qualities ; but it is now little used.

The wicked are often ensnared in the trap which they lie for others.

It is hard to say what diseases are cureable : they are all under the guidance of heaven.

Instructors should not only be skillful in those sciences which they teach ; but have skil in the method of teaching, and patience in the practise.

Science strengthens and enlarges the minds of men.

A steady mind may receive council ; but there is no hold on a changable humour.

We may enure ourselvs by custom, to bear the extremities of whether without injury.

Excessive merrymment is the parent of greif.

Air is sensible to the touch by its motion, and by its resistance to bodies moved in it.

A polite address is sometimes the cloke of malice.

To practise virtue is the sure way to love it.

Many things are plausible in theory, which fail in practise.

Learning and knowlege must be attained by slow degrees ; and are the reward only of dilligence and patience.

We should study to live peacably with all men.

A soul that can securly death defy,

And count it nature's priviledge to die.

Whatever promotes the interest of the soul, is also condufve to our present felicity.

Let not the sterness of virtue afright us ; she will soon become aimable.

The spatious firmament on high,

With all the blue etheriel sky,

And spangled heav'ns a shineing frame,

Their great orginel proclame.

Passion is the drunkenness of the mind: it supercedes the workings of reason.

If we are sincere, we may be assured of an advocate to intercede for us.

We ought not to consider the encrease of another's reputation, as a diminution of our own.

The reumatism is a painful distemper, supposed to proceed from acrid humors.

The beautiful and accomplished, are too apt to study behaviour rather than virtue.

The peasant's cabin contains as much content as the Emperor's palace.

True valor protects the feeble, and humbles the oppressor.

David, the son of Jesse, was a wise and valiant man.

Prophecies and miracles proclaimed him to be the Savior of the world.

Esaú sold his birthright for a savory mess of pottage.

A regular and virtuous education, is an inestimable blessing.

Honor and shame from no condition rise;

Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

The rigor of monkish discipline often conceals great depravity of heart.

We should recollect, that however favorable we may be to ourselves, we are rigorously examined by others.

Seç. 5.

Virtue can render youth, as well as old age, honorable.

Rumor often tells false tales.

Weak minds are ruffled by trifling things.

The cabage-tree is very common in the Caribbee Islands, where it grows to a prodigious heighth.

Visit the sick, feed the hungry, cloath the naked.

His smiles and tears are too artificial to be relied on.

The most essential virtues of a Christian, are love to God and benevolence to man.

We should be chearful without levity.

A calender signifies a register of the year; and a calendar, a press in which clothiers smooth their cloth.

Integrity and hope are the sure softeners of sorrow.

Camomile is an odouriferous plant, and possesses considerable medicinal virtues.

The gaiety of youth should be tempered by the precepts of age.

Certainty, even on distressful occasions, is sometimes more eligible than suspense.

Still green with bays each antient altar stands

Above the reach of sacriligious hands.

The most acceptable sacrifice, is that of a contrite and humble heart.

We are accountable for whatever we patronize in others.

It marks a savage disposition, to torture animals, to make them smart and agonise, for our diversion.

The edge of cloath, where it is closed by complicating the threads, is called the selvidge.

Soushong tea and Turkey-coffee were his favorite beverage: chocolate he seldom drank.

The guilty mind cannot avoid many melancholly apprehensions.

If we injure others, we must expect retaliation.

Let every man be fully perswaded in his own mind.

Peace and honor are the sheeves of virtue's harvest.

The black earth, every where obvious on the surface of the earth, we call mold.

The Roman pontif claims to be the supream head of the church on earth.

High seasoned food viciates the pallate, and disgusts it with plain fare.

The conscious receiver is as bad as the thief.

Alexander, the conquerer of the world, was, in fact, a robber and a murderer.

The Divine Being is not only the Authour, but the Governor of the world.

Honest endeavors, if persevered in, will finally be succesful.

He who dies for religion, is a martyr; he who suffers for it, is a confessor.

In the paroxism of passion, we sometimes give occasion for a life of repentence.

The mist which envelopes many studies, is dissipated when we approach them.

The voice is sometimes obstructed by a hoarsness, or by viscuous phlegm.

The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

The fruit and sweetmeats set on table after the meat, are called the desert.

We traversed the flowry fields, till the falling dews admonished us to return.

Sect. 6.

There is frequently a worm at the root of our most flourishing condition.

The stalk of ively is tough, and not fragil.

The roof is vaulted, and distills fresh water from every part of it.

Our imperfections are discernable by others, when we think they are concealed.

They think they shall be heard for their much speaking.

True criticism is not a captious, but a liberal art.

Integrity is our best defense against the evils of life.

No circumstance can licence evil, or dispence with the rules of virtue.

We may be cyphers in the world's estimation; whilst we are advancing our own and others' value.

The person of an ambassador is inviolable.

A dipthong is the coilition of two vowels to form one sound.

However forceable our temptations, they may be resisted.

I acknowlege my transgression; and my sin is ever before me.

The colledge of Cardinals are the electers of the Pope.

He had no colorable excuse to palliate his conduct.

Thy humourous vein, thy pleasing folly,
Lies all neglected, all forgot.

If we are so conceited as obstinately to reject all advice, we must expect a direliction of friends.

Cronology is the science of computeing and ajusting the periods of time.

In groves we live, and lay on mossy beds,
By chrystal streams, that murmer through the meads.

It is a secreet cowardise which induces us to complement the vices of our superiors, to applaud the libertin, and laugh with the prophane. ~~~

The lark each morning waked me with her spritely lay.

There are no fewer than thirty-two species of the lilly.

We owe it to our visitors as well as to ourselves, to entertain them with useful and sensible conversation.

Sponfers are those who become sureties for the children's education in the Christian faith.

The warriar's fame is often purchased by the blood of thousands.

Hope exhilerates the mind, and is the grand elixer, under all the evils of life. ~

The incence of gratitude, whilst it expresses our duty, and honors our benefacter, perfumes and regails ourselves.

PART III.

EXERCISES IN SYNTAX.

CHAP. I.

Containing instances of false Syntax, disposed under the particular Rules.

RULE I.

A verb must agree with its nominative case, in number and person: as, " I learn; " Thou art improved; " The birds sing." See the Gram. 2d edit. p. 103.

Disappointments sink the heart of man; but the renewal of hope give consolation.

The smiles that encourage severity of judgment, hides malice and insincerity.

He dare not act contrary to his instructions.

Fifty pounds of wheat contains forty pounds of flour.

The mechanism of clocks and watches, were totally unknown a few centuries ago.

The number of the inhabitants of Great Britain and Ireland, do not exceed ten millions.

Nothing but vain and foolish pursuits delight some persons.

The conditions of the agreement were as follow.

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I shall consider such of his censures only as concerns my friend.

He is an author of more credit than Plutarch, or any other, that write lives by the lump.

The inquisitive and curious is generally talkative.

Great pains has been taken to reconcile the parties.

I am sorry to say it, but there was more equivocators than one.

The sincere is always esteemed.

Has the goods been sold to advantage? and did thou embrace the proper season?

There is many occasions in life, in which silence and simplicity is true wisdom. 3.

The generous never recounts minutely the actions they have done; nor the prudent, those they will do.

He need not proceed in such haste.

Whatever related to ecclesiastical meetings, matters, and persons, were to be ordered according to the king's direction.

In him were happily blended true dignity with softness of manners.

The support of so many of his relations, were a heavy tax upon his industry; but thou knows he paid it cheerfully.

What avails the best sentiments, if persons do not live suitably to them?

Reconciliation was offered, on conditions as moderate as was consistent with a permanent union.

Not one of them whom thou sees clothed in purple,
are happy.

And the fame of this person, and of his wonderful actions, were diffused throughout the country.

The variety of the productions of genius, like that of the operations of nature; are without limit.

In vain our flocks and fields increase our store,
When our abundance make us wish for more.

Thou should love thy neighbour, as sincerely and impartially as thou loves thyself.

Has thou no better reason for censuring thy friend and companion?

Thou, that art the author and bestower of life, can doubtless restore it also; but whether thou will please to restore it, or not, that thou only knows.

“O thou my voice inspire,
Who touch'd Isaiah's hallow'd lips with fire.”

Accept these grateful tears; for thee they flow:
For thee, that ever felt another's woe.

Just of thy word, in ev'ry thought sincere;
Who knew no wish, but what the world might hear.

The following examples are adapted to the notes and observations under RULE I.

To do unto all men, as we would that they, in similar circumstances, should do unto us, constitute the great principle of virtue.

From a fear of the world's censure, to be ashamed of the practice of precepts, which the heart approves and embraces, mark a feeble and imperfect character.

The erroneous opinions which we form concern-

ing happiness and misery, gives rise to all the mistaken and dangerous passions that embroils our life.

To live soberly, righteously, and piously, are required of all men.

That it is our duty to promote the purity of our minds and bodies, to be just and kind to our fellow-creatures, and to be pious and faithful to him that made us, admit not of any doubt in a rational and well informed mind.

It is an important truth, that religion, vital religion, the religion of the heart, are the most powerful auxiliaries of reason, in waging war with the passions, and promoting that sweet composure which constitute the peace of God.

The possession of our senses entire, of our limbs uninjured, of a sound understanding, of friends and companions, are often overlooked, though it would be the ultimate wish of many, who as far as we can judge, deserves it as much as ourselves.

All that make a figure on the great theatre of the world, the employments of the busy, the enterprizes of the ambitious, and the exploits of the warlike, the virtues which forms the happiness, and the crimes which occasions the misery of mankind, originates in that silent and secret recess of thought, which are hidden from every human eye.

If the privileges to which he has an undoubted right, and had been long enjoyed, should now be wrested from him, would be flagrant injustice.

These curiosities we have imported from China,

and are similar to those which were some time ago brought from Africa.

Will martial flames for ever fire thy mind,
And never, never be to Heav'n resign'd?

Two substantives, when they come together, and do not signify the same thing, the former must be in the genitive case.

Virtue, however it may be neglected for a time, men are so constituted as ultimately to acknowledge and respect genuine merit.

The crown of virtue is peace and honour.

His chief occupation and enjoyment were controversy.

————— Him destroy'd,
Or won to what may work his utter loss,
All this will soon follow.

————— Whose grey top
Shall tremble, him descending.

RULE II.

Two or more nouns, &c. in the singular number, joined together by one or more copulative conjunctions, have verbs, nouns, and pronouns agreeing with them in the plural number: as, “Socrates and Plato were wise; they were the most eminent philosophers of Greece;” “The sun that rolls over our heads, the food that we

receive, the rest that we enjoy, daily admonish us of a superior and superintending power." Gram. p. 106.

Idleness and ignorance is the parent of many vices.

Wisdom, virtue, happiness, dwells with the golden mediocrity.

Time and tide waits for no man.

His politeness and good disposition was, on failure of their effect, entirely changed.

Patience and diligence, like faith, removes mountains.

Humility and knowledge, with poor apparel, excels pride and ignorance under costly attire.

The planetary system, boundless space, and the immense ocean, affects the mind with sensations of astonishment.

Humility and love, whatever obscurities may involve religious tenets, constitutes the essence of true religion.

Religion and virtue, our best support and highest honour, confers on the mind principles of noble independence.

What signifies the counsel and care of preceptors, when youth think they have no need of assistance.

The examples which follow, are suited to the notes and observations under RULE II.

Much does human pride and self-complacency require some correction.

Luxurious living, and high pleasures, begets a languor and satiety that destroys all enjoyment.

Pride and self-sufficiency stifles sentiments of dependence on our Creator: levity and attachment to worldly pleasures, destroys the sense of gratitude to him.

Good order in our affairs, not mean savings, produce great profits.

The following treatise, together with those that accompany it, were written, many years ago, for my own private satisfaction.

That great senator, in concert with several other eminent persons, were the projectors of the revolution.

The religion of these people, as well as their customs and manners, were strangely misrepresented.

Virtue, joined to knowledge and wealth, confer great influence and respectability. But knowledge, with wealth united, if virtue be wanting, have a very limited influence, and are often despised.

That superficial scholar and critic, like some renowned critics of our own, have furnished most decisive proofs, that they knew not the characters of the Hebrew language.

The buildings of the institution have been enlarged; the expence of which, added to the increased price of provisions, render it necessary to advance the terms of admission.

Thou, and the gardener, and the huntsman, must share the blame of this business amongst them.

My sister and I, as well as my brother, go regularly to their own place of worship.

RULE III.

The conjunction disjunctive hath an effect contrary to that of the conjunction copulative; for as the verb, noun, or pronoun, is referred to the preceding terms taken separately, it must be in the singular number: as, "Ignorance or negligence has caused this mistake;" "John, or James, or Joseph, intends to accompany me;" "There is, in many minds, neither knowledge nor understanding. Gram. p. 109.

Man's happiness or misery are, in a great measure, put into his own hands.

We are not such machines as a clock or watch, which move merely as they are moved.

Despise no infirmity of mind or body, nor any condition of life; for they are, perhaps, to be thy own lot.

Speaking impatiently to servants, or any thing that betrays inattention or ill humour, are certainly criminal.

There are many faults in spelling, which neither analogy nor pronunciation justify.

When sickness, infirmity, or reverse of fortune, affect us, the sincerity of friendship is proved.

Let it be remembered, that it is not the uttering, or the hearing of certain words, that constitute the worship of the Almighty.

A tart reply, a proneness to rebuke, or a captious

and contradictory spirit, are capable of embittering domestic life, and of setting friends at variance.

The following sentences exemplify the notes and observations under RULE III.

Either thou or I art greatly mistaken, in our judgment on this subject.

I or thou am the person, who must undertake the business proposed.

Both of the scholars, or one of them at least, was present at the transaction.

Some parts of the ship and cargo were recovered; but neither the sailors, nor the captain was saved.

Whether one person or more was concerned in the business, does not yet appear.

The cares of this life, or the deceitfulness of riches, has choked the seeds of virtue in many a promising mind.

RULE IV.

A noun of multitude, or signifying many, may have a verb or pronoun agreeing with it, either of the singular or plural number; yet not without regard to the import of the word, as conveying unity or plurality of idea: as, "The meeting was large;" "The parliament is dissolved;" "The nation is powerful;" "My people do not consider: they have not known me;" "The assembly of the wicked have enclosed me;" "The council were divided in their sentiments." Gram. p. 109.

The people rejoices in that which should give it sorrow.

The flock, and not the fleece, are, or ought to be, the objects of the shepherd's care.

The court have just ended, after having sat through the trial of a very long cause.

The crowd were so great, that the judges with difficulty made their way through them.

The Corporation of York consist of a Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council.

The British Parliament are composed of King, Lords, and Commons.

When the nation complain, the rulers should listen to their voice.

In the days of youth, the multitude eagerly pursues pleasure as its chief good.

The church have no power to inflict corporal punishment.

The fleet were seen sailing up the channel.

A great number do not always argue strength.

The meeting have established several salutary regulations.

The council was not unanimous, and it separated without coming to any determination.

The fleet is all arrived and moored in safety.

This people draweth near to me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

The committee was divided in its sentiments, and it has referred the business to the general meeting.

The committee were very full when this point was

decided; and their judgment has not been called in question.

Why do this generation wish for greater evidence, when so much is already given?

The remnant of the people were persecuted with great severity.

Never were any people so much infatuated as the Jewish nation.

The shoal of herrings were of an immense extent.

No society are chargeable with the disapproved misconduct of particular members.

RULE V.

Pronouns must always agree with their antecedents, and the nouns for which they stand, in gender, number, and person: as, "This is the friend whom I love;" "That is the vice which I hate;" "The king and the queen had put on their robes;" "The moon appears, and she shines, but the light is not her own."

The relative is of the same person with the antecedent, and the verb agrees with it accordingly: as, "Thou who lovest wisdom;" "I, who speak from experience."
Gram. p. 111.

The exercise of reason appears as little in these sportsmen, as in the beasts whom they sometimes hunt, and by whom they are sometimes hunted.

They which seek wisdom will certainly find her.

The male amongst birds seems to discover no beauty, but in the colour of its species.

Take handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it towards the heaven, in the sight of Pharaoh; and it shall become small dust.

Rebekah took goodly raiment, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob.

The fair sex, whose task is not to mingle in the labours of public and active business, has its own part assigned it to act.

The Hercules man of war foundered at sea; she overfet, and lost most of her men.

The mind of man cannot be long without some food to nourish the activity of his thoughts.

What is the reason, that our language is less refined than those of Italy, Spain, or France?

The men and things which he hath studied, have not contributed to the improvement of his morals.

I do not think any one should incur censure for being tender of their reputation.

Thou who has been a witness of the fact, can give an account of it.

Thou great First Cause, least understood!

Who all my sense confin'd

To know but this, that thou art good,

And that myself am blind:

Yet gave me in this dark estate, &c.

What art thou, speak, that, on designs unknown,

While others sleep, thus range the camp alone?

The following examples are adapted to the notes and observations under RULE V.

Whoever entertains such an opinion, he judges erroneously.

The cares of this world they often choke the growth of virtue.

Disappointments and afflictions, however disagreeable, they often improve us.

Moses was the meekest man whom we read of in the Old Testament.

Humility is one of the most amiable virtues which we can possess.

Howsoever beautiful they appear, they have no real merit.

In whatsoever light we view him, his conduct will bear inspection.

On whichsoever side they are contemplated, they appear to advantage.

However much he might despise the maxims of the king's administration, he kept a total silence on that subject.

Which of them two persons has most distinguished himself?

None more impatiently suffer injuries, than those that are most forward in doing them.

He would not be persuaded but what I was greatly in fault.

These commendations of his children, appear to have been made in somewhat an injudicious manner.

He instructed and fed the crowds who surrounded him.

Sidney was one of the wisest and most active governors, whom Ireland had enjoyed for several years.

He was the ablest minister whom James ever possessed.

The court, who gives currency to manners, ought to be exemplary.

The child whom we have just seen, is wholesomely fed, and not injured by bandages or clothing.

Having once disgusted him, he could never regain the favour of Nero, who was indeed another name for cruelty.

Flattery, whose nature is to deceive and betray, should be avoided as the poisonous adder.

The king dismissed his minister without any inquiry; who had never before committed so unjust an action.

There are millions of people, in the empire of China, whose support is derived almost entirely from rice.

It is remarkable his continual endeavours to serve us, notwithstanding our ingratitude.

Ah! unhappy thee, who art deaf to the calls of duty, and of honour.

RULE VI.

The relative is the nominative case to the verb, when no other nominative comes between it and the verb: as, "The master who taught us;" "The trees which are planted." But when another nominative comes between it and the verb, the relative is governed by some word in its own member of the sentence: as, "He who preserves me, to whom I owe my being, whose I am, and whom I serve, is eternal." Gram. p. 115.

We are dependent on each other's assistance: whom is there that can subsist by himself?

If he will not hear his best friend, whom shall be sent to admonish him?

They, who much is given to, will have much to answer for.

It is not to be expected that they, whom, in early life, have been dark and deceitful, should afterwards become fair and ingenuous.

They who have laboured to make us wise and good, are the persons who we ought to love and respect, and who we ought to be grateful to.

The persons, who conscience and virtue support, may smile at the caprices of fortune.

From the character of those who you associate with, your own will be estimated.

That is the student who I gave the book to, and whom, I am persuaded, deserves it.

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RULE VII.

When the relative is preceded by two nominatives of different persons, the relative and verb may agree in person with either: as, "I am the man who command you," or "I am the man who commands you." But the latter nominative is usually preferred. Gram. p. 116.

I acknowledge that I am the person, who adopt that sentiment, and maintains the propriety of such measures.

Thou art the friend that hast often relieved me, and that has not deserted me now in the time of peculiar need.

I am the man who approves of wholesome discipline, and who recommend it to others: but I am not a person who promotes useless severity, or who object to mild and generous treatment.

I perceive that thou art a pupil, who possesses bright parts, but who has cultivated them but little.

Thou art he who breathest on the earth with the breath of spring, and who covereth it with verdure and beauty.

I am the Lord thy God, who teacheth thee to profit, and who lead thee by the way thou shouldst go.

RULE VIII.

The pronominal adjectives this and that, &c. and the numbers one, two, &c. must agree in number with their substantives: as, "This book, these books; that

sort, those sorts; one girl, ten girls; another road, other roads." Gram. p. 117.

These kind of indulgences soften and injure the mind.

Instead of improving yourselves, you have been playing this two hours.

Those sort of favours did real injury, under the appearance of kindness.

The chasm made by the earthquake was twenty foot broad, and one hundred fathom in depth.

How many a sorrow should we avoid, if we were not industrious to make them.

He saw one or more persons enter the garden.

Charles was extravagant, and by this mean became poor and despicable.

This person embraced every opportunity to display his talents; and by these means rendered himself ridiculous.

Joseph was industrious, frugal, and discreet, and by this means obtained property and reputation.

The examples which follow, are suited to the notes and observations under RULE VIII.

Each of them, in their turn, receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

My counsel to each of you is, that you should make it your endeavour to come to a friendly agreement.

By discussing what relates to each particular, in their order, we shall better understand the subject.

Every person, whatever be their station, are bound by the duties of morality and religion.

Every leaf, every twig, every drop of water, teem with life.

Whatever he undertakes, either his pride or his folly disgust us.

Neither of those men seem to have any idea, that their opinions may be ill-founded.

When benignity and gentleness reign within, we are always least in hazard from without: every person, and every occurrence, are beheld in the most favourable light.

On either side of the river was there the tree of life.

She works neat, speaks distinct, and reads accurate.

He was extreme prodigal, and his property is now near exhausted.

They generally succeeded; for they lived conformable to the rules of prudence.

We may reason very clear, and exceeding strong, without knowing that there is such a thing as a syllogism.

He came agreeable to his promise, and conducted himself suitable to the occasion.

He speaks very fluent, reads excellent, but does not think very coherent.

He behaved himself submissive, and was exceeding careful not to give offence.

They rejected the advice, and conducted themselves exceedingly indiscreetly.

He is a person of great abilities, and exceeding honesty; and is like to be a very useful member of the community.

The conspiracy was the easier discovered, from its being known to many.

Not being fully acquainted with the subject, he could affirm no stronger than he did.

He was so deeply impressed with the subject, that few could speak nobler upon it.

We may credit his testimony; for he says express, that he saw the transaction.

Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities.

From these favourable beginnings, we may hope for a soon and prosperous issue.

We should implant in the minds of youth, such seeds and principles of piety and virtue, as are likely to take soonest and deepest root.

'Tis more easier to build two chimneys than to maintain one.

The tongue is like a race-horse; which runs the faster the lesser weight it carries.

The pleasures of the understanding are more preferable than those of the imagination, or of sense.

The nightingale sings: her's is the most sweetest voice in the grove.

The Most Highest hath created us for his glory, and our own happiness.

The Supreme Being is the most wisest, the most powerfulest, and the most best of beings.

Virtue confers the most supreme dignity on man; and should be his chiefest desire.

His assertion was more true than that of his opponent; nay, the latter's words were most untrue.

His work is perfect; his brother's more perfect; and his father's the most perfect of all.

A talent of this kind would, perhaps, prove the likeliest of any other to succeed.

He is the strongest of the two, but not the wisest.

He spoke with so much propriety, that I understood him the best of all the others, who spoke on the subject.

Eve was the fairest of all her daughters.

Religion raises men above themselves; irreligion sinks them beneath the brutes: that binds them down to a poor pitiable speck of perishable earth; this opens for them a prospect to the skies.

More rain falls in the first two summer months, than in the first two winter ones: but it makes a much greater show upon the earth in those than in these; because it lies longer upon it.

Rex and Tyrannus are of very different characters. The one rules his people by laws to which they consent; the other, by his absolute will and power: this is called freedom, that, tyranny.

He spoke in a distinct enough manner to be heard by the whole assembly.

Thomas is equipped with a new pair of shoes, and a new pair of gloves: he is the servant of an old rich man.

The two first in the row are cherry-trees, the two others are pear-trees.

RULE IX.

The article a or an agrees with nouns in the singular number only, individually or collectively: as, "A Christian, an Infidel, a score, a thousand."

The definite article the may agree with nouns in the singular or plural number: as, "The garden, the houses, the stars." Gram. p. 122.

The fire, the air, the earth, and the water, are four elements of the philosophers.

Reason was given to a man to control his passions.

We have within us an intelligent principle, distinct from body and from matter.

A man is the noblest work of creation.

Wiseest and best men sometimes commit errors.

Beware of drunkenness: it impairs understanding, wastes an estate, destroys a reputation, consumes the body, and renders the man of the brightest parts the common jest of the meanest clown.

He is a much better writer than a reader.

The king has conferred on him the title of a duke.

There are some evils of life, which equally affect prince and people.

We must act our part with a constancy, though reward of our constancy be distant.

We are placed here under a trial of our virtue.

The virtues like his are not easily acquired. Such qualities honour the nature of a man.

Purity hath its seat in the heart; but extends its influence over so much of outward conduct, as to form the great and material part of a character.

The profligate man is seldom or never found to be the good husband, the good father, or the beneficent neighbour.

True charity is not the meteor, which occasionally glares; but the luminary, which, in its orderly and regular course, dispenses benignant influence.

The following sentences exemplify the notes and observations under RULE IX.

He has been much censured for conducting himself with a little attention to his business.

So bold a breach of order, called for little severity in punishing the offender.

His error was accompanied with so little contrition and candid acknowledgment, that he found a few persons to intercede for him.

There were so many mitigating circumstances attending his misconduct, particularly that of his

open confession, that he found few friends who were disposed to interest themselves in his favour.

As his misfortunes were the fruit of his own obstinacy, a few persons pitied him.

The fear of shame, and desire of approbation, prevent many bad actions.

In this business, he was influenced by a just and generous principle.

He was fired with desire of doing something, though he knew not yet, with distinctness, either end or means.

At worst, I could but incur a gentle reprimand.

At best, his gift was but a poor offering, when we consider his estate.

RULE X.

One substantive governs another signifying a different thing, in the possessive or genitive case: as, "My father's house;" "Man's happiness;" "Virtue's reward." Gram. p. 124.

Thy ancestors virtue is not thine.

Thy fathers offence will not condemn thee.

I will not destroy the city for ten sake.

Nevertheless, Aſa his heart was perfect with the Lord,

A mothers tenderness and a fathers care, are natures gifts' for mans advantage.

A mans manner's frequently influence his fortune.

Wisdoms precepts' are the good boys greatest delight.

The following examples are adapted to the notes and observations under RULE X.

It was the men's, women's, and children's lot to suffer great calamities.

Peter's, John's, and Andrew's occupation was that of fishermen.

Moses rod was turned into a serpent.

And he cast himself down at Jesus feet.

For Herodias sake, his brother Philips wife.

They very justly condemned the prodigal's, as he was called, senseless and extravagant conduct.

I bought the knives at Johnson's the cutler's.

The silk was purchased at Brown's the mercer's and huberdasher's.

Lord Feverham the general's tent.

The world's government is not left to chance.

She married my son's wife's brother.

This is my wife's brother's partner's house.

It was necessary to have both the physician's and the surgeon's advice.

This picture of the king's does not much resemble him.

These pictures of the king were sent to him from Italy.

It is a prerogative of the king's, which cannot be disputed.

What can be the cause of the parliament neglecting so important a business?

Much depends on this rule being observed.

The time of William making the experiment, at length arrived.

It is very probable that this assembly was called, to clear some doubt which the king had, about the lawfulness of the Hollanders their throwing off the monarchy of Spain, and their withdrawing, for good and all, their allegiance to that crown.

RULE XI.

Active verbs govern the objective case: as, "Truth ennobles her;" "She comforts me;" "They support us;" "Virtue rewards them that follow her." Gram. p. 127.

They who opulence has made proud, and who luxury has corrupted, cannot relish the simple pleasures of nature.

Ye have reason to dread his wrath, which one day will destroy ye both.

Who have I reason to love so much as this friend of my youth?

Ye, who were dead, hath he quickened.

Who did they entertain so freely?

The man who he raised from obscurity is dead.

Ye only have I known, of all the families of the earth.

He and they we know, but who art thou?

She that is idle and mischievous, reprove sharply.

Who didst thou send to him on such an important errand.

That is the friend who you must receive cordially, and who you cannot esteem too highly.

He invited my brother and I to see and examine his library.

He who committed the offence, thou shouldst correct, not I who am innocent.

We should fear and obey the Author of our being, even He who has power to reward or punish us for ever.

Whatever others do, let thou and I perform our duty.

The examples which follow, are suited to the notes and observations under RULE XI.

Though he takes pleasure now, he will one day repent him of such unwarrantable indulgences.

The nearer his virtues approached him to the great example before him, the humbler he grew.

It will be very difficult to agree his conduct with the principles he professes.

To ingratiate with some, by traducing others, marks a base and despicable mind.

I shall premise with two or three general observations:

If such maxims, and such practices prevail, what has become of decency and virtue?

I have come according to the time proposed; but I have fallen upon an evil hour.

The mighty rivals are now at length agreed.

The influence of his corrupt example was then entirely ceased.

He was entered into the connexion, before the consequences were considered.

Well may ye be afraid; it is him indeed.

I would act the same part if I were him, or in his situation.

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are them which testify of me.

Be composed, It is me; you have no cause for fear.

I cannot tell who has befriended me, except it be him from whom I have received many benefits.

I know not whether it were them who conducted the business; but I am certain it was not him.

He so much resembled my brother, that, at first sight, I took it to be he.

RULE XII.

One verb governs another that follows it, or depends upon it, in the infinitive mode: as, "Cease to do evil; learn to do well." We should be prepared to render an account of our actions." Gram. p. 129.

It is better live on a little, than outlive a great deal.

Ye ought not walk too hastily.

I wish him not wrestle with his happiness.

I need not to solicit him to do a kind action.

I dare not to proceed so hastily, lest I should give offence.

I have seen some young persons to conduct themselves very discreetly.

The following sentences exemplify the notes and observations under RULE XII.

It is a great support to virtue, when we see a good mind to maintain its patience and tranquillity, under injuries and affliction, and to cordially forgive its oppressors.

It is the difference of their conduct, which makes us to approve the one, and to reject the other.

We should not be like many persons, to depreciate the virtues we do not possess.

To see young persons who are courted by health and pleasure, to resist all the allurements of vice,

and to steadily pursue virtue and knowledge, is cheering and delightful to every good mind.

They acted with so much reserve, that some persons doubted them to be sincere.

And the multitude wondered, when they saw the lame to walk, and the blind to see.

RULE XIII.

In the use of verbs and words that, in point of time, relate to each other, the order of time must be observed. Instead of saying, "The Lord hath given, and the Lord hath taken away;" we should say, "The Lord gave," &c. Instead of, "I remember him these many years;" it should be, "I have remembered him," &c. Gram. p. 130.

The next new year's day, I shall be at school three years.

And he that was dead, sat up, and began to speak.

I should be obliged to him, if he will gratify me in that particular.

And the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame walk, and the blind seeing.

I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days.

In the treasury belonging to the Cathedral in this city, is preserved with the greatest veneration, for upwards of six hundred years, a dish which they pretend to be made of emerald.

The court of Rome gladly laid hold on all the

opportunities, which the imprudence, weakness, or necessities of princes afford it, to extend its authority.

Fierce as he mov'd, his silver shafts resound.

The following examples are adapted to the notes and observations under RULE XIII.

They maintained that scripture conclusion, that all mankind rise from one head.

John will earn his wages, when his service is completed.

Ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life.

Be that as it will, he cannot justify his conduct.

I have been at London a twelve month, and seen the king last summer.

After we visited London, we returned, content and thankful, to our retired and peaceful habitation.

I purpose to go to London in a few months, and after I shall finish my business there, to proceed to America.

These prosecutions of William, seem to be the most iniquitous measures pursued by the court, during the time that the use of parliaments was suspended.

From the little conversation I had with him, he appeared to have been a man of letters.

I always intended to have rewarded my son according to his merit.

It would have given me great satisfaction, to relieve him from that distressed situation.

It required so much care, that I thought I should have lost it before I reached home.

We have done no more than it was our duty to have done.

He would have assisted one of his friends, if he could do it without injuring the other; but as that could not have been done, he avoided all interference.

Must it not be expected, that he would have defended an authority, which had been so long exercised without controversy?

These enemies of Christianity were confounded, whilst they were expecting to have found an opportunity to have betrayed its author.

His sea-sickness was so great, that I often feared he would have died before our arrival.

If these persons had intended to deceive, they would have taken care to have avoided, what would expose them to the objections of their opponents.

It was a pleasure to have received his approbation of my labours.

It would have afforded me still greater pleasure, to receive his approbation at an earlier period: but to receive it at all, was a credit to me.

To be censured by him, would have proved an insuperable discouragement.

Him portion'd maids, apprentic'd orphans, blest,
The young who labour, and the old who rest.

RULE XIV.

Participles govern words, in the same manner as the verbs do from which they are derived: as, "I am weary

with hearing him ;” “ She is instructing us ;” “ He was admonishing them.” Gram. p. 132.

Esteeming themselves wise, they became fools.

Suspecting not only ye, but they also, I was studious to avoid all intercourse.

I could not avoid considering, in some degree, they as enemies to me; and thou, as a suspicious friend.

From having exposed himself too freely, in different climates, he entirely lost his health.

The examples which follow, are suited to the notes and observations under RULE XIV.

By observing of truth, thou wilt command esteem, as well as secure peace.

He prepared them for this event, by the sending to them proper information.

A person may be great or rich by chance; but never wise or good, without the taking pains for it.

Nothing could have made her so unhappy, as the marrying a man who possessed such bad principles.

The changing times and seasons, the removing and setting up kings, belong to providence alone.

The middle station of life, seems to be the most advantageously situated for gaining of wisdom. Poverty turns our thoughts too much upon the supplying our wants; and riches, upon the enjoying our superfluities.

By too eager pursuit, he run a great risk of being disappointed.

He had not long enjoyed repose, before he begun to be weary of having nothing to do.

He was greatly heated, and drunk with avidity.

Though his conduct was, in some respects, exceptionable, yet he dared not commit so great an offence, as that which was proposed to him.

A second deluge learning thus o'errun;

And the monks finish'd what the Goths begun.

If some events had not fell out very unexpectedly, I should have been present.

He would have went with us, had he been invited.

He returned the goods which he had stole, and made all the reparation in his power.

They have chose the part of honour and virtue.

His vices have weakened his mind, and broke his health.

He had mistook his true interest, and found himself forsook by his former adherents.

The bread that has been eat is soon forgot.

No contentions have arose amongst them, since their reconciliation.

The cloth had no seam, but was wove throughout.

The French language is spoke in every state in Europe.

His resolution was too strong to be shook by slight opposition.

He was not much restrained afterwards, having took improper liberties at first.

He has not yet wore off the rough manners, which he brought with him.

You who have forsook your friends, are entitled to no confidence.

They who have bore a part in the labour, shall share the rewards.

When the rules have been wantonly broke, there can be no plea for favour.

He writes as the best authors would have wrote, had they writ on the same subject.

He heapt up great riches, but past his time miserably.

He talkt and stampt with such vehemence, that he was suspected to be insane.

RULE XV.

Ad-verbs, though they have no government of case, tense, &c. require an appropriate situation in the sentence, viz. for the most part before adjectives, after verbs active or neuter, and frequently between the auxiliary and the verb: as, "He made a very sensible discourse, he spake unaffectedly and forcibly, and was attentively heard by the whole audience." Gram. p. 134.

From whence we may date likewise the period of this event.

It cannot be impertinent or ridiculous therefore to remonstrate.

He offered an apology, which being not admitted, he became submissive.

These things should be never separated.

Unless he have more government of himself, he will be always discontented.

Never sovereign was so much beloved by the people.

He was determined to invite back the king, and to call together his friends.

So well educated a boy gives great hopes to his friends.

Not only he found her employed, but pleased and tranquil also.

We always should prefer our duty to our pleasure.

It is impossible continually to be at work.

The heavenly bodies are in motion perpetually.

Having not known, or having not considered, the measures proposed, he failed of success.

My opinion was given upon rather a cursory perusal of the book.

It is too common with mankind, to be engrossed, and overcome totally, by present events.

When the Romans were pressed with a foreign enemy, the women contributed all their rings and jewels voluntarily, to assist the government.

The following sentences exemplify the notes and observations under RULE XV.

They could not persuade him, though they were never so eloquent.

If some persons' opportunities were never so favourable, they are too indolent to improve them.

He drew up a petition, where he too freely represented his own merits.

His follies had reduced him to a situation, where he had much to fear, and nothing to hope.

Charles left the feminary too early, since when he has made very little improvement.

Nothing is better worth the while of young persons, than the acquisition of knowledge and virtue.

RULE XVI.

Two negatives, in English, destroy one another, or are equivalent to an affirmative: as, "Nor did they not perceive him; that is, "they did perceive him." "Never shall I not confess;" that is, "I shall never avoid confessing;" or, "I shall always confess." But it is better to express an affirmation by a regular affirmative, than by two negatives. Gram. p. 136.

Neither riches nor honours, nor no such perishing goods, can satisfy the desires of an immortal spirit.

Be honest, nor take no shape nor semblance of disguise.

We need not, nor do not, confine his operations to narrow limits.

I cannot comply with the proposal, neither at present, nor at any other time.

There cannot be nothing more insignificant than vanity.

Nothing never affected her so much as this misconduct of her child.

Do not interrupt me thyself, nor let no one disturb my retirement.

These people do not judge wisely, nor take no proper measures to effect their purpose.

The measure is so exceptionable, that we cannot by no means permit it.

I have received no information on the subject, neither from him, nor from his friend.

Precept nor discipline is not so forcible as example.

The king nor the queen were not at all deceived in the business.

RULE XVII.

Prepositions govern the objective case: as, "I have heard a good character of him." "From him that is needy, turn not away;" "A word to the wise is sufficient for them;" "Strength of mind is with them that are pure in heart." Gram. p. 137.

We are all accountable creatures, each for his self.

They willingly, and of themselves, endeavoured to make up the difference.

He laid the suspicion upon somebody, I know not who, in the company.

I hope it is not I who thou art displeased with.

To poor we there is not much hope remaining.

Does that boy know who he speaks to? Who does he offer such language to?

It was not he that they were so angry with.

What concord can subsist between those who commit crimes, and they who abhor them?

The person, who I travelled with, has sold the horse which he rode on during our journey.

It is not I thou art engaged with.

Who didst thou receive that intelligence from?

The following examples are adapted to the notes and observations under RULE XVII.

To have no one whom we heartily wish well to, and whom we are warmly concerned for, is a deplorable state.

He is a friend whom I am highly indebted to.

On these occasions, the pronoun is governed by, and consequently agrees with, the preceding word.

They were refused entrance into, and forcibly driven from, the house.

We are often disappointed of things, which, before possession, promised much enjoyment.

I have frequently desired their company, but have always hitherto been disappointed in that pleasure.

She finds a difficulty of fixing her mind.

Her sobriety is no derogation to her understanding.

There was no water, and he died for thirst.

We can fully confide on none but the truly good.

I have no occasion of his services.

Many have profited from good advice.

Many ridiculous practices are at present brought in vogue.

The error was occasioned by compliance to earnest entreaty.

This is a principle that is consonant with our nature.

We should entertain no prejudices to simple and rustic persons.

They are at present resolved of doing their duty.

That boy is known under the name of the Idler.

Though conformable with custom, it is not warrantable.

This remark is founded in truth.

His parents think on him, and his improvements, with pleasure and hope.

His excuse was admitted of by his master.

What went ye out for to see?

There appears to have been a million men brought into the field.

His present was accepted of by his friends.

More than a thousand of men were destroyed.

It is my request, that he will be particular in speaking to the following points.

The Saxons reduced the greatest part of Britain to their own power.

He lives opposite the Royal Exchange.

Their house is situated to the north-east side of the road.

The performance was approved of by all who understood it.

He was accused with having acted unfairly.

She has an abhorrence to all deceitful conduct.

They were some distance from home, when the accident happened.

His deportment was adapted for conciliating regard.

My father writes me very frequently.

Their conduct was agreeable with their profession.

We went leisurely above stairs, and came hastily below. We shall write up stairs this forenoon, and down stairs in the afternoon.

The politeness of the world has the same resemblance with benevolence, that the shadow has with the substance.

He had a taste of such studies, and pursued them earnestly.

When we have had a true taste for the pleasures of virtue, we can have no relish of those of vice.

How happy is it to know how to live at times by one's self, to leave one's self in regret, to find one's self again with pleasure! The world then is less necessary for us.

Civility makes its way among every kind of persons.

I have been to London, after having resided a year at France; and I now live in Islington.

RULE XVIII.

Conjunctions connect the same modes and tenses of verbs, and cases of nouns and pronouns: as, " Candour is to be approved and practised;" " If thou sincerely desire, and earnestly pursue virtue, she will assuredly be found by thee, and prove a rich reward;" " The master taught her and

me to write ;” “ He and she were school-fellows.”
Gram. p. 142.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar.

Did he not tell thee his fault, and entreated thee to forgive him?

My brother and him are tolerable grammarians.

If he understands the subject, and attend to it industriously, he can scarcely fail of success.

You and us enjoy many privileges.

If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them is gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

She and him are very unhappily connected.

To be moderate in our views, and proceeding temperately in the pursuit of them, is the best way to ensure success.

Between thee and I there is some disparity of years; but none between him and she.

By forming themselves on fantastic models, and ready to vie with one another in the reigning follies, the young begin with being ridiculous, and end in being vicious and immoral.

We have met with many disappointments; and, if life continue, shall probably meet with many more.

Rank may confer influence, but will not necessarily produce virtue.

He does not want courage, but is defective in sensibility.

These people have indeed acquired great riches, but do not command esteem.

Our season of improvement is short ; and, whether used or not, will soon pass away.

He might have been happy, and is now fully convinced of it.

Learning strengthens the mind ; and, if properly applied, would improve our morals too.

RULE XIX.

Some conjunctions require the indicative, some the subjunctive mode, after them. It is a general rule, that when something contingent or doubtful is implied, the subjunctive ought to be used : as, “ If I were to write, he would not regard it ;” “ He will not be pardoned, unless he repent.”

Conjunctions that are of a positive and absolute nature, require the indicative mode. “ As virtue advances, so vice recedes ;” “ He is healthy, because he is temperate.” Gram. p. 143.

If an untaught person chances to think right, he knows not how to convey his thoughts accurately to another.

Though he urges me yet more earnestly, I shall not comply, unless he advances more forcible reasons.

I shall walk in the fields to-day, unless it rains.

As the governess were present, the children behaved decently.

She disapproved the measure, because it were very improper.

His confused behaviour, made it reasonable to suppose that he were guilty.

The examples which follow, are suited to the notes and observations, under RULE XIX.

It would be well, if the report was only the misrepresentation of her enemies.

Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down.

Was he ever so great and opulent, this conduct would debase him.

Though he were thy friend, he did not attempt to justify thy conduct.

Unless he learns faster, he will be no scholar.

Though the house be small, it is very convenient.

I have laboured and wearied myself, that thou mayst be at ease.

He enlarged on those dangers, that thou mightst avoid them.

Despise not any condition, lest it happens to be thy own.

Let him that is sanguine, take heed lest he miscarries.

If he does but intimate his desire, it is sufficient to prompt obedience.

Take care that thou breakest not any of the established rules.

Though he be high, he hath respect to the lowly.

Though I was perfect, yet would I not presume.

On condition that he comes, I will consent to stay.

However that affair terminates, my conduct will be unimpeachable.

Though the fact be extraordinary, it certainly did happen.

Was I to enumerate all her virtues, it would look like flattery.

O! that his heart was tender, and susceptible of the woes of others.

Remember what thou wert, and be humble.

Shall then this verse to future age pretend,

Thou wert my guide, philosopher, and friend?

If a man prefer a life of industry, it is because he has an idea of comfort in wealth; if he prefers a life of gaiety, it is from a like idea concerning pleasure.

No one engages in that business, unless he be a great gainer by it, or hopes for some singular advantage.

Though the design be laudable, and is favourable to our interest, it will involve much anxiety and labour.

Neither the cold or the fervid, but characters uniformly warm, are formed for friendship.

They are both praiseworthy, and one is equally deserving as the other.

He is not as diligent and learned as his brother.

I will present it to him myself, or direct it to be given to him.

Neither despise or oppose what thou dost not understand.

The house is not as commodious as we expected it would be.

I must, however, be so candid to own I have been mistaken.

There was something so amiable, and yet so piercing in his look, as affected me at once with love and terror.

—————“ I gain’d a son ;

“ And such a son, as all men hail’d me happy.”

The dog in the manger would not eat the hay himself, nor suffer the ox to eat it.

As far as I am able to judge, the book is well written.

We should faithfully perform the trust committed to us, or ingenuously relinquish the charge.

He is not as eminent, and as much esteemed, as he thinks himself to be.

The work is a dull performance; and is neither capable of pleasing the understanding, or the imagination.

There is no condition so secure, as cannot admit of change.

This is an event, which nobody presumes upon, or is so sanguine to hope for.

We are generally pleased with any little accomplishments of body or mind.

Be ready to succour such persons who need thy assistance.

The matter was no sooner proposed, but he privately withdrew to consider it.

He has too much sense and prudence than to become a dupe to such artifices.

It is not sufficient that our conduct, as far as it respects others, appears to be unexceptionable.

The resolution was not the less fixed, that the secret was as yet communicated to very few.

He opposed the most remarkable corruptions of the church of Rome, so as that his doctrines were embraced by great numbers.

He gained nothing farther by his speech, but only to be commended for his eloquence.

He has little more of the scholar besides the name.

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They had no sooner risen, but they applied themselves to their studies.

From no other institution, besides the admirable one of juries, could so great a benefit be expected.

Those savage people seemed to have no other element but war.

Such men that act treacherously ought to be avoided.

Germany ran the same risk as Italy had done.

No errors are so trivial, but they deserve to be mended.

RULE XX.

When the qualities of different things are compared, the latter noun or pronoun is not governed by the conjunction than or as, (for conjunctions have no government of cases) but agrees with the verb, or is governed by the verb or the preposition, expressed or understood: as, "Thou art wiser than I;" that is, "than I am."

“They loved him more than me;” that is, “more than they loved me.” “The sentiment is well expressed by Plato, but much better by Solomon than him; that is, “than by him.” Gram. p. 148.

In some respects, we have had as many advantages as them; but in the article of a good library, they have had a greater privilege than us.

The undertaking was much better executed by his brother than he.

They are much greater gainers than me by this unexpected event.

They know how to write as well as him; but he is a much better grammarian than them.

Though she is not so learned as him, she is as much beloved and respected.

These people, though they possess more shining qualities, are not so proud as him, nor so vain as her.

The following examples are adapted to the notes and observations under RULE XX.

Who betrayed her companion? Not me.

Who revealed the secrets he ought to have concealed? Not him.

Who related falsehoods to screen herself, and to bring an odium upon others? Not me; it was her.

There is but one in fault, and that is me.

Whether he will be learned or no, must depend on his application.

RULE XXI.

To avoid disagreeable repetitions, and to express our ideas in few words, an ellipsis, or omission of some words,

is frequently admitted: but when this would obscure the sentence, weaken its force, or be attended with an impropriety, the ellipsis must be supplied. ' Instead of saying, " He was a learned man, he was a wise man, and he was a good man;" we make use of the ellipsis and say, " He was a learned, wise, and good man." In the phrase, " Any two men used to think with freedom;" the words " who are" should have been supplied. " A beautiful field and trees," is not proper language. It should be " Beautiful fields and trees," or " A beautiful field and fine trees. Gram. p. 149.

I gladly shunn'd who gladly fled from me.

And this is it men mean by distributive justice, and is properly termed equity,

His honour, interest, religion, were all embarked in this undertaking.

When so good a man as Socrates fell a victim to the madness of the people, truth, virtue, religion, fell with him.

The fear of death, nor hope of life, could make him submit to a dishonest action.

An elegant house and furniture were, by this event, irrecoverably lost to the owner.

The examples which follow, are suited to the notes and observations under RULE XXI.

These rules are addressed to none but the intelligent and the attentive.

The gay and the pleasing are, sometimes, the most insidious, and the most dangerous companions.

Old age will prove a joyless and a dreary season, if

we arrive at it with an unimproved, or with a corrupted mind.

The more I see of his conduct, I like him better.

It is not only the duty, but interest of young persons, to be studious and diligent.

These counsels were the dictates of virtue, and the dictates of true honour.

Avarice and cunning may acquire an estate; but avarice and cunning cannot gain friends.

A taste for useful knowledge, will provide for us a great and noble entertainment, when others leave us.

Without firmness, nothing that is great can be undertaken; that is difficult or hazardous, can be accomplished.

The anxious man is the votary of riches; the negligent, of pleasure.

His crimes had brought him into extreme distress, and extreme perplexity.

He has an affectionate brother, and an affectionate sister; and they live in great harmony.

We must guard against either too great severity, or facility of manners.

We should often recollect what the wisest men have said and written, concerning human happiness and vanity.

That species of commerce will produce great gain or loss.

Many days, and even weeks, pass away unimproved.

This wonderful action struck the beholders with exceeding astonishment.

The people of this country possess a healthy climate and soil.

They enjoy also a free constitution and laws.

His reputation and his estate were both lost by gaming.

This intelligence not only excited our hopes, but fears too.

His conduct is not scandalous; and that is the best can be said of it.

This was the person whom calumny had greatly abused, and sustained the injustice with singular patience.

He discovered some qualities in the youth, of a disagreeable nature, and to him were wholly unaccountable.

The captain had several men died in his ship, of the scurvy,

He is not only sensible and learned, but is religious too.

The Chinese language contains an immense number of words; and who would learn them must possess a great memory.

By presumption and by vanity, we provoke enmity, and we incur contempt.

In the circumstances I was at that time, my troubles pressed heavily upon me.

He has destroyed his constitution, by the very same errors that so many have been destroyed.

He is temperate, he is disinterested, he is benevolent; he is an ornament to his family, and a credit to his profession.

Genuine virtue supposes our benevolence to be strengthened, and to be confirmed by principle.

Perseverance in laudable pursuits, will reward all our toils, and will produce effects beyond our calculation.

It is happy for us, when we can calmly and deliberately look back on the past, and can quietly anticipate the future.

The sacrifices of virtue will not only be rewarded hereafter, but recompensed even in this life.

All those possessed of any office, resigned their former commission.

If young persons were determined to conduct themselves by the rules of virtue, not only would they escape innumerable dangers, but command respect from the licentious themselves.

Charles was a man of learning, knowledge, and benevolence; and, what is still more, a true Christian.

The temper of him who is always in the bustle of the world, will be often ruffled, and be often disturbed.

We often commend imprudently as well as censure imprudently.

How a seed grows up into a tree, and the mind

acts upon the body, are mysteries which we cannot explain.

Verily, there is a reward for the righteous! There is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Changes are almost continually taking place, in men and in manners, in opinions and in customs, in private fortunes and public conduct.

Averse either to contradict or blame, the too complaisant man goes along with the manners that prevail.

By this habitual indelicacy, the virgins smiled at what they blushed before.

They are now reconciled to what they could not formerly be prompted, by any considerations.

Censure is the tax a man pays the public for being eminent.

Had I but served my Creator, with half the zeal I served my king, he would not have deserted me in my old age.

In all stations and conditions, the important relations take place, of masters and servants, and husbands and wives, and parents and children, and brothers and friends, and citizens and subjects.

Destitute of principle, he regarded neither his family, nor his friends, nor his reputation.

Religious persons are often unjustly represented as persons of romantic character, visionary notions, unacquainted with the world, unfit to live in it.

No rank, station, dignity of birth, possessions, exempt men from contributing their share to public utility.

Oh, my father! Oh, my friend! how great has been my ingratitude!

Oh, Piety! Virtue! how insensible have I been to your charms!

That is a property most men have, or at least may attain.

Why do ye that, which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?

The shew-bread, which is not lawful to eat, but for the priests alone.

RULE XXII.

All the parts of a sentence should correspond to each other, and a regular and dependent construction, throughout, be carefully preserved. The following sentence is therefore inaccurate: "He was more beloved, but not so much admired, as Cinthio" More requires than after it, which is nowhere found in the sentence. It should be, "He was more beloved than Cinthio, but not so much admired."

Several alterations and additions have been made to the work.

The first proposal was essentially different, and inferior to the second.

He is more bold and active, but not so wise and studious, as his companion.

Thou hearest the sound of the wind, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth.

Neither has he, nor any other persons, suspected so much dissimulation.

The court of France, or England, was to have been the umpire.

In the reign of Henry II. all foreign commodities were plenty in England.

There is no talent so useful towards success in business, or which puts men more out of the reach of accidents, than that quality generally possessed by persons of cool temper, and is, in common language, called discretion.

The first project was to shorten discourse, by cutting polysyllables into one.

I shall do all I can, to persuade others to take the same measures for their cure which I have.

The greatest masters of critical learning differ among one another.

Micaiah said, if thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the Lord spoken by me.

I do not suppose, that we Britons want a genius, more than the rest of our neighbours.

The deaf man, whose ears were opened, and his tongue loosened, doubtless glorified the great Physician.

Groves, fields, and meadows, are, at any season of the year, pleasant to look upon; but never so much as in the opening of the spring.

The multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace.

The intentions of some of these philosophers, nay of many, might and probably were good.

It is an unanswerable argument of a very refined age, the wonderful civilities that have passed between the nation of authors, and that of readers

It was an unsuccessful undertaking; which, although it has failed, is no objection at all to an enterprise so well concerted.

The reward is his due, and it has already, or will hereafter be given to him.

By intercourse with wise and experienced persons, who know the world, we may improve and rub off the rust of a private and retired education.

Sincerity is as valuable, and even more valuable, than knowledge.

No person was ever so perplexed, or sustained the mortifications, as he has done to-day.

The Romans gave, not only the freedom of the city, but capacity for employments, to several towns in Gaul, Spain, and Germany.

The constable neither opened his gates to them, nor did the Duke of Burgundy bring him the smallest assistance.

Whatever we do secretly shall be displayed and heard in the clearest light.

To the happiness of possessing a person of such uncommon merit, Boethius soon had the satisfaction of obtaining the highest honour his country could bestow.

CHAP. II.

Containing instances of false Syntax, promiscuously arranged.

Section I.

Virtue and mutual confidence is the soul of friendship. Where these are wanting, disgust or hatred often follow little differences.

Time and chance happeneth to all men; but every person do not perceive whom it is that govern those powerful causes.

The active mind of man never or seldom rests satisfied with their present condition, howsoever prosperous.

Habits must be acquired of temperance and of self-denial, that we may be able to resist pleasure, and to endure pain, when either of them interfere with our duty.

The error of resting wholly on faith, or on works, is one of those seductions which most easily misleads men; under the semblance of piety, on the one hand, and of virtue on the other hand.

It was no exaggerated tale; for she was really in that sad condition, that her friend represented her.

An army present a painful sight to a feeling mind.

The enemies who we have most to fear, are those of our own hearts.

Thou art the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world, and hast been so long promised and desired.

Thomas disposition is better than his brothers; and he appears to be the happiest man: but some degree of trouble is all mens portion.

Though remorse sleep sometimes during prosperity, it will awake surely in adversity.

It is an invariable law to our present condition, that every pleasure that are pursued to excess, convert themselves into poison.

If a man brings into the solitary retreat of age a vacant, an unimproved mind, where no knowledge dawns, no ideas rise, which within itself has nothing to feed upon, many a heavy, and many a comfortless day he must necessarily pass.

I cannot yield to such dishonourable conduct, neither at the present moment of difficulty, nor, I trust, under no circumstances whatever.

Themistocles concealed the enterprises of Pausanias, either thinking it base to betray the secrets trusted to his confidence, or imagined it impossible for such dangerous and ill-concerted schemes to take effect.

Pericles gained such an ascendant over the minds of the Athenians, that he might be said to attain a monarchical power in Athens.

Christ did applaud the liberality of the poor widow, who he had seen casting her two mites in the treasury.

A multiplicity of little kind offices, in persons frequently conversant with each other, is the bands of society and of friendship.

To do good to them that hate us, and, on no occasion, to seek revenge, is the duty of a Christian.

If a man professes a regard for the duties of religion, and neglect that of morality, that man's religion is vain.

Affluence might give us respect, in the eyes of the vulgar, but will not recommend us to the wise and good.

The polite, accomplished libertine, is but miserable amidst all his pleasures: the rude inhabitant of Lapland is happier than him.

The cheerful and the gay, when warmed by pleasure and by mirth, lose that sobriety and that self-denial, which is essential to the support of virtue.

I knew thou wert not slow to hear the requests of thy obedient children.

Seç. 2.

Reason's whole pleasure, all the joys of sense,

Lies in three words, health, peace, and competence.

Having thus began to throw off the restraints of reason, he was soon hurried into deplorable excesses.

These arts have enlightened, and will enlighten, every person who shall attentively study them.

When we succeed in our plans, it's not to be attributed always to ourselves; the aid of others often promote the end, and claim our acknowledgment.

Their intentions were good; but wanting prudence, they mist the mark for which they aimed.

I have not, nor shall not consent to a proposal so unjust.

We have subjected ourselves to much expense, that thou mayst be well educated.

This treaty was made at Earl Moreton the governors castle.

Be especially careful, that thou givest no offence to the aged or helpless.

The business was no sooner opened, but it was cordially acquiesced in.

As to his general conduct, he deserved punishment as much, or more, than his companion. He left a son of a singular character, and behaved so ill that he was put in prison.

If he does but approve my endeavours, it will be an ample reward.

I intended to have written the letter, before he urged me to it; and, therefore, he has not all the merit of it.

All the power of ridicule, aided by the desertion of friends, and the diminution of his estate, were not able to shake his principles.

In his conduct was treachery, and in his words, faithless professions.

Though the measure be mysterious, it is worthy of attention.

Be solicitous to aid such deserving persons, who appear to be destitute of friends.

Ignorance, or the want of light, produces sensuality, covetousness, and those violent contests with others about trifles, which occasions so much misery and crimes in the world.

He will one day reap the reward of his labour, if he is diligent and attentive. Until that period comes, let him be contented and patient.

What we have, upon due consideration, once

adopted as rules of conduct, to these let us adhere firmly.

He has little more of the great man besides the title.

Though he was my superior in knowledge, he would not have thence a right to impose his sentiments.

That picture of the Emperour's, is a very exact resemblance of him.

How happy are the virtuous, who can rest in the protection of the powerful arm, who made the earth and the heaven !

Prosperity and adversity may be improved equally : both the one and the other proceeds from the same author.

He acted conformable with his instructions, and cannot be censured justly.

The orators did not forget to enlarge themselves on so popular a subject.

The language of Divine Providence to the exertions of all human agents, is, " Hitherto shalt thou come and no farther."

Idle persons imagine, howsoever deficient they be in point of duty, they consult at least their own satisfaction.

Good as the cause is, it is one from which numbers are deserted.

Sect. 3.

Every thing that we here enjoy, change, decay, and come to an end. All float on the surface of the

river, which is running to a boundless ocean, with a swift current.

The winter has not been as severe as we expected it to have been.

Temperance, more than medicines, are the proper means of curing many diseases.

They understand the practical part better than him; but he is much better acquainted with the theory than them.

When we have once drawn the line, by intelligence and precision, between our duty and sin, the line we ought on no occasion to transgress.

All those distinguished by extraordinary talents, have extraordinary duties to perform.

No person could speak stronger on this subject, nor behave nobler, than our young advocate for the cause of toleration.

His conduct was so provoking, that many will condemn him, and a few will pity him.

The peoples happiness is the statesmans honour.

We are in a perilous situation. On one side, and the other, dangers meet us; and each extreme shall be pernicious to virtue.

Several pictures of the Sardinian king were transmitted to France.

When I last saw him, he had grown considerably.

If we consult the improvement of mind, or the health of body, it is well known exercise is the great instrument for promoting both.

If it were them who acted so ungratefully, they are doubly in fault.

Whether virtue promotes our interest or no, we must adhere to her dictates.

We should be studious to avoid too much indulgence, as well as restraint, in our management of children.

No human happiness is so complete, as does not contain some imperfection.

His father cannot hope for this success, unless his son be possessed of uncommon powers, or applies himself with indefatigable labour.

The house framed a remonstrance, where they spoke with great freedom of the king's prerogative.

The conduct which has been mentioned, is one of those artifices which seduces men most easily, under appearance of benevolence.

This is the person who we are so much obliged to, and who we expected to have seen, when the favour was conferred.

He is a person of great property, but does not possess the esteem of his neighbours.

They were solicitous to ingratiate with those, who it was dishonourable to favour.

The great diversity which takes place among men, is not owing to a distinction that nature made in their original powers, as much as to the superior diligence, with which some have improved those powers beyond others.

While we are unoccupied in what is good, evil is at hand continually.

Not a creature is there that moves, nor a vegetable that grows, but what, when minutely examined, furnish materials of pious admiration.

What can be the reason of the committee having delayed this business?

I know not whether Charles was the author, but I understood it to be he.

A good and well-cultivated mind, is far more preferable than rank or riches.

Charity to the poor, when it is governed by knowledge and prudence, there are no persons who will not admit it to be a virtue.

His greatest concern, and highest enjoyment, were to be approved in the sight of his Creator.

Sect. 4.

When we see bad men to be honoured and prosperous in the world, it is some discouragement to virtue.

The furniture was all purchased at Wentworth's the joiner's.

Every member of the body, every bone, joint, and muscle, lie exposed to many disorders; and the greatest prudence or precaution, or the deepest skill of the physician, are not sufficient to prevent them.

It is right said, that though faith justify us, yet works must justify our faith.

If an academy is established for the cultivation of our language, let them stop the license of translators; whose idleness and ignorance, if it be suffered to proceed, will reduce us to babble a dialect of French.

It is of great consequence that a teacher firmly believes, both the truth and importance, of those principles which he inculcates upon others; and that

he not only speculatively believes them, but has a lively and serious feeling of them.

It is not the uttering, or the hearing certain words, that constitute the worship of the Almighty. It is the heart that praises, or prays. If the heart accompanies not the words that are spoken, we offer a sacrifice of fools.

Neither flatter or condemn the rich, or the great.

He has travelled much, and passed through many stormy seas and lands.

You must be sensible, that there is, and can be, no other person but me, who could give the information desired.

To be patient, resigned, and thankful, under afflictions and disappointments, demonstrate genuine piety.

Alvarez was a man of corrupt principles, and of detestable conduct; and, what is still worse, gloried in his shame.

As soon as the sense of a Supreme Being is lost, so soon the great check is taken off which keep under restraint the passions of men. Mean desires, low pleasures, takes place of the greater and the nobler sentiments which reason and religion inspires.

We should be careful not to follow the example of many persons, to censure the opinions, manners, and customs of others, merely because they are foreign to us.

Steady application, as well as genius and abilities, are necessary to produce eminence.

There is, in that seminary, several students considerably skilled in mathematical knowledge.

If Providence clothe the grafs of the field, and shelters and adorns the flowers that every where grows wild amongst it, will he not clothe and protect his servants and children much more?

We are too often hurried with the violence of passion, or with the allurements of pleasure.

High hopes, and florid views, is a great enemy to tranquillity..

Year after year steal something from us; till the decaying fabric totters of itself, and crumbles at length into dust.

I intended to have finished the letter before the bearer called, that he might not have been detained; but I was prevented by company.

George is the most learned and accomplished of all the other students, that belong to the seminary.

This excellent and well-written treatise, with others that might be mentioned, were the foundation of his love of study.

Seç. 5.

Many would exchange gladly their honours, beauty, and riches, for that more quiet and humbler station, which thou art now dissatisfied with.

Though the scene was a very affecting one, Louis showed a little emotion on the occasion.

The climate of England is not so pleasant as those of France, Spain, or Italy.

Much of the good and evil that happens to us in this world, are owing to apparently undesigned and fortuitous events: but it is the Supreme Being which secretly directs and regulates all things.

To despise others on account of their poverty, or to value ourselves for our wealth, are dispositions highly culpable.

This task was the easier performed, from the cheerfulness with which he engaged in it.

She lamented the unhappy fate of Lucretia, who seemed to her another name for chastity.

He has not yet cast off all the regard for decency; and that is the most can be advanced in his favour.

The girls school was better conducted formerly, than the boys.

The disappointments he has met with, or the loss of his much-loved friend, has occasioned a total derangement of his mental powers.

The concourse of people were so great, that with difficulty we passed through them.

All the women, children, and treasure, which remained in the city, fell under the victor's power.

They have already made great progress in their studies, and, if attention and diligence continues, will soon fulfil the expectations of their friends.

It is amazing his propensity to this vice, against every principle of interest and honour.

These kind of vices, though they inhabit the upper circles of life, are not less pernicious, than those we meet with amongst the lowest of men.

He acted agreeable to the dictates of prudence, though he were in a situation exceeding delicate.

If I had known the distress of my friend, it would be my duty, and it certainly would have given me pleasure, to relieve him.

They admired the country-man's, as they called him, candour and uprightness.

The new set of curtains did not correspond to the old pair of blinds.

The tutor commends him for being more studious than any other pupils of the school.

Two principles in human nature reign ;

Self-love, to urge, and reason, to restrain :

Nor that a good, nor this a bad we call ;

Each works its end, to move or govern all.

Temperance and exercise, howsoever little they may be regarded, they are the best means of preserving health.

He has greatly blessed me ; yes, even I, who, loaded with kindness, hath not been sufficiently grateful.

No persons feel the distresses of others, so much as those that have experienced distress themselves.

Sect. 6.

Though, at first, he begun to defend himself, yet when the proofs appeared against him, he dared not any longer to contend.

Many persons will not believe but what they are free from prejudices.

The pleasure or pain of one passion, differ from those of another.

The court of Spain, who gave the order, were not aware of the consequence.

If the acquisitions he has made, and qualified him

to be a useful member of society, should have been misapplied, he will be highly culpable.

There was much spoke and wrote on each side of the question; but I have chose to take part with neither.

Was there no bad men in the world, who vex and distress the good, they might appear in the light of harmless innocence; but could have no opportunity for displaying fidelity and magnanimity, patience and fortitude.

The most ignorant, and the most savage tribes of men, when they have looked round on the earth, and on the heavens, could not avoid ascribing their origin to some invifible, designing cause, and felt a propensity to adore their Creator.

Let us not forget, that something more than gentleness and modesty, something more than complacency of temper and affability of manners, are requisite to form a worthy man, or a true Christian.

One of the first, and the most common extreme in moral conduct, is placing all virtue in justice, or in generosity.

It is an inflexible regard to principle, which has ever marked the characters of them who distinguished themselves eminently in public life; who patronized the cause of justice against powerful oppressors; in critical times, have supported the falling rights and liberties of men; and reflected honour on their nation and country.

When it is with regard to trifles, that diversity or contrariety of opinions show themselves, it is childish in the last degree, if this becomes the ground of

estranged affection. When, from such a cause, there arise any breach of friendship, human weakness is discovered then in a mortifying light. In matters of serious moment, the sentiments of the best and worthiest might vary from that of their friends, according as their lines of life diverge, or as their temper, and habits of thought, presents objects under different points of view. But with candid and liberal minds, unity of affection still will be preserved.

Desires and wishes are the first spring of action. When they become exorbitant, the whole of the character is like to be tainted. If we should suffer our fancies to create to themselves, worlds of ideal happiness; if we should feed our imagination with plans of opulence and of splendour; if we should fix to our wishes certain stages of a high advancement, or certain degrees of an uncommon reputation, as the sole station of our felicity; the assured consequence shall be, that we will become unhappy under our present state; that we shall be unfit for acting the part, and for discharging the duties that belong to it; and we shall discompose the peace and order of our minds, and shall foment many hurtful passions.

PART IV.

EXERCISES IN PUNCTUATION.

CHAP. I.

*Sentences which require the application of the Comma,
disposed under the particular rules.*

RULE I. Gram. 2d Edit. p. 179.

The tear of repentance brings its own relief.

Manhood is disgraced by the consequences of neglected youth.

Idleness is the great fomentor of all corruptions in the human heart.

It is honourable to be a friend to the unfortunate.

All finery is a sign of littleness.

Slovenliness and indelicacy of character commonly go hand in hand.

The friend of order has made half his way to virtue.

Too many of the pretended friendships of youth are mere combinations in pleasure.

The indulgence of harsh dispositions is the introduction to future misery.

The intermixture of evil in human society serves to exercise the suffering graces and virtues of the good.

RULE II.

Gentleness is in truth the great avenue to mutual enjoyment.

Charity like the sun brightens all its objects.

The tutor by instruction and discipline lays the foundation of the pupil's future honour.

Trials in this stage of being are the lot of man.

No assumed behaviour can always hide the real character.

The best men often experience disappointments.

Advice should be seasonably administered,

RULE III.

Self-conceit presumption and obstinacy blast the prospect of many a youth.

In our health life possessions connexions pleasures there are causes of decay imperceptibly working.

Discomposed thoughts agitated passions and a ruffled temper poison every pleasure of life.

Vicissitudes of good and evil of trials and consolations fill up the life of man.

Health and peace a moderate fortune and a few friends sum up all the undoubted articles of temporal felicity.

We have no reason to complain of the lot of man or of the world's mutability.

RULE IV.

An idle trifling society is near a-kin to such as is corrupting.

Conscious guilt renders us mean-spirited timorous and base.

An upright mind will never be at a loss to discern what is just and true lovely honest and of good report.

The vicious man is often looking round him with anxious and fearful circumspection.

True friendship will at all times avoid a careless or rough behaviour.

Time brings a gentle and powerful opiate to all misfortunes.

RULE V.

The man of virtue and honour will be trusted relied upon and esteemed.

Deliberate slowly execute promptly.

A true friend unbores freely advises justly assists readily adventures boldly takes all patiently defends resolutely and continues a friend unchangeably.

Sensuality contaminates the body depresses the understanding deadens the moral feelings of the heart and degrades man from his rank in the creation.

Idleness brings forward and nourishes many bad passions.

We must stand or fall by our own conduct and character.

The man of order catches and arrests the hours as they fly.

The great business of life is to be employed in

doing justly loving mercy and walking humbly with our Creator.

RULE VI.

This unhappy person had often been seriously affectionately admonished but in vain.

To live soberly righteously and piously comprehends the whole of our duty.

When thy friend is caluminated openly and boldly espouse his cause.

Benefits should be carefully and gratefully remembered.

RULE VII.

True gentleness is native feeling heightened and improved by principle.

The path of piety and virtue pursued with a firm and constant spirit will assuredly lead to happiness.

Human affairs are in continual motion and fluctuation altering their appearance every moment and passing into some new forms.

What can be said to alarm those of their danger who intoxicated with pleasures become giddy and insolent who flattered by the illusions of prosperity make light of every serious admonition which their friends and the changes of the world give them.

RULE VIII.

If from any internal cause a man's peace of mind be disturbed in vain we load him with riches or honours.

Gentleness delights above all things to alleviate distress and if it cannot dry up the falling tear to soothe at least the grieving heart.

Wherever Christianity prevails it has discouraged and in some degree abolished slavery.

We may rest assured that by the steady pursuit of virtue we shall obtain and enjoy it.

RULE IX.

Continue my dear child to make virtue thy principal study.

To you my worthy benefactors am I indebted under Providence for all I enjoy.

Canst thou expect thou betrayer of innocence to escape the hand of vengeance.

Come then companion of my toils let us take fresh courage persevere and hope to the end.

RULE X.

Peace of mind being secured we may smile at misfortunes.

Virtue abandoned and conscience reproaching us we become terrified with imaginary evils.

Charles having being deprived of the help of tutors his studies became totally neglected.

To prevent further altercation I submitted to the terms proposed.

To enjoy present pleasure he sacrificed his future ease and reputation.

To say the least they have betrayed great want of prudence.

RULE XI.

Hope the balm of life sooths us under every misfortune.

Content the offspring of virtue dwells both in retirement and in the active scenes of life.

Confucius the great Chinese philosopher was eminently good as well as wise.

The Patriarch Joseph is an illustrious example of chastity resignation and filial affection.

RULE XII.

Nothing is so opposite to the true enjoyment of life as the relaxed and feeble state of an indolent mind.

The more one speaks of himself the less he likes to hear another talked of.

Nothing more strongly inculcates resignation than the experience of our own inability to guide ourselves.

The friendships of the world can subsist no longer than interest cements them.

Expect no more from the world than it is able to afford you.

RULE XIII.

He who is a stranger to industry may possess but he cannot enjoy.

Contrition though it may melt ought not to sink or overpower the heart of a Christian.

The goods of this world were given to man for his occasional refreshment not for his chief felicity.

It is the province of superiors to direct of inferiors to obey of the learned to be instructive of the ignorant to be docile of the old to be communicative of the young to be advisable and diligent.

Though unavoidable calamities make a part yet they make not the chief part of the vexations and sorrows that distress human life.

Idle curiosity an inquisitive and meddling spirit often interrupts the good order and breaks the peace of society.

RULE XIV.

Vice is not of such a nature that we can say to it "hitherto shalt thou come and no further."

One of the noblest of the Christian virtues is "to love our enemies."

Many too confidently say to themselves "my mountain stands strong and shall never be moved."

We are strictly enjoined "not to follow a multitude to do evil."

RULE XV.

The gentle mind is like the smooth stream which reflects every object in its just proportion and in its fairest colours.

Beware of those rash and dangerous connexions which may afterwards load thee with dishonour.

Blind must that man be who discerns not the most striking marks of a Divine government exercised over the world.

It is labour only which gives the relish to pleasure.

In that unaffected civility which springs from a gentle mind there is an incomparable charm.

They who raise envy will easily incur censure.

Many of the evils which occasion our complaints of the world are wholly imaginary.

He who is good before invisible witnesses is eminently so before the visible.

RULE XVI.

The fumes which arise from a heart boiling with violent passions never fail to darken and trouble the understanding.

If we delay till to-morrow what ought to be done to-day we overcharge the morrow with a burden which belongs not to it.

By whatever means we may at first attract the attention we can hold the esteem and secure the hearts of others only by amiable dispositions and the accomplishments of the mind.

If the mind sows not corn it plants thistles.

One day is sufficient to scatter our prosperity and bring it to nought.

Graceful in youth is the tear of sympathy and the heart that melts at the tale of woe.

The ever active and restless power of thought if not employed about what is good will naturally and unavoidably engender evil.

He who formed the heart is certainly conscious to what passes within it.

To be humble and modest in opinion to be vigilant and attentive in conduct to distrust fair appear-

ances and to restrain rash desires are instructions which the darkness of our present state should strongly inculcate.

RULE XVII.

If opulence increases our gratifications it increases in the same proportion our desires and demands.

He whose wishes respecting the possessions of this world are the most reasonable and bounded is likely to lead the safest and for that reason the most desirable life.

By aspiring too high we frequently miss the happiness which by a less ambitious aim we might have gained.

By proper management we prolong our time we live more in a few years than others do in many.

In your most secret actions suppose that you have all the world for witnesses.

In youth the habits of industry are most easily acquired.

What is the right path few take the trouble of inquiring.

RULE XVIII.

Providence never intended that any state here should be either completely happy or entirely miserable.

As a companion he was severe and satirical as a friend captious and dangerous in his domestic sphere harsh jealous and irascible.

If the Spring put forth no blossoms in Summer

there will be no beauty and in Autumn no fruit So if youth be trifled away without improvement manhood will be contemptible and old age miserable.

RULE XIX.

Be assured then that order frugality and œconomy are the necessary supports of every personal and private virtue.

I proceed secondly to point out the proper state of our temper with respect to one another.

Here every thing is in stir and fluctuation there all is serene steady and orderly.

I shall make some observations first on the external and next upon the internal condition of man.

Sometimes timidity and false shame prevent our opposing vicious customs frequently expectation and interest impel us strongly to comply.

CHAP. II.

Sentences requiring the insertion of the Semicolon and Comma. Gram. p. 185.

That darkness of character where we can see no heart those foldings of art through which no native affection is allowed to penetrate present an object unamiable in every season of life but particularly odious in youth.

To give an early preference to honour above gain when they stand in competition to despise every advantage which cannot be attained without dishonest arts to brook no meanness and to stoop to

no dissimulation are the indications of a great mind the presages of future eminence and usefulness in life.

As there is a worldly happiness which God perceives to be no other than disguised misery as there are worldly honours which in his estimation are reproach so there is a worldly wisdom which in his sight is foolishness.

The passions are the chief destroyers of our peace the storms and tempests of the moral world.

Heaven is the region of gentleness and friendship Hell of fierceness and animosity.

The path of truth is a plain and a safe path that of falsehood is a perplexing maze.

Modesty is one of the chief ornaments of youth and has ever been esteemed a presage of rising merit.

Life with a swift though insensible course glides away and like a river which undermines its banks gradually impairs our state.

The violent spirit like troubled waters renders back the images of things distorted and broken and communicates to them all that disordered motion which arises solely from its own agitation.

Levity is frequently the forced production of folly or vice cheerfulness is the natural offspring of wisdom and virtue only.

Persons who live according to order may be compared to the celestial bodies which move in regular courses and by stated laws whose influence is beneficent whose operations are quiet and tranquil.

CHAP. III.

Sentences requiring the application of the Colon, &c.

Gram. p. 186.

THE three great enemies to tranquillity are vice superstition and idleness vice which poisons and disturbs the mind with bad passions superstition which fills it with imaginary terrors idleness which loads it with tediousness and disgust.

To sail on the tranquil surface of an unruffled lake and to steer a safe course through a troubled and stormy ocean require different talents and alas human life oftener resembles the stormy ocean than the unruffled lake.

When we look forward to the year which is beginning what do we behold there All my brethren is a blank to our view a dark unknown presents itself.

Happy would the poor man think himself if he could enter on all the treasures of the rich and happy for a short time he might be but before he had long contemplated and admired his state his possessions would seem to lessen and his cares would grow.

By doing or at least endeavouring to do our duty to God and man by acquiring a humble trust in the mercy and favour of God through Jesus Christ by cultivating our minds and properly employing our time and thoughts by governing our passions and our temper by correcting all unreasonable expectations from the world and from men and in the

midst of worldly business habituating ourselves to calm retreat and serious recollection by such means as these it may be hoped that through the Divine blessing our days shall flow in a stream as unruffled as the human state admits.

A Metaphor is a comparison expressed in an abridged form but without any of the words that denote comparison as “To the upright there ariseth light in darkness”

All our conduct towards men should be influenced by this important precept “Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you.”

Philip III. king of Spain when he drew near the end of his days seriously reflecting on his past life and greatly affected with the remembrance of his mispent time expressed his deep regret in these terms. Ah how happy would it have been for me had I spent these twenty three years that I have held my kingdom in retirement.

Often is the smile of gaiety assumed whilst the heart akes within though folly may laugh guilt will sting.

There is no mortal truly wise and restless at once wisdom is the repose of minds.

CHAP. IV.

*Sentences which require the insertion of the Period, &c. **

Gram. p. 187.

THE absence of Evil is a real Good Peace Quiet exemption from pain should be a continual feast

Worldly happiness ever tends to destroy itself by corrupting the heart It fosters the loose and the Violent Passions It engenders noxious Habits and taints the mind with false Delicacy which makes it feel a Thousand unreal Evils

Feeding the hungry clothing the Naked comforting the afflicted yield more Pleasure than we receive from those actions which respect only Ourselves Benevolence may in this view be termed the most refined Self-love

The Resources of Virtue remain entire when the Days of Trouble come They remain with us in Sickness as in Health in Poverty as in the midst of

* As every learner knows, that the first word in a sentence must have a capital letter, there would be little exercise of his judgment, in applying the period, if no words were distinguished by capital letters, but such as propriety required. The compiler has, therefore, in this and the following chapters, affixed capitals to many words, which should properly begin with small letters. This method, besides the use chiefly intended, will also serve to exercise the student in the proper application of capital letters, and, at the same time, preserve the page from the uncouth appearance of sentences beginning with small characters.

Riches in our dark and solitary Hours no less than when surrounded with Friends and cheerful Society The mind of a Good Man is a kingdom to him and he can always enjoy it.

We ruin the Happiness of life when we attempt to raise it too High A tolerable and comfortable State is all that we can propose to ourselves on Earth Peace and Contentment not Bliss nor Transport is the full Portion of Man Perfect joy is reserved for Heaven

If we look around us we shall perceive that the Whole Universe is full of Active Powers Action is indeed the Genius of Nature By Motion and exertion the System of Being is preserved in Vigour By its different parts always acting in Subordination one to another the Perfection of the Whole is carried on The Heavenly Bodies perpetually revolve Day and Night incessantly repeat their appointed course Continual operations are going on in the Earth and in the Waters Nothing stands still

Constantine the Great was advanced to the sole Dominion of the Roman World A D 325 and soon after openly professed the Christian Faith

The Letter concludes with this Remarkable Postscript " P S Though I am innocent of the Charge and have been bitterly persecuted yet I cordially forgive my Enemies and Persecutors"

The last Edition of that valuable Work was carefully compared with the Original MS

CHAP. V.

Sentences requiring the application of the Dash; of the Notes of Interrogation and Exclamation; and of the Parenthetical characters. Gram. p. 188.

BEAUTY and Strength combined with Virtue and Piety how lovely in the sight of men how pleasing to Heaven peculiarly pleasing because with every Temptation to deviate they voluntarily walk in the Path of Duty

Something there is more needful than expense

And something previous e'en to taste tis sense

"I'll live to morrow" will a wise man say

To morrow is too late then live to day

Gripos has long been ardently endeavouring to fill his Chest and lo it is now full Is he happy and does he use it Does he gratefully think of the Giver of all good Things Does he distribute to the Poor Alas These Interests have no place in his breast.

What is there in all the pomp of the world the Enjoyments of Luxury the Gratification of Passion comparable to the tranquil Delight of a good Conscience

To lie down on the Pillow after a Day spent in Temperance in beneficence and in Piety how sweet is it

We wait till to morrow to be Happy alas Why not to day Shall we be younger Are we sure we shall be healthier Will our passions become feebler and our love of the world less

What shadow can be more vain than the life of a great Part of Mankind Of all that eager and bustling Crowd which we behold on Earth how few discover the Path of true Happiness How few can we find whose Activity has not been misemployed and whose course terminates not in Confessions of Disappointments

On the one hand are the Divine approbation and immortal Honour on the other remember and beware are the Stings of Conscience and endless Infamy

As in riper Years all unseasonable Returns to the Levity of Youth ought to be laid aside an Admonition which equally belongs to both the Sexes still more are we to guard against those intemperate Indulgences of Pleasure to which the Young are unhappily prone

The bliss of man could pride that blessing find
Is not to act or think beyond mankind

Or why so long in life if long can be
Lent Heav'n a parent to the poor and me

CHAP. VI.

Promiscuous examples of defective Punctuation.

SECT. I.

EXAMPLES IN PROSE.

WHEN Socrates was asked what man approached the nearest to perfect Happiness he answered That Man who has the fewest Wants

She who studies her Glafs neglects her Heart.

Between Passion and Lying there is not a Fingers breadth

The freer we feel ourselves in the Presence of others the more free are they he who is free makes free

Addison has remarked with equal Piety and Truth that the Creation is a perpetual Feast to the Mind of a Good Man

He who shuts out all evasion when he promises loves Truth

The laurels of the Warriour are dyed in Blood and bedewed with the Tears of the Widow and the Orphan

Between Fame and true Honour a Distinction is to be made The former is a loud and noisy Applause the latter a more silent and internal Homage Fame floats on the Breath of the Multitude Honour rests on the Judgment of the Thinking Fame may give Praise while it withholds Esteem true Honour implies Esteem mingled with respect The one regards Particular distinguished Talents the other looks up to the whole Character

There is a certain Species of Religion if we can give it that Name which is placed wholly in Speculation and Belief in the Regularity of external Homage or in Fiery Zeal about contested Opinions

Xenophanes who was reproached with being timorous because he would not venture his Money in a Game at Dice made this manly and sensible Reply I confess I am exceedingly timorous for I dare not commit an evil Action

He loves nobly I speak of Friendship who is not jealous when he has Partners of Love

Our Happiness consists in the Pursuit much more than in the Attainment of any Temporal Good

Let me repeat it He only is Great who has the Habits of Greatness

Prosopopoeia or Personification is a Rhetorical Figure by which we attribute Life and Action to inanimate objects as The Ground thirsts for Rain the Earth smiles with Plenty

The proper and rational Conduct of Men with Regard to Futurity is regulated by two Considerations First that much of What it contains must remain to us absolutely Unknown Next that there are also Some Events in it which may be certainly known and foreseen

The Gardens of the world produce only deciduous Flowers Perennial ones must be sought in the Delightful Regions Above Roses without Thorns are the Growth of Paradise alone

How many rules and maxims of Life might be spared could we fix a principle of Virtue within and inscribe the living Sentiment of the Love of God in the affection He who loves righteousness is Master of all the Distinctions in Morality

He who from the Benignity of his Nature erected this World for the Abode of Men He who furnished it so richly for our accommodation and stored it with so much Beauty for our Entertainment He who since first we entered into Life hath followed us with such a Variety of Mercies this Amiable and Beneficent Being surely can have no Pleasure in our Disappointment and Distress He knows our Frame he

remembers we are Dust and looks to frail Man we are assured with such Pity as a Father beareth to his children

One of the first Lessons both of Religion and of Wisdom is to moderate our Expectations and Hopes and not to set forth on the Voyage of Life like Men who expect to be always carried forward with a favourable Gale Let us be satisfied if the Path we tread be easy and smooth though it be not strewed with Flowers

Providence never intended that the Art of living happily in this World should depend on that deep Penetration that acute Sagacity and those Refinements of Thought which few possess It has dealt more Graciously with us and made Happiness depend on Uprightness of Intention much more than on Extent of Capacity

Most of our Passions flatter us in their Rise But their Beginnings are treacherous their Growth is imperceptible and the Evils which they carry in their Train lie concealed until their Dominion is established What Solomon says of one of them holds true of them all that their Beginning is as when one letteth out Water It issues from a small Chink which once might have been easily stopped but being neglected it is soon widened by the Stream till the Bank is at last totally thrown down and the Flood is at Liberty to deluge the whole plain

Prosperity debilitates instead of strengthening the Mind Its most common effect is to create an extreme sensibility to the slightest Wound It foment's impatient Desires and raises Expectations

which no Success can satisfy It fosters a false Delicacy which sickens in the midst of indulgence By repeated Gratification it blunts the feelings of Men to what is pleasing and leaves them unhappily acute to whatever is uneasy Hence the Gale which another would scarcely feel is to the prosperous a rude Tempest Hence the Rose-leaf doubled below them on the Couch as it is told of the effeminate Sybarite breaks their Rest Hence the Disrespect shown by Mordecai preyed with such Violence on the Heart of Haman

Anxiety is the Poison of Human Life It is the Parent of many Sins and of more Miseries In a World where every Thing is so doubtful where we may succeed in our Wish and be miserable where we may be disappointed and be blest in the Disappointment what means this restless Stir and Commotion of Mind Can our Solitude alter the Course or unravel the Intricacy of Human Events Can our Curiosity pierce through the Cloud which the Supreme Being hath made impenetrable to Mortal Eye

No situation is so remote and no Station so unfavourable as to preclude access to the happiness of a future State A Road is opened by the Divine Spirit to those blissful Habitations from all Corners of the Earth and from all Conditions of Human Life from the peopled City and from the Solitary Desert from the Cottages of the Poor and from the Palaces of Kings from the Dwellings of Ignorance and Simplicity and from the Regions of Science and Improvement

The Scenes which present themselves at our enter-

ing upon the World are commonly flattering Whatever they be in themselves the lively Spirits of the Young gild every opening Prospect The Field of Hope appears to stretch Wide before them Pleasure seems to put forth its Blossoms on every Side Impelled by Desire forward they rush with inconsiderate Ardour prompt to decide and to choose averse to hesitate or to Inquire credulous because untaught by Experience rash because Unacquainted with Danger headstrong because unsubdued by Disappointment Hence arise the Perils to which they are exposed and which too often from want of Attention to faithful Admonition precipitate them into Ruin irretrievable

By the unhappy Excesses of irregular Pleasure in Youth how many amiable Dispositions are corrupted or destroyed How many rising Capacities and Powers are suppressed How many flattering Hopes of Parents and Friends are totally extinguished Who but must drop a Tear over Human Nature when he beholds that Morning which arose so bright overcast with such untimely Darkness that Sweetness of Temper which once engaged many Hearts that Modesty which was so prepossessing those Abilities which promised extensive Usefulness all sacrificed at the Shrine of low Sensuality and one who was formed for passing through Life in the midst of Public Esteem cut off by his Vices at the Beginning of his Course or sunk for the whole of it into Insignificancy and Contempt These O sinful Pleasures are thy Trophies It is thus that co-operating with the Foe of God and Man thou degradest Human Honour and blindest the opening Prospects of Human Felicity

Sect. 2.

EXAMPLES IN POETRY.

Where thy true treasure Gold says not in me
And not in me the Diamond Gold is poor

The scenes of business tell us What are men
The scenes of pleasure What is all beside

Wo then apart if wo apart can be
From mortal man and fortune at our nod
The gay rich great triumphant and august
What are they The most happy strange to say
Convince me most of human misery

All this dread order break for whom for thee
Vile worm Oh madness pride impiety.

Man like the generous vine supported lives
The strength he gains is from the embrace he gives

Know nature's children shall divide her care
The fur that warms a monarch warm'd a bear
While man exclaims see all things for my use
See man for mine replies a pamper'd goose
And just as short of reason he must fall
Who thinks all made for one not one for all

Th Almighty from his throne on earth surveys
Nought greater than an honest humble heart
An humble heart his residence pronounc'd
His second seat

Bliss there is none but unprecious bliss
That is the gem sell all and purchase that
Why go a begging to contingencies
Not gain'd with ease nor safely lov'd if gain'd

There is a time when toil must be prefer'd
Or joy by mistim'd fondness is undone
A man of pleasure is a man of pains

Thus nature gives us let it check our pride
The virtue nearest to our vice allied

See the sole bliss Heaven could on all bestow
Which who but feels can taste but thinks can know
Yet poor with fortune and with learning blind
The bad must miss the good untaught will find

Whatever is is right This world tis true
Was made for Cæsar but for Titus too
And which more blest who chain'd his country lay
Or he whose virtue sigh'd to lose a day

The first sure symptom of a mind in health
Is rest of heart and pleasure felt at home

True happiness resides in things unseen
No smiles of fortune ever bless the bad
Nor can her frowns rob innocence of joy

Oh the dark days of vanity while here
How tasteless and how terrible when gone
Gone they ne'er go when past they haunt us still

Father of light and life Thou good supreme
O teach me what is good Teach me thyself
Save me from folly vanity and vice
From every low pursuit and feed my soul
With knowledge conscious peace and virtue pure
Sacred substantial never fading bliss

If I am right thy grace impart
Still in the right to stay
If I am wrong Oh teach my heart
To find that better way

Save me alike from foolish pride
Or impious discontent
At aught thy wisdom has denied
Or aught thy goodness lent

O lost to virtue lost to manly thought
Lost to the noble sallies of the soul
Who think it solitude to be alone
Communion sweet communion large and high
Our reason guardian angel and our God
Then nearest these when others most remote
And all ere long shall be remote but these

Benevolence

God loves from whole to parts but human soul
Must rise from individual to the whole
Self love but serves the virtuous mind to wake
As the small pebble stirs the peaceful lake
The centre mov'd a circle straight succeeds.
Another still and still another spreads
Friend parent neighbour first it will embrace
His country next and next all human race
Wide and more wide th' overflowings of the mind
Take ev'ry creature in of ev'ry kind
Earth smiles around with boundless bounty blest
And Heav'n beholds its image in his breast

Happiness

Know then this truth enough for man to know
Virtue alone is happiness below
The only point where human bliss stands still
And tastes the good without the fall to ill
Where only merit constant pay receives
Is blest in what it takes and what it gives

The joy unequall'd if its end it gain
 And if it lose attended with no pain
 Without satiety tho' e'er so blest
 And but more relish'd as the more distress'd
 The broadest mirth unfeeling folly wears
 Less pleasing far than virtues very tears
 Good from each object from each place acquir'd
 For ever exercis'd yet never tir'd
 Never elated while one man's oppress'd
 Never dejected while another's blest'd
 And where no wants no wishes can remain
 Since but to wish more virtue is to gain

Gratitude

When all thy mercies O my God
 My rising soul surveys
 Transported with the view I'm lost
 In wonder love and praise

 O how shall words with equal warmth
 The gratitude declare
 That glows within my ravish'd heart
 But thou canst read it there

 Thy providence my life sustain'd
 And all my wants redress'd
 When in the silent womb I lay
 And hung upon the breast

 To all my weak complaints and cries
 Thy mercy lent an ear
 Ere yet my feeble thoughts had learnt
 To form themselves in prayer

Unnumber d comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestow d
Before my infant heart conceiv d
From whom those comforts flow d

When in the slipp ry paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran
Thine arm unseen convey d me safe
And led me up to man

Through hidden dangers toils and deaths
It gently clear d my way
And through the pleasing snares of vice
More to be fear d than they

When worn with sickness oft hast thou
With health renew d my face
And when in sins and sorrows sunk
Reviv d my soul with grace

Thy bounteous hand with worldly bliss
Has made my cup run o'er
And in a kind and faithful friend
Has doubled all my store

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy

Through ev ry period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue
And after death in distant worlds
The glorious theme renew

When nature fails and day and night
Divide thy works no more
My ever grateful heart O Lord
Thy mercy shall adore

Through all eternity to thee
 A joyful song I'll raise
 For O eternity's too short
 To utter all thy praise.

The Voyage of Life

Self flatter'd unexperienc'd high in hope
 When young with sanguine cheer and streamers gay
 We cut our cable launch into the world
 And fondly dream each wind and star our friend
 All in some darling enterprise embark'd
 But where is he can fathom its event
 Amid a multitude of artless hands
 Ruins sure perquisite her lawful prize
Some steer aright but the black blast blows hard
 And puffs them wide of hope With hearts of proof
 Full against wind and tide *some* win their way
 And when strong effort has deserv'd the port
 And tugg'd it into view tis won tis lost
 Though strong their oar still stronger is their fate
 They strike and while they triumph they expire
 In stress of weather *most some* sink outright
 O'er them and o'er their names the billows close
 To morrow knows not they were ever born
Others a short memorial leave behind
 Like a flag floating when the bark's ingulph'd
 It floats a moment and is seen no more
 One Cæsar lives a thousand are forgot
 How *few* favour'd by ev'ry element
 With swelling sails make good the promis'd port
 With all their wishes freighted Yet ev'n these
 Freight'd with all their wishes soon complain
 Free from misfortune not from nature free
 They still are men and when is man secure

As fatal *time* as *storm* The rush of years
Beats down their strength their numberless escapes
In ruin end and now their proud success
But plants new terrors on the victors brow
What pain to quit the world just made their own
Their nest so deeply down d and built so high
Too low they build who build beneath the stars

PART V.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE PERSPICUOUS AND ACCURATE WRITING.

First, with respect to single words and phrases.

CHAP. I.

Containing violations of the rules of Purity.

Gram. p. 197.

WE should be employed dailily in doing good.

It irks me to see so perverse a disposition.

I wot not who hath done this thing.

He is no way thy inferior; and, in this instance,
is noways to blame.

The assistance was welcome, and timelily afforded.

For want of employment, he stroamed idly about
the fields.

We ought to live soberly, righteously, and god-
lily in the world.

He was long indisposed, and at length died of
the hyp.

That word follows the general rule, and takes the
penult accent.

He was an extra genius, and attracted much at-
tention.

The fly, in its infantine state, lies all the winter
enclosed in a ball.

He charged me with want of resolution, in the which he was greatly mistaken.

They have manifested great candidness in all the transaction.

The naturalness of the thought greatly recommended it.

The importance, as well as the authenticity of the books, has been clearly displayed.

It is difficult to discover the spirit and intendment of some laws.

The disposition which he exhibited, was both unnatural and uncomfortable.

His natural severity rendered him a very unpopular speaker.

The disquietness of his mind, made his station and wealth far from being enviable.

I received the gift with pleasure, but I shall now gladlier resign it.

These are the things highliest important to the growing age.

It grieveth me to look over so many blank leaves, in the book of my life.

It repenteth me that I have so long walked in the paths of folly.

Methinks I am not mistaken in an opinion, which I have so well considered.

They thought it an important subject, and the question was strenuously debated pro and con.

Thy speech bewrayeth thee; for thou art a Galilean.

Let us not give too hasty credit to stories which may injure our neighbour: peradventure they are the offspring of calumny, or misapprehension.

The gardens were void of simplicity and elegance; and exhibited much that was glaring and bizarre.

CHAP II.

Containing violations of the rules of Propriety.

Gram. p. 198.

Sect. I.

Avoid low expressions.

I HAD as lief do it myself, as persuade another to do it.

Of the justness of his measures he convinced his opponent, by dint of argument.

He is not a whit better than those he so liberally condemns.

He stands upon security, and will not liberate him till it be obtained.

The meaning of the phrase, as I take it, is very different from the common acceptation.

The favourable moment should be embraced; for he does not hold long in one mind.

He exposed himself so much amongst the people, that he had like to have gotten one or two broken heads.

He was very dexterous in smelling out the views and designs of others.

If his education was but a little taken care of, he might be very useful amongst his neighbours.

He might have perceived, with half an eye, the difficulties to which his conduct exposed him.

If I happen to have a little leisure upon my hands to-morrow, I intend to pay them a short visit.

This performance is much at one with the other.

The scene was new, and he was seized with wonderment at all he saw.

Seet. 2.

Supply words that are wanting.

Let us consider the works of nature and art, with proper attention.

He is engaged in a treatise on the interests of the soul and body.

Some productions of nature rise in value, according as they more or less resemble those of art.

The Latin tongue, in its purity, was never in this Island.

For some centuries, there was a constant intercourse between France and England, by the dominions we possessed there, and the conquests we made.

He is impressed with a true sense of that function, when chosen from a regard to the interests of piety and virtue.

The wise and foolish, the virtuous and the vile, the learned and ignorant, the temperate and profligate, must often, like the wheat and tares, be blended together.

Seet. 3.

In the same sentence, be careful not to use the same word in different senses.

An eloquent speaker may give more, but cannot give more convincing arguments, than this plain man offered.

They were persons of very moderate intellects, even before they were impaired by their passions.

True wit is nature dressed to advantage; and yet some works have more wit than does them good.

The sharks, who prey upon the inadvertency of young heirs, are more pardonable than those, who trespass upon the good opinion of those, who treat them with great confidence and respect.

Honour teaches us, properly to respect ourselves, and to violate no right or privilege of our neighbour: it leads us to support the feeble, to relieve the distressed, and to scorn to be governed by degrading and injurious passions: and yet we see honour is the motive which urges the destroyer to take the life of his friend.

He will be always with you, to support and comfort you, and in some measure to succeed your labours; and he will also be with all his faithful ministers, who shall succeed you in his service.

Sec. 4.

Avoid the injudicious use of technical terms.

Most of our hands were asleep in their births, when the vessel shipped a sea, that carried away our pinnace and binacle. Our dead-lights were in, or we should have filled. The mainmast was so sprung, that we were obliged to fish it, and bear away for Lisbon.

The book is very neatly printed: the scaleboarding is ample and regular, and the register exact.

Sect. 5.

Avoid equivocal or ambiguous words.

When our friendship is considered, how is it possible that I should not grieve for his loss?

The eagle killed the hen, and eat her in her own nest.

It may be justly said, that no laws are better than the English.

The pretenders to polish and refine the English language, have chiefly multiplied abuses and absurdities.

The English adventurers, instead of reclaiming the natives from their uncultivated manners, were gradually assimilated to the ancient inhabitants, and degenerated from the customs of their own nation.

It has been said, that not only Jesuits can equivocate.

Ye will not think that these people, when injured, have the least right to our protection.

Solomon the son of David, who built the temple of Jerusalem, was the richest monarch that reigned over the Jewish people.

Solomon the son of David, who was persecuted by Saul, was the richest monarch of the Jews.

It is certain that all words which are signs of complex ideas, may furnish matter of mistake and cavil.

Lisias promised to his father, never to abandon his friends.

The Divine Being heapeth favours on his servants, ever liberal and faithful.

Every well instructed scribe, is like a householder, who bringeth out of his treasure things new and old.

He was willing to spend a hundred or two pounds, rather than be enslaved.

Dryden makes a very handsome observation, on Ovid's writing a letter from Dido to Æneas, in the following words.

Sect. 6.

Avoid unintelligible words and phrases.

I seldom see a noble building, or any great piece of magnificence and pomp, but I think, how little is all this to satisfy the ambition, or to fill the idea, of an immortal soul.

A poet, speaking of the universal deluge, says,
Yet when that flood in its own depths was drown'd,
It left behind it false and slippery ground.

The author of the Spectator says, that a man is not qualified for a bust, who has not a good deal of wit and vivacity, even in the ridiculous side of his character.

And Bezaleel made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the looking-glasses of the women.

And, in the lowest deep, a lower deep
Still threat'ning to devour me, opens wide.

Sect. 7.

Avoid all such words and phrases, as are not adapted to the ideas designed to be communicated.

No less than two hundred scholars have been educated in that school.

The attempt, however laudable, was found to be impracticable.

He is our mutual benefactor, and deserves our respect and obedience.

Vivacity is often promoted, by presenting a sensible object to the mind, instead of an intelligible one.

They broke down the banks, and the country was soon overflown.

The garment was decently formed, and sown very neatly.

The house is a cold one, for it has a north exposition.

The proposition, for each of us to relinquish something, was complied with, and produced a cordial reconciliation.

Though learn'd, well bred; and tho' well bred, sincere;
Modestly bold, and humanly severe.

A fop is a risible character, in every one's view but his own.

An action that excites laughter, without any mixture of contempt, may be called a ridiculous action.

It is difficult for him to speak three sentences together.

By this expression, I do not intend what some persons annex to it.

The negligence of timely precaution was the cause of this great loss.

All the sophism which has been employed, cannot obscure so plain a truth.

Disputing should always be so managed, as to remember, that the only end of it is truth.

He possesses but a superficial and irregular knowledge, his studies having laid chiefly in plays and romances.

When Pilate was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent him a solemn admonition.

A certain prince, it is said, when he invaded the Egyptians, placed, in the front of his army, a number of cats and other animals, which were worshipped by those people. A reverence for these phantoms, made the Egyptians lie down their arms, and become an easy conquest.

The presence of the Deity, and the care such an august Cause is supposed to take in our concerns, is a source of consolation.

And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter set down among them.

By the slavish disposition of the Senate and people of Rome, under the Emperours, the wit and eloquence of the age were wholly turned into panegyric.

The refreshment came in seasonably, before they were laid down to rest.

We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen.

They shall flee as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

Now haunts the cliff, now traverses the lawn,
And flies the hated neighbourhood of man.

A creature of a more exalted kind

Was wanting yet, and then was man design'd.

He died with violence; for he was killed by a sword.

He had scarcely taken the medicine, than he began to feel himself relieved.

When we fall into a person's conversation, the first thing we should consider, is, the intention of it.

Galileo discovered the telescope; Hervey invented the circulation of the blood.

Philip found an obstacle to the managing of the Athenians, from the nature of their dispositions; but the eloquence of Demosthenes was the greatest difficulty in his designs.

A Hermit is rigorous in his life; a Judge, austere in his sentences.

A candid man avows his mistake, and is forgiven; a Patriot acknowledges his opposition to a bad minister, and is applauded.

We have enlarged our family and expenses; and increased our garden and fruit orchard.

The good man is not overcome by disappointment, when that which is mortal passes away; when that which is mutable, dies; and when that which he knew to be transient, begins to change.

CHAP. III.

Containing violations of the rules of Precision.

This great politician desisted from, and renounced his designs, when he found them impracticable.

He was of so high and independent a spirit, that he abhorred and detested being in debt.

The arrangement of the work was distinct, clear, and accurate.

His end soon approached; and he died with great courage and fortitude.

He was a man of so much pride and vanity, that he despised the sentiments of others.

Poverty induces and cherishes dependence; and dependence strengthens and increases corruption.

This man, on all occasions, treated his inferiors with great haughtiness and disdain.

There can be no regularity or order in the life and conduct of that man, who does not give and allot a due share of his time, to retirement and reflection.

Such equivocal and ambiguous expressions, mark a formed intention to deceive and abuse us.

His cheerful, happy temper, remote from discontent, keeps up a kind of day-light in his mind, excludes every gloomy prospect, and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

Secondly. *Exercises to promote perspicuity and accuracy, with respect to the construction of sentences:*

CHAP. I.

Containing sentences in which the rules of Clearness are violated.

Sect. 1.

In the position of Ad-verbs.

Hence the impossibility appears, that an undertaking managed so, should prove successful.

May not we here say with the poet, that virtue is its own reward.

Had he died before, would not then this art have been wholly unknown.

Not to exasperate him, I only spoke a very few words.

The works of art receive a great advantage, from the resemblance which they have to those of nature; because here the similitude is not only pleasant, but the pattern more perfect.

It may be proper to give some account of these practices, anciently used on such occasions, and only discontinued through the neglect and degeneracy of later times.

Sixtus the fourth was, if I mistake not, a great collector of books at least.

If Lewis XIV. was not the greatest king, he was the best actor of majesty, at least, that ever filled a throne.

These forms of conversation, by degrees multiplied and grew troublesome.

Nor does this false modesty expose us only to such actions as are indiscreet, but very often to such as are highly criminal.

By greatness, I do not only mean the bulk of any single object, but the largeness of a whole view.

I was engaged formerly in that business, but I never shall be again concerned in it.

We do those things frequently, which we repent of afterwards.

By doing the same thing, it often becomes habitual.

Most nations, not even excepting the Jews, were prone to idolatry.

Raised to greatness without merit, he employed his power for the gratification solely of his passions.

Seet. 2.

In the position of circumstances, and of particular members.

The embarrassments of the artificers, rendered the progress very slow of the work.

He found the place replete with wonders, of which he proposed to solace himself with the contemplation, if he should never be able to accomplish his flight.

They are now engaged in a study, of which they have long wished to know the usefulness.

This was an undertaking, which, in the execution, proved as impracticable, as had turned out every other of their pernicious, yet abortive schemes.

He thought that the presbyters would soon become more dangerous to the magistrate, than had ever been the prelatical clergy.

Frederick, seeing it was impossible to trust, with safety, his life in their hands, was obliged to take the Mahometans for his guard.

The emperour refused to convert at once, the truce into a definitive treaty.

However, the miserable remains were, in the night, taken down.

This is what we mean by the original contract of society; which, though perhaps in no instance, it has ever been formally expressed, at the first institution of a state, yet should always, in nature and reason, be understood and implied in every act of associating together.

I have settled the meaning of those pleasures of the imagination, which are the subject of my present undertaking, by way of introduction, in this paper; and endeavoured to recommend the pursuit of those pleasures to my readers, by several considerations: I shall examine the several sources from whence these pleasures are derived, in my next paper.

Sir Francis Bacon, in his essay upon health, has not thought it improper to prescribe to his reader a poem, or a prospect, where he particularly dissuades him from knotty and subtle disquisitions; and advises him to pursue studies that fill the mind with splendid and illustrious objects, as history, poetry, and contemplations of nature.

If the English reader would see the notion explained at large, he may find it in Locke's Essay on the Human Understanding.

Fields of corn make a pleasant prospect; and if the walks were a little taken care of that lie between them, they would display neatness, regularity, and elegance.

Though religion will indeed bring us under some restraints, they are very tolerable, and not only so, but desirable on the whole.

I have confined myself to those methods for the advancement of piety, which are in the power of a prince, limited like ours by a strict execution of the laws.

This morning, when one of the gay females was looking over some hoods and ribbands, brought by her tire-woman, with great care and diligence, I

employed no less in examining the box which contained them.

Since it is necessary that there should be a perpetual intercourse of buying and selling, and dealing upon credit, where fraud is permitted or connived at, or hath no law to punish it, the honest dealer is often undone, and the knave gets the advantage.

Though energetic brevity is not adapted alike to every subject, we ought to avoid its contrary, on every occasion, a languid redundancy of words. It is proper to be copious sometimes, but never to be verbose.

A monarchy, limited like ours, may be placed, for aught I know, as it has been often represented, just in the middle point, from whence a deviation leads, on the one hand, to tyranny, and, on the other, to anarchy.

Having already shewn how the fancy is affected by the works of nature, and afterwards considered, in general, both the works of nature and of art, how they mutually assist and complete each other, in forming such scenes and prospects as are most apt to delight the mind of the beholder; I shall in this paper throw together some reflections, &c.

Let but one great, brave, disinterested, active man arise, and he will be received, venerated, and followed.

Ambition creates seditions, wars, discords, hatred, and shyness.

The scribes made it their profession to teach and to study the law of Moses.

Sloth pours upon us a deluge of crimes and evils, and saps the foundation of every virtue.

The ancient laws of Rome were so far from suffering a Roman citizen to be put to death, that they would not allow him to be bound, or even to be whipped.

His labours to acquire knowledge have been productive of great satisfaction and success.

He was a man of the greatest prudence, virtue, justice, and modesty.

He did every thing in his power to serve his benefactor; and had a grateful sense of the benefits received.

Many persons give evident proof, that either they do not feel the power of the principles of religion, or that they do not believe them.

As the guilt of an officer will be greater than that of a common servant, if he prove negligent; so the reward of his fidelity will proportionably be greater.

The comfort annexed to goodness is the pious man's strength. It inspires his zeal. It attaches his heart to religion. It accelerates his progress; and supports his constancy.

SECT. 3.

In the disposition of the relative pronouns, who, which, what, whose, and of all those particles, which express the connexion of the parts of speech with one another.

These are the master's rules, who must be obeyed.

They attacked Northumberland's house, whom they put to death.

He laboured to involve his minister in ruin, who had been the author of it.

It is true what he says, but it is not applicable to the point.

The French marched precipitately as to an assured victory; whereas the English advanced very slowly, and discharged such flights of arrows, as did great execution. When they drew near the archers, perceiving that they were out of breath, they charged them with great vigour.

He was taking a view, from a window, of the Cathedral, in Litchfield, where a party of the royalists had fortified themselves.

We no where meet with a more splendid or pleasing show in nature, than what appears in the heavens at the rising and setting of the sun, which is wholly made up of those different stains of light, that show themselves in clouds of a different situation.

There will be found a round million of creatures in human figure, throughout this kingdom, whose whole subsistence, &c.

It is the custom of the Mahometans, if they see any printed or written paper upon the ground, to take it up, and lay it aside carefully, as not knowing but it may contain some piece of their Alcoran.

The laws of nature are, truly, what Lord Bacon styles his aphorisms, laws of laws. Civil laws are always imperfect, and often false deductions from them, or applications of them; nay, they stand, in many instances, in direct opposition to them.

It has not a word, says Pope, but what the author religiously thinks in it.

Many act so directly contrary to this method, that, from a habit of saving time and paper, which they

acquired at the University, they write in so diminutive a manner, that they can hardly read what they have written.

Thus I have fairly given you my own opinion, as well as that of a great majority of both houses here, relating to this weighty affair; upon which I am confident you may securely reckon.

If we trace a youth from the earliest period of life, who has been well educated, we shall perceive the wisdom of the maxims here recommended.

CHAP. II.

Containing sentences in which the rules of Unity are violated.

SECT. I.

During the course of the sentence, the scene should be changed as little as possible.

A short time after this injury, he came to himself; and the next day, they put him on board his ship, which conveyed him first to Corinth, and thence to the Island of Ægina.

The Britons, daily harassed by cruel inroads from the Picts, were forced to call in the Saxons for their defence; who consequently reduced the greatest part of the island to their own power; drove the Britons into the most remote and mountainous parts; and the rest of the country, in customs, religion, and language, became wholly Saxons.

That sort of instruction, which is acquired by inculcating an important moral truth, is the ground of peculiar obligation.

This prostitution of praise does not only affect the gross of mankind, who take their notion of characters from the learned; but also the better sort must, by this means, lose some part at least of their desire of fame, when they find it promiscuously bestowed on the meritorious and undeserving.

All the precautions of prudence, moderation, and condescension, which Eumenes employed, were incapable of mollifying the hearts of those barbarians, and of extinguishing their jealousy; and he must have renounced his merit and virtue which occasioned it, to have been capable of appeasing them.

He who performs every employment, in its due place and season, suffers no part of time to escape without profit; and thus his days become multiplied; and much of life is enjoyed in little space.

Desires of pleasure usher in temptation, and the growth of disorderly passions is forwarded.

Sect. 2.

We should never crowd into one sentence, things which have so little connexion, that they could bear to be divided into two or three sentences.

The notions of Lord Sunderland were always good; but he was a man of great expense.

In this uneasy state, both of his public and private life, Cicero was oppressed by a new and deep affliction, the death of his beloved daughter Tullia;

which happened soon after her divorce from Dola-bella ; whose manners and humours were entirely disagreeable to her.

The sun approaching melts the snow, and breaks the icy fetters of the main, where vast sea-monsters pierce through floating islands, with arms which can withstand the crystal rock ; whilst others, who of themselves seem great as islands, are by their bulk alone armed against all but man, whose superiority over creatures of such stupendous size and force, should make him mindful of his privilege of reason ; and force him humbly to adore the great Composer of these wondrous frames, and the Author of his own superior wisdom.

I single Strada out among the moderns, because he had the foolish presumption to censure Tacitus, and to write history himself ; and my friend will forgive this short excursion in honour of a favourite writer.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow ; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth : and, for the same reason, despair not of to-morrow ; for it may bring forth good as well as evil ; which is a ground for not vexing thyself with imaginary fears ; for the impending black cloud, which is regarded with so much dread, may pass by harmless ; or though it should discharge the storm, yet, before it breaks, thou mayst be lodged in that lowly mansion which no storms ever touch.

SECT. 3.

We should keep clear of all unnecessary parentheses.

Disappointments will often happen to the best and wisest men, (not through any imprudence of theirs, nor even through the malice or ill design of others; but merely in consequence of some of those cross incidents of life which could not be foreseen) and sometimes to the wisest and best concerted plans.

Without some degree of patience exercised under injuries, (as offences and retaliations would succeed to one another in endless train) human life would be rendered a state of perpetual hostility.

Never delay till to-morrow, (for to-morrow is not yours; and though you should live to enjoy it, you must not overload it with a burden not its own) what reason and conscience tell you ought to be performed to-day.

We must not imagine that there is, in true religion, any thing which overcasts the mind with sultry gloom and melancholy austerity, (for false ideas may be entertained of religion, as false and imperfect conceptions of virtue have often prevailed in the world) or which derogates from that esteem which men are generally disposed to yield to exemplary virtues.

CHAP. III.

- *Containing sentences, in which the rules for promoting the Strength of a sentence are violated.*

SECT. 1.

The first rule for promoting the strength of a sentence, is, to prune it of all redundant words and members.

It is six months ago, since I paid a visit to my relations.

Suspend thy censure, so long till thy judgment on the subject can be wisely formed.

The reason why he acted in the manner he did, was not fully explained.

If I were to give a reason for their looking so well, it would be because they rise early.

If I mistake not, I think he is improved both in knowledge and behaviour.

Those two boys appear to be both equal in capacity.

Whenever he sees me, he always inquires concerning his friends.

The reason of his conduct will be accounted for in the conclusion of this narrative.

I hope this is the last time that I shall ever act so imprudently.

The reason of his sudden departure, was on account of the case not admitting of delay.

The people gained nothing farther by this step, but only to suspend their misery.

I have here supposed that the reader is acquainted with that great modern discovery, which is, at present, universally acknowledged by all the inquirers into natural philosophy.

There are few words in the English language, which are employed in a more loose and uncircumscribed sense, than those of the fancy and the imagination.

I intend to make use of these words in the thread of my following speculations, that the reader may conceive rightly what is the subject upon which I proceed.

Commend me to an argument that, like a flail, there is no fence against it.

How many are there, by whom these tidings of good news were never heard?

These points have been illustrated in so plain and evident a manner, that the perusal of the book has given me pleasure and satisfaction.

However clear and obvious the conduct which he ought to have pursued, he had not courage and resolution to set about it.

I was much moved on this occasion, and left the place full of a great many serious reflections.

They are of those that rebel against the light: they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

This measure may afford some profit, and furnish some amusement.

By a multiplicity and variety of words, the thoughts and sentiments are not set off and accommodated; but, like David dressed out and equipped

in Saul's armour, they are encumbered and oppressed.

Although he was closely occupied with the affairs of the nation, nevertheless he did not neglect the concerns of his friends.

Whereas, on the other hand, supposing that secrecy had been enjoined, his conduct was very culpable.

Less capacity is required for this business, but more time is necessary.

He did not mention Leonora, nor that her father was dead.

The combatants encountered each other with such rage, that, being eager only to assail, and thoughtless of making any defence, they both fell dead upon the field together.

I shall, in the first place, begin with remarking the defects, and shall then proceed afterwards to describe the excellencies, of this plan of education.

Numberless orders of beings, which are to us unknown, people the wide extent of the universe.

Sect. 2.

The second direction for promoting the strength of a sentence, is, to attend particularly to the use of copulatives, relatives, and all the particles employed for transition and connexion.

The enemy said, I will pursue, and I will overtake, and I will divide the spoil.

While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, cold, heat, summer, winter, day and night, shall not cease.

A man should endeavour to make the sphere of his innocent pleasures as wide as possible, that he may retire into them with safety, and find in them such a satisfaction as a wise man would not blush to take. Of this nature are those of the imagination.

The army was composed of Grecians, Carians, Lycians, Pamphylians, and Phrygians.

The body of this animal was strong, and proportionable, and beautiful.

There is nothing which promotes knowledge more than steady application, and a habit of observation.

Though virtue borrows no assistance from, yet it may often be accompanied by, the advantages of fortune.

The knowledge he has acquired, and the habits of application he possesses, will probably render him very useful.

Their idleness, and their luxury and pleasures, their criminal deeds, and their immoderate passions, and their timidity and baseness of mind, have debased them to such a degree, as to make them weary of life.

I was greatly affected, inasmuch that I was obliged to leave the place, notwithstanding that my assistance had been pressing solicited.

I strenuously opposed those measures, and it was not in my power to prevent them.

I yielded to his solicitation, whilst I perceived the necessity of doing so.

For the wisest purposes, Providence has designed our state to be chequered with pleasure and pain. In

this manner let us receive it, and make the best or what is appointed to be our lot.

In the time of prosperity, he had stored his mind with useful knowledge, with good principles, and virtuous dispositions. And therefore they remain entire, when the days of trouble come.

He had made considerable advances in knowledge, but he was very young, and laboured under several disadvantages.

Sect. 3.

The third rule for promoting the strength of a sentence, is, to dispose of the capital word, or words, in that place of the sentence where they will make the fullest impression.

I have considered the subject, with a good deal of attention, upon which I was desired to communicate my thoughts.

Whether a choice altogether unexceptionable has, in any country been made, seems doubtful.

Let us endeavour to establish to ourselves an interest in him, who holds the reins of the whole creation in his hands.

Virgil, who has cast the whole system of platonic philosophy, so far as it relates to the soul of man, into beautiful allegories, in the sixth book of his *Ænied*, gives us the punishment, &c.

And Philip the fourth was obliged, at last, to conclude a peace, on terms repugnant to his inclination, to that of his people, to the interest of Spain, and to that of all Europe, in the Pyrenean treaty.

It is likewise urged, that there are, by computation, in this kingdom, above ten thousand parsons, whose revenues, added to those of the bishops, would suffice to maintain, &c.

And although persons of a virtuous and learned education, may be, and too often are, drawn by the temptations of youth, and the opportunities of a large fortune, into some irregularities, when they come forward into the great world, it is ever with reluctance and compunction of mind, because their bias to virtue still continues.

Were instruction an essential circumstance in epic poetry, I doubt whether a single instance could be given of this species of composition, in any language.

Some of our most eminent writers have made use of this platonic notion, as far as it regards the subsistence of our affections after death, with great beauty, and strength of reason.

Men of the best sense have been touched, more or less, with these groundless horrors and presages of futurity, upon surveying the most indifferent works of nature.

He that cometh in the name of the Lord is blessed.

Every one that puts on the appearance of goodness, is not good.

And Elias with Moses appeared to them.

Where are your fathers? and do the prophets live for ever?

We came to our journey's end at last, with no small difficulty, after much fatigue, through deep roads and bad weather.

Virgil has justly contested with Homer, the praise of judgment, but his invention remains yet unrivalled.

Let us employ our criticism on ourselves, instead of being critics on others.

Let us implore superior assistance, for enabling us to act well our own part, leaving others to be judged by Him who searcheth the heart.

The vehemence of passion, after it has exercised its tyrannical sway for a while, may subside by degrees.

This fallacious art debars thee from enjoying life, instead of lengthening it.

Indulging ourselves in imaginary enjoyments, often deprives us of real ones.

How will that nobleman be able to conduct himself, when reduced to poverty, who was educated only to magnificence and pleasure.

It is highly proper that a man should be acquainted with a variety of things, of which the utility is above a child's comprehension: but is it necessary a child should learn every thing it behoves a man to know; or is it even possible?

When they fall into sudden difficulties, they are less perplexed than others in the like circumstances; and when they encounter dangers they are less alarmed.

For all your actions, you must hereafter give an account, and particularly for the employments of youth.

SECT. 4.

A fourth rule for promoting the strength of sentences, is, that a weaker assertion or proposition should never come after a stronger one; and that, when our sentence consists of two members, the longer should, generally, be the concluding one.

Charity breathes long-suffering to enemies, courtesy to strangers, habitual kindness towards friends.

Gentleness ought to diffuse itself over our whole behaviour, to form our address, and regulate our speech.

The propensity to look forward into life is too often grossly abused, and immoderately indulged.

The regular tenor of a virtuous and pious life, will prove the best preparation for immortality, for old age, and death.

These rules are intended to teach young persons to write with propriety, elegance, and perspicuity.

Sinful pleasures blast the opening prospects of human felicity, and degrade human honour.

In this state of mind, every employment of life is become an oppressive burden, and every object appears gloomy.

They will acquire different views, by applying to the honourable discharge of the functions of their station, and entering on a virtuous course of action.

By the perpetual course of dissipation, in which sensualists are engaged; by the riotous revel, and the midnight, or rather morning hours, to which they prolong their festivity; by the excesses which

they indulge; they debilitate their bodies, cut themselves off from the comforts and duties of life, and wear out their spirits.

Sect. 5.

A fifth rule for the strength of sentences, is, to avoid concluding them with an adverb, a preposition, or any inconsiderable words.

By what I have already expressed, the reader will perceive the business which I am to proceed upon.

May the happy message be applied to us, in all the virtue, strength, and comfort of it.

Generosity is a showy virtue, which many persons are very fond of.

These arguments were, without hesitation, and with great eagerness, laid hold of.

It is proper to be long in deliberating, but we should speedily execute.

Form thy measures with prudence; but all anxiety about the issue divest thyself of.

We are struck, we know not how, with the symmetry of any thing we see; and immediately acknowledge the beauty of an object, without inquiring into the particular causes and occasions of it.

With Cicero's writings, these persons are more conversant, than with those of Demosthenes, who, by many degrees, excelled the other; at least, as an orator.

Sect. 6.

A sixth rule relating to the strength of a sentence, is, that, in the members of a sentence, where two things are compared or contrasted to one another; where either a resemblance or an opposition is intended to be expressed; some resemblance, in the language and construction, should be preserved. For when the things themselves correspond to each other, we naturally expect to find a similar correspondence in the words.

Our British gardeners, instead of humouring nature, love to deviate from it as much as possible.

I have observed of late the style of some great ministers, very much to exceed that of any other productions.

The old may inform the young; and the young may animate those who are advanced in life.

The account is generally balanced; for what we are losers on the one hand, we gain on the other.

The laughers will be for those who have most wit; the serious part of mankind, for those who have most reason on their side.

If men of eminence are exposed to censure on the one hand, they are as much liable to flattery on the other. If they receive reproaches which are not due to them, they likewise receive praises which they do not deserve.

He can bribe, but he is not able to seduce. He can buy, but he has not the power of gaining. He can lie, but no one is deceived by him.

He embraced the cause of liberty faintly, and pur-

sued it without resolution; he grew tired of it, when he had much to hope, and gave it up, when there was no ground for apprehension.

There may remain a suspicion that we over-rate the greatness of his genius, in the same manner as bodies appear more gigantic, on account of their being disproportioned and misshapen.

CHAP. IV.

Instances of an irregular use of Figures of Speech.

No human happiness is so serene as not to contain any alloy.

There is a time when factions, by the vehemence of their own fermentation, stun and disable one another.

I intend to make use of these words in the thread of my speculations.

Hope, the balm of life, darts a ray of light through the thickest gloom.

This scheme was highly expensive to him, and proved the Charybdis of his estate.

He was so much skilled in the empire of the oar, that few could equal him.

The death of Cato has rendered the Senate an orphan.

Let us be attentive to keep our mouths as with a bridle; and to steer our vessel aright, that we may

avoid the rocks and shoals, which lie every where around us.

At length Erasmus, that great injur'd name,
(The glory of the priesthood, and the shame)
Curb'd the wild torrent of a barb'rous age,
And drove those holy Vandals off the stage.

In this our day of proof, our land of hope,
The good man has his clouds that intervene;
Clouds that may dim his sublunary day,
But cannot conquer : even the best must own,
Patience and resignation are the columns of human peace
on earth.

On the wide sea of letters, 'twas thy boast
To crowd each sail, and touch at ev'ry coast :
From that rich mine how often hast thou brought
The pure and precious pearls of splendid thought !
How didst thou triumph on that subject-tide,
Till vanity's wild gust, and stormy pride,
Drove thy strong mind, in evil hour, to split
Upon the fatal rock of impious wit.

Since the time that reason began to bud, and put forth her shoots, thought, during our waking hours, has been active in every breast, without a moment's suspension or pause. The current of ideas has been always moving. The wheels of the spiritual engine have exerted themselves with perpetual motion.

The man who has no rule over his own spirit, possesses no antidote against poisons of any sort. He lies open to every insurrection of ill-humour, and every gale of distress. Whereas he who is em-

ployed in regulating his mind, is making provision against all the accidents of life. He is erecting a fortress into which, in the day of sorrow, he can retreat with satisfaction.

Tamerlane the Great, writes to Bajazet, Emperour of the Ottomans, in the following terms.—“ Where is the monarch who dares resist us? Where is the potentate who doth not glory in being numbered among our attendants? As for thee, descended from a Turcoman sailer, since the vessel of thy unbounded ambition hath been wrecked in the gulph of thy self-love, it would be proper, that thou shouldst take in the sails of thy temerity, and cast the anchor of repentance in the port of sincerity and justice, which is the port of safety; lest the tempest of our vengeance, make thee perish in the sea of the punishment thou deservest.”

It is pleasant to be virtuous and good; because that is to excel many others: It is pleasant to grow better; because that is to excel ourselves: It is pleasant to command our appetites and passions, and to keep them in due order, within the bounds of reason and religion; because this is empire: nay, it is pleasant even to mortify and subdue our lusts; because that is victory.

APPENDIX;

CONTAINING

EXAMPLES

TO ASSIST THE STUDENT

IN TRANSPOSING

THE PARTS OF SENTENCES;

AND IN VARYING

THE FORM OF EXPRESSING

A SENTIMENT.

APPENDIX.

CHAP. I.

On transposing the Members of a Sentence.

THE practice of transposing the members of sentences, is an exercise so useful to young persons, that it requires a more particular explanation, than could have been properly given in the preceding work. A few of the various modes in which the parts of a sentence may be arranged, have, therefore, been collected; and they are, with other matter, produced in the form of an appendix to the general exercises. By examining them attentively, the student will perceive, in some degree, the nature and effect of transposition: and, by being frequently exercised in showing its variety in other sentences, he will obtain a facility in the operation; and a dexterity in discovering and applying, on all occasions, the clearest and most forcible arrangement. By this practice, he will also be able more readily to penetrate the meaning of such sentences, as are rendered obscure and perplexing to most readers, by the irregular disposition of their parts.

The first and last forms of each class of examples, are to be considered as the least exceptionable.

THE Roman state evidently declined, in proportion to the increase of luxury.

The Roman state, in proportion to the increase of luxury, evidently declined.

In proportion to the increase of luxury, the Roman state evidently declined.

I am willing to remit all that is past, provided it may be done with safety.

I am willing, provided it may be done with safety, to forgive all that is past.

Provided it may be done with safety, I am willing to remit all that is past.

That greatness of mind which shews itself in dangers and labours, if it want justice, is blamable.

If that greatness of mind, which shows itself in dangers and labours, be void of justice, it is blamable.

That greatness of mind is blamable, which shows itself in dangers and labours, if it want justice.

If that greatness of mind be void of justice, which shows itself in dangers and labours, it is blamable.

That greatness of mind is blamable, if it be void of justice, which shows itself in dangers and labours.

If it want justice, that greatness of mind, which shows itself in dangers and labours, is blamable.

He who made light to spring from primæval darkness, will make order, at last, to arise from the seeming confusion of the world.

From the seeming confusion of the world, He who made light to spring from primæval darkness, will make order, at last, to arise.

He who made light to spring from primæval darkness, will, from the seeming confusion of the world, make order, at last, to arise.

He who made light to spring from primæval darkness, will, at last, from the seeming confusion of the world, make order to arise.

He will make order, at last, to arise from the seeming confusion of the world, who made light to spring from primæval darkness.

From the seeming confusion of the world, He will make order, at last, to arise, who made light to spring from primæval darkness.

He who made light to spring from primæval darkness, will, at last, make order to arise from the seeming confusion of the world.

Whoever considers the uncertainty of human affairs, and how frequently the greatest hopes are frustrated; will see just reason to be always on his guard, and not to place too much dependence on things so precarious.

He will see just reason to be always on his guard, and not to place too much dependence on the precarious things of time; who considers the uncertainty of human affairs, and how often the greatest hopes are frustrated.

Let us not conclude, while dangers are at a distance, and do not immediately approach us, that we are secure; unless we use the necessary precautions to prevent them.

Unless we use the necessary precautions to prevent dangers, let us not conclude, while they are at a distance, and do not immediately approach us, that we are secure.

Unless we use the necessary precautions to prevent dangers, let us not conclude that we are secure, while they are at a distance, and do not immediately approach us.

Let us not conclude that we are secure, while dangers are at a distance, and do not immediately approach us, unless we use the necessary precautions to prevent them.

While dangers are at a distance, and do not immediately approach us, let us not conclude, that we are secure, unless we use the necessary precautions to prevent them.

Those things which appear great to one who knows nothing greater, will sink into a diminutive

size, when he becomes acquainted with objects of a higher nature.

When one becomes acquainted with objects of a higher nature, those things which appeared great to him whilst he knew nothing greater, will sink into a diminutive size.

To one who knows nothing greater, those things which then appear great, will sink into a diminutive size, when he becomes acquainted with objects of a higher nature.

CHAP. II.

On variety of expression.

BESIDES the practice of transposing the parts of sentences, the compiler recommends to tutors, frequently to exercise their pupils, in exhibiting some of the various modes, in which the same sentiment may be properly expressed. This practice will extend their knowledge of the language, afford a variety of expression, and habituate them to deliver their sentiments with clearness, ease, and propriety. It will likewise enable those who may be engaged in studying other languages, not only to construe them, with more facility, into English; but also to observe and apply more readily, many of the turns and phrases,

which are best adapted to the genius of those languages. A few examples of this kind of exercises, will be sufficient to explain the nature of it, and to shew its utility.

The brother deserved censure more than his sister.

The sister was less reprehensible than her brother.

The sister did not deserve reprehension, so much as her brother.

Reproof was more due to the brother, than to the sister.

I will attend the conference, if I can do it conveniently.

I intend to be at the conference, unless it should be inconvenient.

If I can do it with convenience, I purpose to be present at the conference.

If it can be done without inconvenience, I shall not fail to attend the conference.

I shall not absent myself from the conference, unless circumstances render it necessary.

He who lives always in the bustle of the world, lives in a perpetual warfare.

To live continually in the bustle of the world, is to live in perpetual warfare.

By living constantly in the bustle of the world, our life becomes a scene of contention.

It is a continual warfare, to live perpetually in the bustle of the world.

The hurry of the world, to him who always lives in it, is a perpetual conflict.

They who are constantly engaged in the tumults of the world, are strangers to the blessings of peace.

The spirit of true religion breathes gentleness and affability.

Gentleness and affability are the genuine effects of true religion.

True religion teaches us to be gentle and affable.

Genuine religion will never produce an austere temper, or a rough demeanour.

Harshness of manners and want of condescension, are opposite to the spirit of true religion.

Industry is not only the instrument of improvement, but the foundation of pleasure.

Industry produces both improvement and pleasure.

Improvement and pleasure are the products of industry.

The common attendants on idleness are ignorance and misery.

Valerius passed several laws, abridging the power of the Senate, and extending that of the people.

Several laws were passed by Valerius, which abridged the power of the Senate, and extended that of the people.

The power of the Senate was abridged, and that of the people extended, by several laws passed during the consulship of Valerius.

The advantages of this world, even when innocently gained, are uncertain blessings.

If the advantages of this world were innocently gained, they are still uncertain blessings.

We may indeed innocently gain the advantages of this world; but even then they are uncertain blessings.

Uncertainty attends all the advantages of this world, not excepting those which are innocently acquired.

The blessings which we derive from the advantages of this world, are not secure, even when they are innocently gained.

When you behold wicked men multiplying in number, and increasing in power, imagine not that Providence particularly favours them.

When wicked men are observed to multiply in number, and increase in power, we are not to suppose that they are particularly favoured by Providence.

From the increase and prosperity of the wicked,

we must not infer that they are the favourites of Providence.

Charity consists not in speculative ideas of general benevolence, floating in the head, and leaving the heart, as speculations too often do, untouched and cold.

Speculative ideas of general benevolence, do not form the virtue of charity; for these often float in the head, and leave the heart untouched and cold.

Speculations which leave the heart unaffected and cold, though they may consist of general benevolence floating in the head, do not form the great virtue of charity.

Universal benevolence to mankind, when it rests in the abstract, does not constitute the noble virtue of charity. It is then a loose indeterminate idea, rather than a principle of real effect; and floats as a useless speculation in the head, instead of affecting the temper and the heart.

A wolf let into the sheepfold, will devour the sheep.

If we let a wolf into the fold, the sheep will be devoured.

The wolf will devour the sheep, if the sheepfold be left open.

A wolf being let into the sheepfold, the sheep will be devoured.

If the fold be not left carefully shut, the wolf will devour the sheep.

The sheep will be devoured by the wolf, if it find the way open into the fold.

There is no defence of the sheep from the wolf, unless it be kept out of the fold.

A slaughter will be made amongst the sheep, if the wolf can get into the fold.

The preceding examples show that the form of expressing a sentiment may be properly varied by turning the active voice of verbs into the passive, and the nominative case of nouns into what is called the objective; by altering the connexion of short sentences by different adverbs and conjunctions, and by the use of prepositions; by applying adjectives and adverbs instead of substantives, and *vicé versa*; by using the case absolute in place of the nominative and verb, and the participle instead of the verb; by reversing the correspondent parts of the sentence; and by the negation of the contrary, instead of the assertion of the thing first proposed. By these, and other modes of expression, a great variety of forms of speech, exactly or nearly of the same import, may be produced; and the young student furnished with a considerable store for his selection and use.

When the business of transposing the parts of sentences, and of varying the forms of expression, be-

comes familiar to the student, he may be employed in reducing the particulars of a few pages, to general heads; and in expanding sentiments generally expressed, into their correspondent particulars: and by making these operations more or less general, and more or less particular, a considerable variety will be introduced into this part of the exercises.

An employment, of the kind here proposed, will not only make the learner skilful in the meaning and application of terms, and in the nature of a concise and of a copious style; but it will also teach him to think with order and attention; to contract or expand his views at pleasure; and to digest the sentiments of other persons, or his own, in the manner best adapted to assist his judgment and memory.

