

Antitheses &c.

We were now trading that illustrious
 our island which was once the territo-
 rary of the Caledonian empire & these
 savage shores and roving barbarians
~~now~~ derived the benefits of know-
 ledge and the blessings of religion —
 To abstract the mind from all local emu-
 tion, would be impossible if it were in-
 creased and ^{enlarged} possible if it were possible;
 whatever withdraws us from the present
 of our times, which our wisdom the great
 the distant or the future predominate and
 over the present advances us in the dignity
 of thinking beings. For from my own
 from my spirit to such rigid Philosophy
 as may conduct us indifferent and un-
 moved over any ground which has been
 occupied ~~with~~ by wisdom, bravery & virtue
 That man is little to be envied whose
 patriotism ^{love} is not seen face upon the
 plain of Mars, the whose purity would not con-
 sider among the causes of Peace —

Man bred in the universities of Scotland cannot be expected to be often decorated with the splendour of ornamental erudition, but they obtain a mediocrity of knowledge, between learning and ignorance, not inadequate to the purposes of common life which is I believe very widely diffused among them, and which is maintained in general by a national combination so inveterate that their spirits cannot depend it and actuate in particular by a spirit of enterprise so vigorous that their enemies are constrained to praise it, enable them to find ^{to} make their way to employments, riches and distinctions — J. n.

The students for the most part go through boys, and depart before they are men; they carry with them little permanent knowledge, and therefore the superstructure cannot be lofty. The Grammar schools are not generally well supplied, for the character of a

School master being there less honoured than in England is seldom accepted by men who are capable to adorn it, and where the school has been deficient the College can effect little — J. n.

How would it surprise our enlightened Scotchman to hear a Company of Soldiers enquiring by what power the broad top of a stone, or why the stone when it is topped falls to the ground?

There is reason to believe that I do not remember any Naturalist to have remarked, that there was a time when the world was very thinly inhabited by beasts as well as by men, and that the woods had leisure to rise high before animals had long numbers sufficient to intercept them —

All travel has its advantages if the traveller visits better countries he may learn to improve his own, if fortune carries him to worse he may learn to enjoy it — J. n.

Accompanied the first day by another gentleman who could stay with us only long enough to show us how much we lost by our separation.

Irish Heath is nothing more than a rock covered with a thin layer of earth not a holly here of grass ~~is~~ and very futile of thistles. A small herd of cows grazes miserably upon it, in the summer. It seems never to have offered to man in heat a permanent habitation.

To travel commodiously without the interruption of toll-gates.

There is a strong aim to derive some degree of dignity and importance from the reputation of possessing a country seat.

At an hour some what late we come to St Andrews.

How very civilly quickly made us forget that we were strangers; and in the

whole time of our stay we were gratified by every mode of kindness, and entertained with all the elegance of British hospitality.

An epidemical Lutheranism compounded of vulgar scrupulousness and worldly procity.

Dilence and solitude of inactive industry and gloomy depopulation. — where there is yet shame there may in time be virtue.

The Doctor who showed the library seemed to irritate in subtle manner English vanity by telling us that we had no such repository of books in England.

In one the desire of knowledge easily gives way to the love of pleasure; in the other is in danger of yielding to the love of money.

The Spaniel is a stupid but the companion of her cat and is troublesome to nobody.

The distance of a Cabanby from the
present time seems to preclude the
mind from contact or sympathy.
Events long past are barely known they
are not considered —

— A tree might be a show in Scot-
land as a house at Venice —

— The Magnanimity of his conversation
easily drew us out of our way and the
entertainment which we received would
have been a sufficient recompense
for a much greater deviation —

— Much is due to those who first take
the way to knowledge and left only to
their success the task of smoothing it