

Before he quitted B — for college, he entrusted his affairs entirely to the prudent management of Mr. Irvin; and so well did he discharge the office imposed on him, that after the sale of the estates, he found a handsome sum still due to the old possessor; enough, with economy, to maintain him with respectability. After some months spent in diligent study, Francis returned to his native town, full of hope, and perfectly re-established in health. Many alterations had taken place during his absence. Jervis had been presented to a good living by a distant relation, who having lost his only son, was determined to make George his heir. Francis rejoiced greatly at his friend's happy change of fortune; likewise in the marriage of Johnstone and Fanny, that had been celebrated during his residence at Oxford. From Henry he learnt that Musgrave had been reconciled to his brother, and had succeeded in regaining the confidence of his father, and was likely to do extremely well.

Adversity had produced a most salutary change in young Stanhope's mind and sentiments. No longer a gloomy misanthrope, brooding over the faults of others, he was lively, cheerful, and benevolent, actively employing his time in ameliorating the sufferings of his fellow-creatures, instructing the ignorant, and persuading the hardened sinner