

and above all we owe it to ourselves not to be behind every other country in appreciating and adopting those great improvements, which distinguish the present age.

And now, gentle reader, it is time for me to make my bow as well as my sea-legs will allow me, and retire. In doing so, permit me to express a wish that your voyage of life may be the very opposite of that of a steamer, in point of duration, and resemble it as nearly as possible in the one grand essential, namely in making the best use of your time.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

THE AUTHOR.

THE END.