

commonly given by Mr. Macleod, though they have been in their graves for many years ; a circumstance which, in the vivacity of animated conversation, (for he has exceedingly high spirits,) he is very apt to overlook. His standing toasts are Her Majesty Queen Anne ; Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough ; and the Countess of Eglington. I have noticed the proneness of the old Sergeant, in the present debilitated state of his mind, to confound mere imaginations with realities. That a just distinction may be made between this weakness and deliberate deception, it really often happens, that when his mind is warmed by a lively description of scenes, in which he could not have been present, he imagines that he had actually seen them passing before his eyes.

The question is often put to Macleod, How do you live ? to which he as often replies, " I eat when I am hungry, and drink " when I am dry, and never go to bed but " when I can't help it." This last maxim requires a little illustration. He can never be persuaded to go to bed till he falls asleep. If he is taking a glass after supper, and a pro-