

dred to his own spirit in it. He felt it to be so—and this it was, perhaps, that mitigated his displeasure as he paced the room, his hands behind him, as was his wont when perplexed. 'I must not be fooled out of my resolution,' he thought; 'it was very presuming in Harry Stuart to give this ring to Lizzy, when he knows my determination is invincible.' He turned to claim the ring, when Madeline, who had a few minutes before entered with a little packet to him, caught his eyes. He opened it, and found it contained a pair of slippers. Lizzy's 'new year's gift to him, beautifully wrought by her own hand. This was not all—there were several pairs of fine woollen hose she had knit for him, in her intervals of leisure. They were just such as he liked, just such as he could not buy, just such as no one but Lizzy could knit, at least so he thought, and thanking and kissing her, he said, 'Well, Lizzy, wear the ring to-day, and after that'—

'I may still wear it, papa?'

'I'll consider of it, my child.'

'C'est le premier pas qui coute?' thought Lizzy: and with a light heart and joyous face she bounded away to perform her next duty. Lizzy's duties were so blended with pleasure, that she no more separated them, than the naked eye separates the twisted rays of light.

'Come with me, Madeline,' she said. Madeline followed, marvelling at the young lady—who, even in her love passages, dared to walk in light. 'These humble persons are prompt to discern truth and rectitude, and to imbibe its influence from their superiors in station.'

MISCELLANEOUS.

FEMALE INFLUENCE.

Of the varied checks imposed by Providence upon the degrading passions of our nature, the highest in the scale is religion, the next is female influence. It was their combination which gave to chivalry its poetical, and which gives to true civilization its actual grace. As a chastener of the morbid propensities of humanity, the love of woman, using the word in its most exalted sense, is a moral agent of surpassing power—and as it often exists without the other element of our constitution to which we have just referred, so it may often

without its aid effect the most salutary restraint. The lover who invests his mistress, if not with the attributes of perfection, at least with the charm which approach nearest to them, and who looks to the forfeiture of her pure affections as the severest misfortunes, has a motive of virtue which rarely fails. The husband who regards the wife of his bosom not only with love, but with pride, has the same impulse in a different, but not less persuasive form. Where the level of female influence is low, where it is acknowledged only as a minister of sensual appetite, and where the female character is divested of the romantic purity which belongs to it, and made, like Don Juan's successive heroines, only the object of licentious passions, we despair of witnessing moral beauty in any form. Domestic society has been beautifully described by a contemporary writer as 'the seminary of social affections, the cradle of sensibility, where the first elements are acquired of that tenderness and humanity which cement mankind together.'

POPULATION OF THE GLOBE.

A late number of the London Missionary Register contains an estimate of the population of the globe, from a work by M. Adrian Balbi. From this it appears that there are subject to Protestant states 190,000,000; and to Roman Catholic states 135,000,000. Of the Greek church, there are 60,000,000.

ADVICE TO APPRENTICES.

I.—Having selected your profession, resolve not to abandon it: but by a life of industry and enterprise to adorn it. You will be much more likely to succeed in the business you have long studied, than in that of which you know but little.

2.—Select the best company in your power to obtain: and let your conversation be on those things you wish to learn. Frequent conversation will illicit much instruction.

3.—Obtain a friend to select for you the best books on morality, religion, and the liberal arts, and particularly those which treat on your profession. It is not the reading of many books that make a man wise, but the reading only those which can impart wisdom: Thoroughly understand what you read: take notes of all that is worth remembering; and frequently review what you have written.

4.—Select for your model the purest and