

ride; I beat my breast heartily; I restore circulation to my feet by jovial stamping; I have for the first time in life a purpose to fulfil to which I am quite equal; I eat and drink all the more heartily for the severe weather; I make a joyful noise in everything I do, to attract the attention of the world to my great success in defying the cold; I smile jubilantly, and return jubilant smiles jubilantly, for I feel a successful man, and without any mean envy I recognize all comrades who are successful in the same way. Heroes should support each other, and they are heroes who find nothing but new stimulus in such cold as this."

For our own part, we believe that this condition of mind can be accounted for better than this by Mr. Garrod's physical theory of the genesis of strong magnetic currents. We suspect that people who feel warm inside when there is great cold outside, regard themselves as having in some sense triumphed over circumstances, like the virtuous man who holds his own when weighed down by calamities, or like the poet who makes a witty verse out of what seemed impossible rhymes; and they infer that their fertility in resource deserves the appreciation and approbation of mankind. It is said that a man who recovers from what his physicians tell him is a very fatal disease always holds his head a little higher for the achievement, and thinks (truly, perhaps,) that there is encouragement to his fellow-creatures in the fact,—encouragement for which they owe him admiration and thanks. If so, the state of mind of the man who rather likes cold is essentially analogous. He thinks of himself as leading a forlorn-hope which refuses to succumb to hostile influences,—nay, which only feels the hostile influences as agreeable excitements. That this is a distinguishing part to play, and as so many can play it who can play no other distinguished part in the world, they naturally feel something of the glow of heroic achievement, when they become conscious of their position. They have always been taught that the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties is praiseworthy. Perhaps so, but the result is certainly apt to appear in too