

accompanied with an unusual fertility of the soil; or, in other words, that those causes which promote the rapid growth of vegetation, should generate in man the seeds of sickness. The drought of an ardent summer has little effect in checking the progress of vegetation; for the daily evaporation from the earth is succeeded every night by heavy dews, which cherish and refresh the face of the country. Hence, in cultivated situations, the fruits of the earth are produced in abundance, and are early hastened to maturity and perfection. When the winds blow from the south, or equinoctial regions, they are generally accompanied with a sultry state of the air, and, sometimes, with thunder and lightning, succeeded by heavy showers of rain. When they proceed from the east, the air is often thick and hazy. In summer they seldom blow from the north. When they come from the north-western boundaries of the province, they are always cool and invigorating to the constitution.

Autumn is more pleasant than any other