

EXERCISE CXCV.

VIRTUE IS ITS OWN REWARD.

1. Define virtue—show in what it consists—in always doing the right.

2. Arguments and illustrations to prove the statement—we are under law—under moral law—the principle of which is, that right-doing is consonant with the will of the Lawgiver—who loves the right and hates the wrong—our own moral nature teaches us this—the whole analogy of things teaches this.

3. Apparent exceptions to the rule—a good man suffering—all such exceptions are apparent.

Love soweth *here* with toil and tears,
But the harvest-time of love is *there*.

4. The universality of the rule should induce us to practise virtue on all occasions, even when the doing so may seem to be leading us into suffering—after the cross there will be the crown.

5. In a future life, the rule will be seen operating in all its length and breadth.

EXERCISE CXCVI.

ON HUMOUR.

In handling a subject like this, it is evident that the pupil may follow one of two courses :—

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1. He may give various illustrations of humour, and from these deduce the principles which underlie and go to constitute true humour.

2. From a consideration of the principles evolved in his examination of examples, he may infer what humour is, and so define it.

3. He can then apply his definition as a test to ascertain the presence of humour in any piece of composition.

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1. He may begin by giving a formal definition of humour.