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SECTION VIII.

The Philosophy of History.

It is a rare qualification in a Naturalist to be able to describe accurately and intelligibly the conformation and peculiarities of a plant or an animal; but it is one of the rarest qualifications in the world to be able to relate the particulars of an event exactly as they occurred. When we consider that History takes cognizance of the moral and intellectual character of the individuals engaged in the events which it describes,—the various interests and motives which influenced these individuals—the antecedent circumstances which led to those events,—the numerous collateral incidents which took place simultaneously with those events, and the consequences resulting from all those combinations:—when we have taken all these circumstances into consideration, we cannot too highly estimate the difficulty involved in the task of those who have