

(ORIGINAL.)

TWO MINDS CONTRASTED.

BY JAMES HOLMES.

To you, the world is as a rose That decks a virgin's breast, Perfuming ev'ry gale that blows 'Round Love's voluptu'us nest. To me, 'tis as the wilted flow'r Fast hast'ning to decay,-'Twas lovely in its summer hour! (That hour has pass'd away.)

To you the world is as a blade, Of bright Damascus steel, On hilt and scabbard, fresh, display'd Whate'er, art can reveal To me, 'tis as the rusted brand. Corroding on the wall, No more to flash in Valour's hand. On field or festival.

To you, the world is as the sea When calm as summer lake,-When o'er its surface, wantonly, Infantile zephyrs wake. To me, 'tis as the ocean's breast When tempests hoarsely roar, And billows rear their foaming crest And lash the frighted shore.

To you, the world is as a song Of joyousness and mirth, Sung by the fairest of the throng Of daughters of the earth. To me, the world is sicklied o'er With sorrow and disgust ;-I would not live with heart so sore, But that I must I must!

(ORIGINAL.)

FAME AND BEAUTY.

BY JAMES HOLMES.

ADDRESS'D TO A LADY WHO, (VIEW'D THRO' THE DECEPTIVE MEDIUM OF YOUTHFUL PAS-SION) APPEAR'D, CHASTE AS DIANA, -AND MAJESTIC AS MINERVA, -THOUGH VOLUPTU-

OUS AS VENUS. They tell me that Fame has a magical power

O'er the minds of the young and the hearts of the brave; That they court her with passion, where Carnage

doth low'r, That her blood stain-ed laurel is all that they crave, That the bayonet charge is their happiest hour,

The music they love best-the shrick and the rave Of the dying and gashed,—and the hiss of the shower,

Whose drops are all passes to pain and the grave; But I turn from her features, all dripping with gore, To the shrine of sweet Beauty, the Queen of Delight,

I kneel at her altar, I gaze, I adore-And bask in her sunny and roseate light. I feel her soft flame at my heart's very core,

Enraptured, I equal the proud eagle's flight,
I spurn the vile earth, and to Paradise soar,
Where the diamonds of love are glittering bright. Oh! one hour of Love is worth ages of Fame, And they who have tasted both, know it is true!

Fame dazzles and gleams, as the Boreal flame! But the Loves of the Angels, have substance in you!-