

the printing press. The daguerrotype compels the sun to do the work of the painter's brush. The electric telegraph carries intelligence from nation to nation, and from continent to continent with almost the speed of thought. The advance of marine and inland discovery commencing in the reign of George the Third, has since been persevered in with a success which has left little now to explore. In short the progress of England for the last hundred years has been gigantic ; her ships cover every sea, her manufactures supply the wants of most of the nations of the earth ; and she has never been so flourishing and powerful as she is now. We cannot close these remarks more appropriately than in the language of Macaulay, the historian : " Ever since I began to make observations on the state of my country, I have been seeing nothing but growth, and I have been hearing of nothing but decay. The more I contemplate our noble institutions, the more convinced I am that they are sound at heart—that they have nothing of age but its dignity, and that their strength is still the strength of youth. The hurricane which has recently overthrown so much that was great and that seemed durable, has only proved their solidity. They still stand, august and immovable, while dynasties and churches are lying in heaps of ruin all around us. I see no reason to doubt that, by the blessing of God on a wise and temperate policy, a policy of which the principle is to preserve what is good by reforming what is evil, our civil institutions may be preserved unimpaired to a late posterity."

THE END.