

lect my own, which has a force and beauty too little estimated because unrestrainedly enjoyed. Frequent attempts are made to cavil at their form and substance, and though, from novelty, received only by the million, shows the latitudinarianism of the day; strange, that after the lapse of so many ages, and accumulation of so much learning, this should be left to certain moderns to discover, as they so complacently tell us that they have—in the same clever way as those machines that cleanse our linen by tearing it to pieces. Another class censure our Universities for rejecting the lower form of academies! equivalent to putting the finished scholar into rudiments, or penman his pot-hooks and hangers. There is no royal road to learning, but the well-laid and solid trodden by our fathers; true every now and then some new roadmaker arises, and in this age of egotism is it surprising that he should! he gains a stare for the day—then, like a November squib, 'tis a fiz and a flash, and he's heard of no more. A certain public orator, mystified by these new-light-men, undertook propogating their nostrums before a Northern University. When he had finished, the heads produced prominent passages which, on arranging, upset the whole; whereupon he abandoned his delusions.

At writing time in schools every master attends to positionize, inscribe examples, and do half the business of each pupil, which let him do for himself, and he will not only be the better for it, but spared much hereafter trouble and mortification. (The subject copies should be sacred and profane geography, history, chronology and biography, which the late Mr Butler, of Hackney, practised above fifty years, forty-nine whereof in one school.) One of the most prosperous London academies I ever knew, was conducted upon this principle, which may peradventure excite a sneer, but this does not move me, I neither court the smiles nor fear the frowns of the world, being happily placed beyond its leaden-hearted apathy, he that can say thus much needs not its patronage, and is therefore indifferent as to its censure or its praise.

Instructions in pen-making are amongst the first items promised, but about the last ones given in any school, when they should at least accompany round and running hand. Much has been said upon steel pens, but none can compete with the old firm of Goose, Gander & Co. Since Quills—or things taken frequently from the pinions of one goose, to spread the o-pinions of another—got amongst the Jews, remarkable for adulterating every thing getting