

where you ought to despise all little Views and all mean Retrospects. Nothing is worth your looking back; and therefore look forward, and make (as you can) the World look after you: but take Care it be not with Pity, but with Esteem and Admiration.

I AM, with the greatest Sincerity and Passion for your Fame as well as Happiness, your, &c.

PLATE IX.

READING.

YOU seem fond of reading, my dear Children, and I am pleased to observe your Predilection for Books: Nothing can be more rational or more innocent; or more entirely in your own Power, in all the Vicissitudes of Fortune and of Time.

Cut off from the Enjoyments of Society by ill Health; separated from your Friends by Distance or Place, or a voluntary Recluse from worldly Engagements, you may still solace your Leisure with the Fruits of learned Industry, and keep up an Acquaintance with the Wise in their Writings. Disgusted with the Folly or shocked with the Turpitude of Mankind, you may retire to your Study or your Fire-side, and associate with the illustrious Dead, or the enlightened Living; and arming yourselves with Maxims of Prudence and Re-