

only advantage or gain to Science being the projection by Mr. George Combe, a "vaticinator upon heads," of a phrenological chart showing the development of the thirty-five organs from Amativeness to Causality; and the proving that the portrait of Burns, by Nasmyth, was, though flattering, an imaginative one—the force of truth sacrificed for prettiness.

Mr. Norris, perhaps, from prudential reasons, omitted to mention the disinterment of the body of John Hampden, the patriot, nearly two centuries after his death, as Lord Nugent, who was about to write the biography of Hampden, after examining the body, in a letter on the subject to Mr. Murray, says:—"I did see, in 1828, while the pavement of the Chancel of Hampden Church was undergoing repair, a skeleton, which I have many reasons for believing was not John Hampden's, but that of some gentleman or *lady* who probably died a quiet death in bed, certainly with no wound in the wrist."

I think that the results from the disinterment of the bodies of celebrated historical and literary personages, and the additions to science accruing therefrom, are not sufficient to warrant the opening of Shakespeare's grave for the sake of analyzing the Poet's skull, even supposing that the authorized custodians of the grave should relent, and give permission to Dr. Ingleby to carry out his proposal.

My conviction is that the skull, if found in a comparative state of preservation, would crumble into dust before accurate drawings could be made of