

THOUGHTS on several Subjects.
TO retort an injury is to be almost as bad as the aggressor. When two throw dirt against one another, can either keep himself clean?

To a man of business knowledge is an ornament. To a studious man action is a relief.

There is more true greatness in generously owning a fault, and making proper reparation for it, than obstinately defending a wrong conduct.

A mind hardened against affliction, and a body against pain and sickness, are the two securities of earthly happiness.

Let a person find out his own peculiar weakness, and be ever suspicious of himself on that account.

Strive to live usefully in this world and you will be happy in the next.

It is best if you can keep quite clear of the great. However in their company behave with the dignity of a man of spirit. If you sneak and cringe, they will trample upon you.

If the world suspect your well intended designs, be not uneasy. It only shews that mankind are themselves false and artful, which is the cause of their being suspicious.

If you give away nothing till you die, even your own children will hardly thank you for what you leave them.

An idle person is dead before his time.

The truest objects of charity are those whom modesty conceals. Real merit, like artless beauty, shines forth, at all times : distinguishingly illustrious.

Might not the lavish wasters of Heaven's most inestimable gift, time, as will employ the same activity in something that might turn to the account of themselves and others, as in the drudgery of the candle table?

To serve your friends, to your own ruin, is romantic. To think of none but yourself is sordid.

Judge of yourself by that respect you have voluntarily paid you by men of undoubted integrity and discernment, and who have no interest to flatter you. Act up to your character. Support your dignity. But do not make yourself unhappy; it you meet not with the honour you deserve from those whose esteem no one values.

Despise trifling affronts, and they will vanish. A little water will put out a fire, which blown up, will burn a city.

Give away what you can part with. Throw away nothing : You know not how you may miss it.

Provide for after-life, so as to enjoy the present. Enjoy the present, so as to leave a provision for the time to come.

Avoid too many and great obligations. It is running into debt beyond what you may be able to pay.

Conclude at least nine parts in ten of what is handed about by common fame to be false.

Wealth is a good servant, but a bad master.

Do not offend a bad man; because he will stick at nothing to be revenged. It is cruel to insult a good man, who deserves nothing but good. A great man may easily crush you. And there is none so mean