## EPILOGUE.

WHEN Saturn's feast return'd in ancient days, The slaves did nothing but attend to plays, Their masters gave them liberty to speak The truth and truth alone, a precious week! All then were masters, scholars too were free, And to processions ran with merry glee. We wish this ancient custom to retain, And once a year to speak our meaning plain; This is our time, our Tutor bids me say Whate'er I choose, he quarrels not to-day. His word we trust, for that he never broke, And at his teaching I must have a stroke. Between ourselves, and just to speak my mind, In English Grammar, Master's far behind-I speak the honest truth, I hate to dash; He bounds our tasks by Murray, Lowth, and Ash-I told him once, that Abercrombie mov'd By genius deep, had Murray's plan improv'd; He frown'd upon me, turning up his nose, And said the man had ta'en a madd'ning dose. Once in my theme, I put the verb progress, He sentenc'd twenty lines without redress-Again, for measure I trancrib'd endeavour, And all the live long day I lost his favour. But don't you think my master something wrong, To hate improvements now in use so long? For hear a great grammarian from the States, How boldly for their language he debates-Our Government and Country both are new, Our manners, Sir, why not our language too? As we pronounce, let every word be wrote. Who cares for etymology a jot; To have a separate language of our own. Must give our glorious deeds a lasting crown: This wise "endeavour" I will "advocate," Through every grade whate'er shall be its fate.