

employed our leisure in promoting the happiness and enlightenment of our fellow-creatures, how rapidly would the condition of the world improve! And we set Dr. Scoresby before our readers as a model, because he was not so much a great man as a good man, and one whom it is not difficult to imitate. The secret of his success is to be found in the fact that he made the best possible use of such talents as God had gifted him with, and wasted not an hour. Inaction was impossible to that vigorous, persevering, courageous intellect.

In pursuance of the magnetical investigations to which we have referred, and in order to work out his theory of magnetic development, Dr. Scoresby, in 1855, at the advanced age of sixty-five, resolved to undertake a voyage to Australia! This was eminently an enterprise worthy of the man, for its principal object was to devise some means by which the excessive and dangerous variations of the compass in iron ships might be prevented or neutralized. And as iron was rapidly displacing wood as a material for ship-building, Dr. Scoresby's object was one of national importance.

This was so generally felt, that, when Dr