

EXERCISES.

Write the following sentences, and correct the errors in the use of the figures of speech :—

No human happiness is so serene as not to contain any alloy. Hope, the balm of life, darts a ray of light through the thickest gloom. Let us be attentive to keep our mouths as with a bridle; and to steer our vessel aright, that we may avoid the rocks and shoals, which lie every where around us.

Since the time that reason began to bud, and put forth her shoots, thought, during our waking hours, has been active in every breast, without a moment's suspension or pause. The current of ideas has been always moving. The wheels of the spiritual engine have exerted themselves with perpetual motion.

The man who has no rule over his own spirit, possesses no antidote against poisons of any sort. He lies open to every insurrection of ill-humour, and every gale of distress. Whereas, he who is employed in regulating his mind, is

moral tales will furnish appropriate subjects for narrative essays; and descriptive essays may be written on the seasons, animals, public buildings, remarkable scenery, or any other natural, or artificial objects with which they are acquainted, or which they have an opportunity of seeing. When the pupils have a sufficient knowledge of geography, narration and description may be combined by making them write imaginary travels. Didactic essays may be written on such subjects as friendship, gratitude, &c.; and then they should be made to illustrate by all the examples which they can collect from history, biography, or their own observation. Teachers will take care that in all these exercises their pupils be made to attend to the principles taught in the preceding rules; and they will at the same time, encourage those who have opportunity, to form and improve their style, by carefully attending to the best English authors.