

Mackintosh speaking in a debating society on his arrival in London said, '*Non omnis moriar, multaque pars mei Vitabit Libitinam.*'

From Bayne's instructions I have often felt a great superiority over Englishmen in the grammatical knowledge of their own language. It is marvellous to me how this is neglected even now at Eton and other public schools. The consequence is that you find men of liberal education in England, who would flint away at such a mistake as '*magnum vectigal parsimonia,*' making the verb agree in number with the last preceding substantive, without considering whether it is really the nominative to the verb—telling you that 'the love of riches are very pernicious,' and that 'the sanctions of morality is often forgotten.' I am afraid a native of Scotland hardly ever becomes master of all the copiousness and all the niceties of English; but being taught it as a foreign language, he generally learns it more grammatically than those who have not had early warning against *patois* and provincialisms.

Till this time I suppose I had not been above a mile from Cupar, and the only society I had ever seen consisted of a neighboring minister and his wife who might pay us a visit, or the family of the squire of the parish by whom we children were occasionally asked to tea, and whom I approached with greater dread and admiration than I have since done the august personages at Buckingham Palace.

One great advantage arises from early seclusion and obscurity, that there is much excitement and enjoyment from new scenes as they are disclosed. I remember my extreme delight when as a child I first visited the city of St. Andrews, and, being led down the 'Butts Wynd' to the 'scores,' the ocean in a storm was pointed out to me. On crossing the Tay the view of Dundee expanded my mind to all I could conceive of magnificence. But when I at last walked in the High Street of Edinburgh I found how childish my notions had been, convinced that I had now seen grandeur which could not be excelled by London, Paris, or Rome itself. It was likewise in my favor that I became grad-