

probably may remember when "the reign of Elizabeth" was the greatest punishment that could be inflicted. Permit me to call to your recollection, the method I adopted to remove this distaste. One evening I invited you to bring your sewing and hear me read "Kenilworth;" the next day at the hour of recreation, I had the satisfaction of seeing, that several of you had voluntarily relinquished the pleasures of the flower-garden, and play-room, for an attentive perusal of the "formidable reign of Elizabeth;" and you afterwards regretted that we had not a lengthened history of that period. Whence arose this extraordinary and suddenly excited taste? I reply, from the magical power of the author of "Waverley;" and it is but justice to add, that I am infinitely indebted to that excellent author, for the success of my historical classes. But it is not