

value. It is for this memorial value that they are thus preserved ; not certainly as representing more than one or two of the bye-paths into which he occasionally betook himself when the main business and purposes of his life permitted : for—though loving literature with an exceeding love, and knowing the literature of divers times and countries with the knowledge to which only love can lead, and with an extent of knowledge to which few, even through love, have found their way—he gave his life, after his first youth, to the public service at home and abroad, and such productions as these were merely the fruits of occasional retirement into literature when resting from public labours.