

of ridicule, nor as a matter of mere curiosity, but in the hope that the disinterested remarks of a stranger may contribute in some degree to remedy so grievous a defect in good breeding, as that just described. It will be observed, that I have, up to this moment, studiously avoided making allusions in my narrative to any of those points in domestic manners which, in consequence of the difference between American and English usages, appear repugnant to our tastes. But I hope that in speaking of this public establishment, I shall have given no offence, by taking notice of an evil which might so easily be remedied. In what respect, it may be asked, would the studies, and other pursuits of young men at these military and literary seminaries, be injured by requiring of them to cut their meat decently, and eat it leisurely? Or from making it imperative upon them to deport themselves at table, according to those rules and customs established, as matters of course, amongst gentlemen in every other civilized part of the world?

Next day, we did a good deal of duty in the way of sight-seeing at New Haven. Our guide was Professor Silliman—a gentleman well known to the scientific world as editor of a valuable philosophical journal, which bears his name.

Yale College, of course, was the chief object of attraction; and it was extremely agreeable to see so many good old usages and orthodox notions kept up as rigorously, all things considered, as possible. How long the able and zealous professors of this celebrated establishment will be able to stem effectually that deluge of innovation and would-be improvements in doctrine, discipline, and pursuits, which is sweeping over the rest of the country, and obliterating so many of the land-marks of experience, I cannot pretend to say. Meanwhile, every thing that came under my notice, seemed judiciously regulated. The courses of study were apparently well managed, and the period required was rather longer than we had heard spoken of in other places. But there is here, I suspect, as in every other institution in America, almost insuperable difficulty in prevailing upon the persons, essentially most interested, to remain long enough in training before they start in the vehement race of busy life.

After an early dinner, we drove out of the town to the grave-yard, one of the prettiest burying places I ever saw. It occupies an area of twenty acres, laid out in avenues, and divided by rows of trees into lots for the different inhabitants. These connecting lanes or roads are not gravelled, but laid down in grass, as well as the intermediate spaces, which are spotted over with handsome monuments of all sizes and

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