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his friends ; so that to those pupils and friends who had access alike to perceive his singular exertions in his literary capacity, to converse with him in his own house, and to know his mode of living, it has often afforded matter of wonder, how he contrived to obtain that knowledge they found he possessed. For more than thirty years that the writer of this article has been honoured with his acquaintance, he has had access to know, that Doctor Cullen was in general employed from five to six hours every day in visiting his patients, and in prescribing for those at a distance who consulted him in writing ; and that during the session of the college, which in Edinburgh lasts from five to six months, he delivered *two* public lectures of an hour each, sometimes *four* lectures a day, during *five* days of the week ; and towards the end of the session, that his students might lose no part of his course, he usually, for a month or six weeks together, delivered lectures *six* days every week ; yet during all that time, if you chanced to fall in with him in public or in private, you never perceived him either embarrassed, or seemingly in a hurry ; but at all times he was easy, and cheerful, and sociably inclined : and in a private party at whist, for sixpence a game, he could be as keenly engaged for an hour before supper, as if he had had no other employment to mind, and would be as much interested in it, as if he had had a thousand pounds depending on the game.

Nor was it only after he was far advanced in life that his opportunities for study were few, and the means of acquiring knowledge interrupted by the pressing avocations of business. Though descended from respectable parents in Lanarkshire \*, their circumstances were such as did not enable them to lay out much money on the education of their son William ; who, after having served a short apprenticeship to a surgeon apothecary in Glasgow, went several voyages to

\* His father was some time *Bailie*, that is, *chief magistrate* of Hamilton