

## LESSON XXIV.

## TRUE HEROISM.

A-chil-les	im-puls-es	hos-pi-tals
A-lex-an-der	man-i-ty	qua-ran-tine
sen-sa-tions	ni-cal	pa-ci-fy
ap-pel-la-tion	ia-tion	la-ment-able
an-i-mat-ed	ism	sur-geon
fe-ro-ci-ous	con-front-ed	op-e-ra-tion
grat-i-fy-ing	in-fec-tions	dis-tract-ed

You have perhaps read the stories of Achilles, Alexander, and Charles of Sweden, and admired the high courage which seemed to set them above all sensations of fear, and rendered them capable of the most extraordinary actions. The world calls these men heroes; but before we give them that noble appellation, let us consider what were the principles and motives which animated them to act and suffer as they did.

The first was a furious savage, governed by the passions of anger and revenge, in gratifying which he disregarded all impulses of duty and humanity. The second was intoxicated with the love of glory, swollen with absurd pride, and enslaved by dissolute pleasures; and, in pursuit of these objects, he reckoned the blood of millions as of no account. The third was unfeeling, obstinate and tyrannical, and preferred ruining his country, and sacrificing all his faithful followers, to the humiliation of giving up any of his mad