

controul their lower by their higher faculties, and forget the wants and desires of animal life for rational disquisitions or pious contemplations.

THE earth has scarce a country so far advanced towards political regularity as to divide the inhabitants into classes, where some orders of men or women are not distinguished by voluntary severities, and where the reputation of their sanctity is not increased in proportion to the rigour of their rules, and the exactness of their performance.

WHEN an opinion to which there is no temptation of interest spreads wide and continues long, it may be reasonably presumed to have been infused by Nature or dictated by Reason. It has been often observed that the fictions of imposture, and illusions of fancy soon give way to time and experience; and that nothing keeps its ground but truth, which gains every day new influence by new confirmation.

BUT Truth, when it is reduced to practice, easily becomes subject to caprice and ima-