

ion of right principles, that will not stoop to any thing that is mean or base. Any advantage which deceit or knavery may hold forth, will by such a mind, be considered as no advantage ; but on the contrary as a real evil ; as it destroys that self respect which no man can have for himself, who is conscious of having done a mean or a base action.

But I observe more particularly in the fourth place, that what tends most effectually to promote our improvement as intelligent and rational beings, is the exercise of those principles which are founded in sentiments of benevolence and goodwill to our fellow men : to those whom we call our brethren, as being formed by the same Creator, and as being protected and provided for by the same wise and bountiful Providence.

It hath pleased God for wise purposes to endow men with different abilities, and to place them in very different circumstances. We are all of us exposed to casualties, which no human sagacity or power can foresee or prevent. This affords room for the exercise of those principles, and for the employment of those virtues which confer a lustre upon human nature, which enoble the mind, and make us feel the dignity