

analyze and investigate the mind, of which **such** numbers have appeared in the world. But it has been reserved for the superior intelligence of the nineteenth century, not **only** to discover the correctness of previous speculations upon the **divisibility** of the mind, but also to determine with accuracy, the **residence** of each of the parts which compose this harmonious whole **of** contrary and irreconcilable principles. The brain phrenologists<sup>1</sup> consider, the encampment of the mental generals, and they **have** piously nominated each to that situation which his nature **seems** to demand; for while such as contribute most to the **promotion** of virtue are placed in the first file, those which have a contrary tendency are doomed to a situation behind backs. That there may be some stimulus to exertion, nature though she forbids transferences, has not prescribed promotion; and each, according as he exhibits a vigorous and active tendency, receives the reward of merit in an enlargement of domain, and an increased number of subjects.

But dropping the allegorical style, the basis of the system of phrenology, is that the prominence of any particular power in the mind, is indicated by a corresponding development of the brain, and that the nature and degree of these faculties, correspond with the situation and extent of this development. This doctrine, its supporters have endeavoured to prove, by practical illustrations. It is true, that in some instances, the characters of the individuals have corresponded with the conformation of their skulls, and it would be a greater wonder did such coincidences never occur, than that a few individuals should appear to confirm the theory, but ignorance and impudence have united their endeavours to increase this number, and diminish or conceal the cases of failure, And truly, when murder can be the result of a larger development of benevolence, or a continued perseverance in the most outrageous felonies and robberies be consistent with large indications of gentleness and humanity,\* it will be difficult to succeed in the demolition of a fortress rendered impregnable by such elastic fortifications.

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\*These are facts which lately occurred at home, and the perpetrators were examined by the first phrenologists.