

into the regions of conjecture, but to relate a narrative of facts. Never did Atticus succeed better in gaining the universal love and esteem of all men. This is so clear a proposition, that I might rest the whole argument entirely upon it. I went home, full of a great many serious reflections. The very first discovery of it strikes the mind with inward joy, and spreads delight through all its faculties. It is impossible for us to behold the divine works with coldness or indifference, or to survey so many beauties without a secret satisfaction and complacency.

The enemy said, I will pursue, and I will overtake, and I will divide the spoil. While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, cold, heat; summer, winter; day and night, shall not cease. As the strength of our cause does not depend upon, so neither is it to be decided by, any critical points of history, chronology, or language. The faith he professed, and which he became an apostle of, was not his invention. Their idleness, and their luxury and pleasures, their criminal deeds and their immoderate passions, and their timidity and baseness of mind, have dejected them to such a degree, as to make them weary of life. He had made considerable advances in knowledge: but he was very young, and laboured under several disadvantages.

I have considered the subject with a good deal of attention, upon which I was desired to communicate my thoughts. Whether a choice altogether unexceptionable, has, in any country, been made, seems doubtful. It appears that there are, by the last census, upwards of fifteen millions of inhabitants in Great Britain and Ireland. Every one who puts on the appearance of goodness is not good. Although persons of a virtuous and learned education may be, and too often are, drawn by the temptations of youth, and the opportunities of a large fortune, into some irregularities, when they come forward into the great world, it is ever with reluctance and compunction of mind, because their bias to virtue still continues.

Gentleness ought to diffuse itself over our whole behaviour, to form our address, and regulate our speech. Ambition creates seditions, wars, discords, hatred, and shyness. The ancient laws of Rome were so far from suffering a Roman