

LARGE PURPLE ASTER—*Aster conspicuus*.

and, as I descried it, piercing through an edge of avalanche which in its retiring had left the new ground brown and lifeless, and as if burnt by recent fire. The plant was poor and feeble, and seemingly exhausted with its efforts,—but it was then that I com-

prehended its ideal character, and saw its noble functions and order of glory among the constellations of the earth.

“Minute, granular, feathery, or downy seed vessels, mingling quaint brown punctuation, and dusty tremors of dancing grain,