

He had a natural impediment in his speech, that troubled and embarrassed him in scanning Latin; and concluding that his tongue was never made for the purpose, he gave it up, altogether, when he had obtained his father's consent to his so doing.

It is most probable, however, that John had in his mind, a greater impediment to learning the dead language, than any in his articulation. He did not love the Latin; but he could amuse his friends, whole evenings together, by singing to them, and this he often did, having a fine, pleasant voice, and a great taste for music.

Two years passed off very pleasantly with him, at Donnington; for he loved his master, Moses; and the master was attached to his pupil;—his father came often to see him—he had many friends, school-fellows, and relatives there; and, in short, he has since declared the two years he spent at this school, to be the happiest period of his life.

At length, the time arrived, when his father, thinking it proper for him to begin his apprentice-