

The Advantages and Disadvantages OF Blindness.

THE disadvantages of blindness, many will imagine they understand perfectly, and many will err ; many, too, will smile and wonder incredulously at the notion of our having advantages. It is, and has always been, the portion of the many to imagine, to wonder, and to err. You laugh, you who know how this may be specifically applied, but remember, in every jest there is a tragic element ; out of this very conceit springs one of our greatest disadvantages. Fixed ideas, ideas of which people are so sure that they will not inquire further, but which are nevertheless based upon a fundamental misconception, are of all obstacles to progress the most difficult to remove. A great many people are absolutely certain that they understand our position when they have, as a matter of fact, only vague notions of the nature of our limitation. A recent experience of mine