

The man of glowing imagination enjoys much every day. A word is sufficient to awaken it, and fill him with an overflowing happiness. A pleasant thought, a sweet strain of music, or the sound of the Sabbath bells floating on the morning air, may give imagination a start, and she needs no urging to trace out her bright sketches, and paint them "to the life."

Through this faculty there is a direct avenue to the heart, especially to the youthful heart. We love to see youthful eyes sparkle, and youthful faces beam with intelligence; but they seldom show great interest when imagination is dormant. Parents and teachers ought to direct and foster this gift in a judicious manner; satisfying its longing by proper aliment, removing all that unnatural stimulant, found in much of the reading of the day; they should open to the young mind the wondrous scenery of life, point out to them the loveliness of nature; lift gently the veil of the future, and bid imagination grasp the idea of man's probable greatness in this world, and his exalted destiny in heaven. More attention to the right direction and cultivation of imagination would, we believe, render the task of parents and teachers much more pleasing; for the warm influence of a fervid imagination will impart interest to the necessary discipline of educational routines, and convert angles, and triangles, formulas and theorems, even into exciting objects, and throw around the rules of grammar, or the pages of history, the romance of happy associations. Memory and judgment can be enticed to exertion by waking up the livelier powers of the mind. Many a gifted youth has passed year after year in school, without interest, until he has chanced to commence some study that roused his mind, and taught him to explore the fields of thought, and rise to regions of grandeur and sublimity. Take, for example, "Kame's Elements of Criticism," and lecture to a class of pupils, and watch the brightening of their minds, and the coruscations of mental power that will be elicited from their newly awakened thoughts, and mark how soon they feel their souls and minds too narrow; and throwing wide the portals of universal thought, look out into the world with new and noble purposes. It is necessary to discipline judgment and memory; but it is well to address the