

He replied: "What is the Bible? I know not what you mean." This affected his sister so much that she burst into tears, and informed him that he was once well acquainted with it. On her reporting this to her brother when he returned MR. TENNENT was found upon examination to be totally ignorant of every transaction of his life previous to his sickness. He could not read a single word, neither did he seem to have an idea of what it meant. As soon as he became capable of attention he was taught to read and write as children are usually taught, and afterwards began to learn the Latin language under the tuition of his brother. One day as he was reciting a lesson in Cornelius Nepos he suddenly started, clapped his hand to his head as if something had hurt him, and made a pause. His brother asked him what was the matter. He said he felt a sudden shock in his head, and it now seemed to him as if he had read that book before. By degrees his recollection was restored, and he could speak the Latin as fluently as before his sickness. His memory so completely revived that he regained a perfect knowledge of the past transactions of life, as if no difficulty had previously occurred.

This event at the time made a considerable noise, and afforded not only matter of serious contemplation to the devout Christian, especially when connected with what follows in this narrative, but also furnished a subject of deep investigation and learned inquiry to the philosopher. But the most extraordinary circumstance remains to be told. While in the state of suspended animation already described, he was not only still conscious of his existence but of his entrance into a superior condition. When MR. TENNENT was earnestly pressed by his friends to communicate his views and apprehensions upon the interesting occasion he discovered great reluctance to enter into any explanation of his perceptions and feelings at the time; but being importunately urged to do it he at length consented, and proceeded with a solemnity not to be described. "While I was conversing with my brother," he said, "on the state of my soul, and the fears I entertained for my future welfare, I found myself in an instant in another state of existence under the direction