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In the present improved state of society, the science of eloquence is a far more necessary study than in former times; it is not only necessary, as a qualification for the successful practice of the learned professions; but even in the common occurrences of life its utility might be demonstrated. At the Bar or on the Bench we need not say what an effect a knowledge of eloquence produces—it is equally unnecessary to state its importance to the divine, or those who are elected as parliamentary representatives. To every man, in every rank and station, who may have any object to gain by the assistance of others, eloquence is a necessary auxiliary to his procuring that assistance. Even the man of independent fortune, who lives on his money unconnected with any pursuit but the gratification of his own wishes, and the attainment of his pleasures, is not independent of eloquence. He can never be considered a well bred man or an agreeable companion unless he possesses the faculty of pleasing in conversation; and this faculty is only attainable by a certain degree of eloquence; and the pleasure he will receive or bestow will be in exact proportion to his attainment in this science. He will by it be enabled to relate a tale of woe with that pathos which will make an impression on the minds of his hearers, excite their commiseration and arrest their attention. In the hour of hilarity he will be enabled to throw in a proper portion of vivacity in the conversation, so as to produce a reciprocal entertainment between himself and his auditors. His descriptions, his remarks, his questions and replies will, by his acquaintance with eloquence, be all made in a proper tone and expressed in a proper selection

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