

a Committee to enquire into the cut of the coat upon his back, the quarterings upon his coat of arms, or the social position of his grandfather ; but they *do* require of him some fair degree of intelligence, an anxiety to employ the powers which God has given him, and the intrinsic stamp and qualities of a gentleman, before they admit him to their confidence, at first, and friendship afterwards. Such is their test, because they believe that a man may be gentlemanly, without being foppish, and capable of thoroughly understanding the proprieties of good society, without being profoundly ignorant of the requisites of Murray's Grammar !

The existence of Societies such as ours, has a great influence in extending throughout the whole community a taste for Literature ; and, surely, no aim can be more noble, none more worthy of success, than this attempt at diffusing among the many so elevating and ameliorating a tendency ! Imbue a man with this taste, throw all the means of gratifying it in his way, and you can hardly fail to make a happy man of him. You expand the range of his mental vision ; you change him from the ignorant creature of hope and fear, to the thoughtful being "with large discourse looking before and after," to find examples in the past, and to fill the future with high and noble aims. You give him means of enjoyment that are universal. And this enjoyment helps him along the path of daily life ; it sheds a light upon that path, which enables him to discern and avoid the shoals and breakers upon which so much human happiness is wrecked. From the influences of all that is affecting in history, exquisite in art, suggestive in