

PLEASURES, OBJECTS,
AND
ADVANTAGES OF LITERATURE.

" I CAN wonder at nothing more than how a man can be idle—but of all others, a scholar,—in so many improvements of reason, in such sweetness of knowledge, in such variety of studies, in such importunity of thoughts. To find wit in poetry; in philosophy, profoundness; in history, wonder of events; in oratory, sweet eloquence; in divinity, supernatural light, and holy devotion—as so many rich metals in their proper mines,—whom would it not ravish with delight?"—BISHOP HALL: *Epistle to Mr. Milward*.

" Comforts, yea! joys ineffable they find,
 Who seek the prouder pleasures of the mind:
 The soul, collected in those happy hours,
 Then makes her efforts, then enjoys her powers.
 No! 'tis not worldly gain, although, by chance,
 The sons of learning may to wealth advance;
 Nor station high, though in some favouring hour
 The sons of learning may arrive at power;
 Nor is it glory, though the public voice
 Of honest praise will make the heart rejoice;
 But 'tis the mind's own feelings give the joy,—
 PLEASURES SHE GATHERS IN HER OWN EMPLOY."

CRABBE: *The Borough*, Letter xxiv.

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TO
HIS MOTHER,

THESE

Pleasures of Literature,

THE DIM REMEMBRANCES OF EARLY DAYS,

Are inscribed

BY

THE AUTHOR.