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“ AND he that knows how little certainty there is in
“ humane discourses, and how *we know in part, and*
“ *prophese in part,* and that of every thing thereof we
“ know a little, we are ignorant in much more, must
“ either be content with such proportion as the things
“ will bear, or as himself can get, or else he must never
“ seek to alter or to perswade any man to be of his
“ opinion. For the greatest part of discourses that are
“ in the whole world, is nothing but a heap of probable
“ inducements, plausibilities, and witty entertainments :
“ and the throng of notices is not unlike the accidents
“ of a battel, in which every man tells a new tale, some-
“ thing that he saw, mingled with a great many things
“ which he saw not; his eyes and his fear joyning to-
“ gether equally in the instructions and the illusion,
“ these make up the stories.”

Jeremy Taylor's Duſtor Dubitantium.



ON PRACTICAL WISDOM.

PRACTICAL wisdom acts in the mind, as gravitation does in the material world: combining, keeping things in their places, and maintaining a mutual dependence amongst the various parts of our system. It is for ever reminding us where we are, and what we can do, not in fancy, but in real life. It does not permit us to wait for dainty duties, pleasant to the imagination; but insists upon our doing those which are before us. It is always inclined to make

