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" 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 these 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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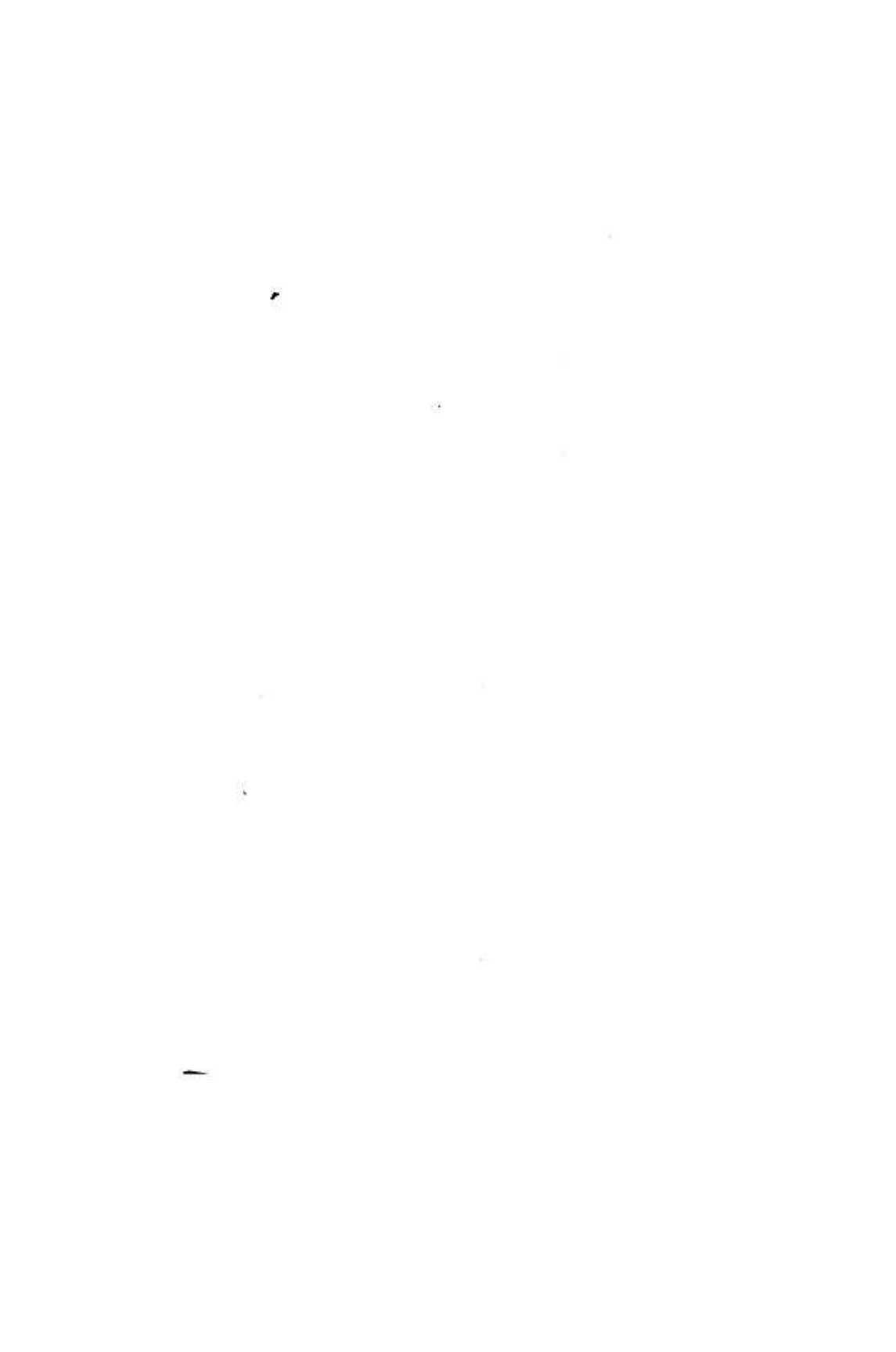
270. c. 377.

NOTE TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

**T**HE Author hopes that this Discourse is improved by a renewed revision, and the additions which have been inserted. A list of Books referred to in the volume is printed at the close of it. A few short passages are introduced from anonymous contributions of the writer's earlier pen, and he names them here lest he should be suspected of owing to others a debt which is due to himself.

St. Catherine's, Bear Wood,  
May 15th, 1860.







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