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These lines of the celebrated Scotch poet contain an important sentiment. If we could only see ourselves as others see us, how differently would we speak and act; We should then cast the beam out of our own eye before we should discern the mote in our brothers eye. How often we condemn or ridicule others for the very follies of which we ourselves have been guilty. We would never act so ungenerously if we could only see ourselves as others see us. To illustrate this I will relate a circumstance which transpired not long since. I was thrown accidentally in a large company, which assembled to

while away a few hours in social intercourse. There was a young lady present who had just returned from a fashionable boarding school. She appeared to monopolize the whole conversation; and seemed to feel a consciousness in her superiority in point of mental acquirements. She soon informed us how many

studies she had completed, and her opinion of each, among others of which she spoke was Botany, Chemistry, Algebra, Geometry, Rhetoric, and Philosophy. In mathematics according to her own judgement she was

quite a proficient. About this time, the company began to cast meaning looks at each other; and

occasionally a smile of contempt. As I sat in a remote part of the room, attentively observing the vain and unsuspecting girl; and witnessing the ridicule and contempt, which her vanity excited I could but repeat the expressive words of Burns.

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She next spoke of the ornamental branches of education. To these she had paid great attention, she expressed great fondness for music. Here one of the company who could listen no longer; and wishing to change the scene, requested her to sing; after making a thousand apologies, such as a bad cold, weak voice etc. she commenced and sung until half of the company were mesmerized, and the remainder so

much amused they could scarcely refrain from laughter.

Now there is more truth than fiction contained in the circumstances just related; for vanity is the besetting sin of many; and "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. "Then let us all be careful that we converse not

in this way. Let us cultivate a spirit of humility

by reflecting how many sciences there are with which we are unacquainted; and how many there are who have made greater attainments than

ourselves. Some are vain of their beauty. Some of their rank and wealth, others of their talents; and will converse accordingly to impress on the public mind an idea of their importance; but, if they could only see themselves as others see them; they would discover that they were objects of disgust rather than

admiration. The opinion is too prevalent among the young that if they have studied a great many branches (whether they understand them or not) that they have accomplished the object of education how absurd an idea.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep or taste not the perennial spring."
For if we have a good education we will have less reason to exclaim "O would some power the giftie to give us
To see the world as others see us."

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