

THE LIFE

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But human tongue can never tell
 The rage that flashed from Juan's eyes
 When he perceived he'd lost his prize.
 Another dart to end the strife
 He hurled ;—it took brave Osman's life.”

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The two following pieces were written in his eleventh year. They both exhibit a marked increase in the poetic power, but are chiefly interesting as shedding a curious light on the character and extent of his childish studies. The first is entitled—

“ SOLITUDE.

“ Now in the eastern sky the cheering light
 Dispels the dark and gloomy shades of night ;
 And while the lowing of the kine is heard,
 And the sweet warbling of the songster bird ;
 Where from afar the stately river flows,
 In whose bright stream the sportive goldfish goes ;
 Where the thick trees afford a safe retreat,
 From public eye and summer's scorching heat ;
 There let me sit and sweetly meditate,
 Far from the gleam of wealth and pomp of state.
 And while I listen to that murmuring rill
 Which pours its waters down the neighbouring hill,
 I can despise the pride and pomp of kings,
 And all the glory wealth or power brings.
 Here in deep solitude remote from noise,
 From the world's bustle, idleness and toys,
 Here I can look upon the world's vast plain,
 And all her domes and citadels disdain.”

The next, which was written in the same year, affords us a pleasing glimpse of the boyish student and a charming picture of his early recreations. It is entitled—

“ THE PLEASURES OF STUDY.

“ The setting sun's resplendent shining ray
 Illumes the West and brings the end of day ;
 And now across the mirthful village green,
 Returning school-boys with their books are seen ;
 Who, wearied with the duties of the school,
 Rejoice to enjoy the summer evening cool.