

this Literary Club does it credit. And it were most devoutly to be wished our young students in every seminary of the kingdom were engaged in similar pursuits. The Book exhibits an example well deserving the imitation of all such as are still in a state of cultivation. It argues the necessity and utility of supernatural guidance in the way of life, with equal strength and propriety. And whatever others may think of the reasons it suggests, they appear to us unanswerable.

6. *A Narrative of the Seizure and Confinement of Ann Brookhouse, who was assaulted in one of the streets of London, and carried off by two hired ruffians, May 7, 1798, and detained in close imprisonment till August 25 following; as related by herself. Written by a Friend. 2s.*

OF the authenticity of the facts in this mysterious narrative, notwithstanding the solicitude of the fair sufferer, many will still doubt. For our parts, we dare not hazard an opinion. It is not for us to assume what even the vigilance of official inquisition has not been able to ascertain. But, though we allow that a young woman may have good reasons for not divulging the real cause of her temporary concealment, we know also what wealth and power may command in the service of lawless desire, and of what resources capable, when subject to the impulse of criminal passion. And yet we cannot help deprecating the possibility of such a flagrant violation of justice and law, as it leaves oppression triumphant, and innocence unprotected. The pamphlet is well written, and the case made out in a masterly manner.

7. *The Cause of Truth. Containing, besides a great variety of other matter, a Refutation of Errors in the Political Works of Thomas Paine, and other publications of a similar kind; in a series of Letters of a religious, moral, and political, nature. By Robert Thomas, Minister of Abdie. 3s.*

HERE is a profusion of common-place on a great variety of common subjects; but if vulgarity were ever excusable, it

it is in an address to the vulgar. And surely criticism may well be explicit on a work covered by such an ample subscription. It is not ill calculated, however, for the use of such readers as may still regard with some partiality the pernicious dogmas it would expose. Our fair readers will find many things here collected in one point of view, which lie scattered in many performances. And, considering the present high price of books, and the great quantity of matter comprised in this, we may very safely commend it as a cheap purchase, which, genius, taste, and modesty excepted, is, as the world now goes, one of the rarest qualities in modern publications.

8. *Theodore, or the Gamester's Progress, a poetical Tale.*
3s. 6d. *Vernor and Hood.*

THIS is an account of a profligate precipitated into misery and ruin by gaming, in which the flagitious expedients, and horrid consequences of that bewitching vice are fully developed. The admirers of tragical scenes will be much gratified by this poem, in which these are exhibited in very deep and affecting colours. The stratagems of seduction, adopted by thoseimps of duplicity and fraud, who make a trade of living on the ruin of innocence and simplicity, are here brought forward, and properly stigmatized. And the detection, on which the whole machinery employed in the progress and business of the poem turns, is accomplished by one, who owed to this infamous practice a series of the most exquisite sufferings. It had brought upon him a youth of distraction, and an age of sorrow. It even embued his hands in a parent's blood, and drove him into a state of voluntary seclusion from the world, at the prime of his age. Here he shut himself up from the haunts of men, and endeavoured to atone for the madness of dissipation, by the severity of penitence. And he seems to have been discovered by a virtuous family, just in time to save their rising offspring from a similar catastrophe. But we refer our readers to the work, and promise them considerable satisfaction in the perusal.

9. *Lectures*