



In Answer to a L A D Y who advised  
R E T I R E M E N T.

By the Same.

**Y**OU little know the heart that you advise;  
 I view this various scene with equal eyes:  
 In crowded courts I find myself alone,  
 And pay my worship to a nobler throne.  
 Long since the value of this world I know,  
 Pity the madness, and despise the show.  
 Well as I can my tedious part I bear,  
 And wait for my dismissal without fear.  
 Seldom I mark mankind's detested ways,  
 Not hearing censure, nor affecting praise;  
 And, unconcern'd, my future state I trust  
 To that sole Being, merciful and just.