

I have postponed my course of Lectures longer than I could wish; and am sorry now to address you under the preface of indisposition; more especially when that indisposition affects the organs of speech: for when speaking is difficult to the lecturer, it is always painful to the hearer. All you who have attended closely to oratory know that the speaker communicates his own feelings to his audience. If in high health & spirits, he most ~~readily communicates~~ manners has a portion of animation w^c he communicates to those who hear him; but when half stupified with disorder he delivers what he has written, in a kind of Liquid Sandenium Strain that set his audience to sleep.

We shall do as well as we can; and if we cannot proceed without inconvenience to ourselves & painfulness to you we shall make our lecture the shorter.

The intention of this course of Lectures is to give you such a view of the human frame & economy, as every gentleman, who boasts of a liberal education ought to have. It is absurd for a man to study every thing in nature but himself; that he should contemplate every step in the scale of ^{Being} creation except that Being who is placed on its very summit. — Our intention then is, to direct your eyes to this masterpiece of creation — The anatomist will show you his exterior; the large & more palpable parts of his frame. From him you will learn how the bones by their peculiar structure, solidity, & various conjunction, constitute

it were the foundation, or timber work of this our surprising edifice the human body - He will shew you that the ligaments & cartilages, are bands & braces w^c fasten all the larger pieces together. He will shew you the surprising diversity, admirable construction, wonderful & pleasing harmony, that is observable on even a superficial ~~sort~~ survey of the human frame.

The anatomist shews you all these things, but leaves to us to describe the animated machine, and the operations of the hom^e internus; that animating something, which eludes the knife of the anatomist, & the microscope of the Natural historian; and which is known principally by its effects.

Besides giving you the laws of health; we shall endeavour to give you ^{an} idea of the deflection, or deviation from the perpendicular line of high health into disease, without attempting :: to give the precise gradations of the scale of pathology: - this we reserve for the students of physic -

By giving such a view we hope to excite your attention to the care of your own health. And here we shall wish to encourage you to lift your eyes up to Nature, & consult her Book, rather yr. books written by men; which Book lies before us all, open for our personal, conviction & benefit; where you will find that good & regular habit, will restore health when Drugs will not. You will therefore find that by studying common sense, you will be diverted ~~from the~~ ^{of these super} delusions of art to the realities of Nature'