

coming acquainted with a foreign language
 we enter a scene where objects are entirely new
 to us; new phenomena in language pre-
 sent themselves; we have the advantage of
 comparison by which the beauties of both
 languages are more clearly seen & appre-
 hended; the taste is cultivated; our perception
 is quickened; we discriminate more nicely;
 we are enabled to discern the defects as well
 as the beauties in our vernacular. So that of
 the two great objects of education—the one—the
 discipline of the mind is attained the highest
 degree & in the most pleasing & attractive
 manner; the other—the acquiring of use-
 ful knowledge is most signally accomplish-
 ed; a knowledge is obtained without which
 all other knowledge is beyond our reach, with
 which the loftiest eminence in literature
 & science may be attained;— a knowledge
 I say of language of its laws & principles, of
 its beauties & powers. And let us not say
 that a translation answers the purpose;
 even if the translation were perfect, it can