employ.   Many of the humble men with whom the great poet
and great philosopher came in contact were men from whom
they were content to learn.   A young lady of literary taste
and acquirements would draw a female in the sphere of the
authoress of the "Pearl of Days," as perhaps a person of just
views and correct feeling; but in describing her intellect, she
would of course feel necessitated to let herself down.   But
we discover, when the authoress of the "Pearl of Days" takes
up the pen in her own behalf, and tells her own story, that
the young literary lady might not let herself down.   She
might exercise all her own intellect in portraying that of her
heroine, and not find the stock over great.   In like manner,
were a modern tale-writer to describe a poor weaver, forced
by lack of employment to quit his comfortless home, and cast
himself with his wife and children upon the cold charity of
the world, he might bestow upon him keen sensibilities, a
depressing sense of degradation, and a feeling of shame; but
his thoughts on the occasion would scarce fail to partake of
the poverty of his circumstances.   When, however, the wea-
ver Tom tells exactly such a story of himself, not as a piece
of fiction, but as a sad truth burnt into his memory, we find
the keen sensibility and the sense of shame united to thinking
of great power, heightened in effect by no stinted measure of
the poetic faculty.   Now, from our knowledge of such cases,
and from a felt want, in our modern fictitious narratives, of
what we shall term the inner life of the working-classes, what
we would fain recommend is, that the working-classes should
themselves tell their own stories.   A series of autobiogra-
phies of working men, produced, like the Sabbath Essays, on
the competition principle, and rendered, by judicious selec-
tion, representative of the various manual trades of the country
and its several districts, would form one of perhaps the most
valuable, and certainly not least interesting, "Miscellanies,"
which the enterprise of the "Trade" has yet given to the