

77

Courtesy & Good manners! Their days are gone! & that lovely element of human nature - delicacy - seems also to be gone from friendship.

It is fineness of fibre (says Dr. Mungier) & is made up of quick perception & fine feeling - it leads one to see instantly the line beyond which one may not go - & detect the boundary between friendliness & familiarity, between deference & excess.

This exquisite quality should be imputed to all our friendships, & those who presume upon friendships, making it the prey of unwarrantable liberties, soon destroy it. They often pride themselves on their candour, which is only rudeness, & their seeming honesty, but the lack of delicacy & refinement.

F. B.

Belfast News.