98. *The Lion, the Aſs and the Fox.*

A hunting party was once resolved upon between the Lion, the Aſs and the Fox. They agreed that whatever was taken, should be divided amongst them in equal shares. Having pursued a Stag for a long while, they happily caught him, and the Lion ordered the Aſs to divide. The Aſs, according to his capacity did so, cutting up the Stag in three pretty equal shares. The Lion with his craving temper was enraged at this levelling division, flew upon the Aſs and tore him in pieces. Then he commanded the Fox, to make an other division. Reynard nibbled off a little bit for himself and laid all the rest upon one heap for the Lion's portion. The royal brute was well satisfied with this proof of respect, and asked him, who had taught him to make such a prudent division and behaviour? „Why," answered Reynard, „to tell your Majesty the truth, I was taught by the unfortunate Aſs that lies dead there, — he has made me cunning and wise."

Application.

It is sensible and prudent, to take a warning by the misfortunes of others. How much misery and trouble would many a man have spared himself, had he been taught by example.

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