

Lucy Byron (wife of the poet)

"As you acquire a more extensive knowledge of individual facts, it must necessarily happen that the relations which they bear to each other will become more distinctly developed. This however, does not seem to be the whole explanation. I cannot well understand what I have observed in myself, without supposing that there is in the human mind a principle of order which operates without the mind itself being at the time conscious of it. You

have been occupied with a
particular investigation; you
have accumulated a large
store of facts; but that is all;
after an interval of time,
without any further labour,
you find all the facts
which you have learned
in their proper places, & then
you are not sensible of
having made any effort
for the purpose —

Sir B. Brodie's Discourse
at St. George's Hospital
1843 —