

The Author, however, again disclaims the idea of publishing his Discourse as a formal Scientific Dissertation. It was delivered at a ceremonial, by which its matter and language were greatly modified: and the portions subsequently added to it partook necessarily of its original rhetorical form. His first object was to trace the connexion between physical science and natural theology. He then gave a short sketch of the other branches of study in the University of Cambridge, with a view of pointing out some imperfections of the course, and especially of those writings which are the guides of the Undergraduates in the metaphysical and moral sciences. In this part of his task he endeavoured to establish the reality of a moral sense, and the supremacy of conscience—following in these subjects opinions that have been maintained with great skill and power of reasoning by Butler; and advocated in later times by Stewart, Mackintosh, and Chalmers. Lastly, constrained by the place and occasion of its delivery, he endeavoured to connect the several parts of his Discourse together in such a way as to make the whole subservient to the