

support of Christian truth. To these objects he exclusively adhered: nor did he think it right to encumber himself with the consideration of other matters, which, however important in themselves, or connected with the subjects he was handling, were utterly incompatible with the limits of a single address.

Nothing is more idle in controversy than for a man to cast on his opponents the blame of consequences he himself draws from a disputed principle. The Author does not believe that he has offended in this way: for in pointing out the evil consequences of the utilitarian theory of morals, he had in his mind facts notorious in the history of modern times, and base conclusions advocated in modern writings. But he was not so unreasonable as to impute such conclusions to all who adopt one side of a controverted moral question.

Several honest but unwise attacks have been made by one writer upon the passages of this Discourse relating to the discoveries of Geology. Had he made himself acquainted even with the simplest elements of the subject,