

out of the question to pretend to raise any theory—state any doctrine—or say anything in the least degré satisfactory, or on which any two opinions would agree, about it. Still it strikes me as not by any means devoid of interest, to contemplate cases where, in a matter so entirely abstract, so completely devoid of any moral or emotional bearing as the production of a geometrical figure, we, as it were, seize upon that principle in the very act, and in the performance of its office.

(21.) I will not, however, pursue this further, lest I get bewildered myself and bewilder all who listen to me, and it only remains for me to thank you for your patience in listening to me so far, and to apologize once more for dwelling upon my personal impressions. There is one thing more I would add—which is to congratulate this town of Leeds on the existence within it of a society of such a nature as that here assembled, and numbering among its members so many gentlemen of large and liberal views, of extensive information and high acquirements, both scientific and literary—equally the ornaments of this their city, and of our common country.