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ESSAY THE FIRST.

ON CAUSATION AND FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS;

OR,

COMMON SENSE *versus* THE KANTIAN, BERKELEYAN, SCOTTISH,
AND WHEWELLIAN DOCTRINES.

TO
THE REV. ADAM SEDGWICK,

WOODWARDIAN PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE.

DEAR SIR,

MY offering to you the Dedication of this Essay, when the work which I principally oppose has been also inscribed to yourself, is a striking proof of the liberal and disinterested spirit with which you are disposed to listen to contrary opinions.

Strange as it may appear, although the system which I maintain is, in some manner, the reverse of that of your learned friend, it seems that we could concur, as upon a common ground, in the general views expounded in your Discourse on the Studies of the University. This might perhaps be received as a satisfactory explanation of the anomaly of this double

dedication; but the real motive is the profound esteem which philosophers of the most opposite doctrines must entertain for your judgment.

I remain, dear Sir,

Your most sincere admirer

and respectful servant,

THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E.

HAVING learnt from experience that there is a loss of energy and power in the translation of complex ideas from one language into another, because the figures and metaphors appropriate to the genius of an idiom, with which you are tolerably well acquainted, suggest themselves more readily to the mind, by a direct exertion, than they can through the differing metaphors and figures of another idiom, I have at once written the whole of this Essay in the English language; and I hope it will be found that it has gained in strength and terseness upon my English version of the 'Philosophy of Geology.' The book is not yet written in French; and if I ever publish it in my native tongue, singular to say, it will be only as a translation.



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