

is explained by unity of descent." (Nat. Sel. p. 247.)

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bear as heavy witness to the comple  
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of Europe, where the millenium, whic  
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... something more substantial seems to be behind them, although their appearance is so casual and unassuming. They are intended to maintain some physical efficiency, the productions of the damages would seem to have been undeniably evil. To the Moors we probably owe the materials of after progress.

to the vast accumulation rather than the materials and data than of the knowledge of their use; to the almost accidental discovery of one little material advantage here and another there; each infinitesimal inventor adding his puny quota, and merely assisting to prepare and dispose of things for the little further contribution of his successors, who added their mite to the aggregation of knowledge and results, while really only struggling for their own existence. And it is plain that the greatest existing means toward ultimate general progress consist in

minute steps in discovery, so as to make them at once the common property of the race, that no progress now made is lost. The first great step, of course was the invention of writing; but if what we now know, we may rest satisfied that ages intervened between many attempts, and before any such thing as an alphabet was even thought of. The invention of printing, which has consolidated and established knowledge, was altogether a sudden leap, though results accumulated rapidly. The

gives everyone the task of re-discovering for himself all that has been previously learned, and the general dissemination of the power of deciphering the record now prevents the loss, from lack of means, of any inventive power to speed its little achievements. If one loses an opportunity, another takes it, and no one loses by slowness what another gains by quickness. Knowledge is thus now the property of the race, and the individual is almost suppressed. It is the worst of times, of Stagnation, of the most

is as if she had work to perform and individual men merely as instruments and those as if of the smallest value. One Babbage's difference engine, not does more intellectual difficult work in an hour than an expert computer in a month, but does it with a certain ease, and still more, a guarantee against error which no human calculator could possibly give or possess. A steam engine is worth several hundred of laborers, and is far more reliable. So nature now may be regarded as

but because it docks civilisation  
wastes energy. Men are of no con-  
sequence in the march of progress,  
almost as many valuable (or valuable)  
workers are drowned in rotten seas  
killed by factory explosions, smothered  
in mines, starved by poverty, emascu-  
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Is not this the universal law? Nature everywhere teems with life, the food of its possessor being—to subsist or become the food of others. One preys upon another, and another only sustenance for a third, and a third for a fourth. Animals prey upon each other and upon what else is adapted to their digestion. I feed upon plants—upon each other. I feed upon us—and Dr Hooker has just

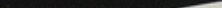
that he deliberately decoy, seize, devour, digest, insects in return, and, as capable as man of discriminating and selecting appropriate aliment, he preys upon more than all the rest it is really in self-defence, or rather instinctively, in him as in all. Existence depends upon it. For his wild struggle was with the beasts of the forest, his fellow-men among the number. In civilisation, where he has so far mastered other objects of his struggle is mainly with mankind, the struggle for the preservation of his race, the progress of human population.

\* See Dr Hooker's address "On  
various Plants" before the British Association  
at Belfast, 21st August, 1874.





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Next, as regards truthfulness, honesty, and moral feeling. The most flagrant errors of sentiment are shown in our treatment of our perjurers, forgers, thieves, outragers of persons, and murderers. But I need not test your patience now by dilating much on this, which is the strongest part of my position, and involves the most direct and disastrous effects upon the human race. I have

\* *Treatment of Criminals in Relation to Science*. By H. K. Rudden. Melbourne, 1872, Geo. Robertson. p.p. 12-13.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ONLY

Twice Mr. B. spoke of the privilege of being allowed occupying the position of chairman as he was not expected to make a speech, but merely to call out and regulate the speeches of others. A friend of his, Mr. Crane, who he understood, said that tea meetings consisted of ten and twaddle, but he hoped there would be none of the latter commodity at that meeting, although he had heard twaddle talked even in law courts, councils, and many other places. He also hoped there would be no bitterness. During the year and a half he had laboured amongst them, he had formed many pleasant associations, and he was pleased to see a growing earnestness, and an increased attendance at the church, and he looked upon the large gathering

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