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THE following Essay owes its origin to a conversation with a friend, on the subject of Mr. Godwin's essay on avarice and profusion, in his Enquirer. The discussion started the general question of the future improvement of society, and the Author at first sat down with an intention of merely stating his thoughts to his friend, upon paper, in a clearer manner than he thought he could do in conversation. But as the subject opened upon him, some ideas occurred, which he did not recollect to have met with before ; and as he conceived that every least light, on a topic so generally interesting, might be received with candour, he determined to put his thoughts in a form for publication.

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遵循效果的起源归功于与戈德温先生对贪婪和丰富的审判者的主体的收敛。这种局势涉及未来改善的普遍阶段，而作者的作者则是为了使他的思想向他的friend提出，比他以明确的方式将他的思想贴上了他的想法，比他可以在构成方面做得要明确。但是，随着对他的开放，发生了一个想法，他没有回想起以前遇到过的想法。正如他想到的那样，在一个普遍的话题上，可能会以坦率的方式接收到一个话题，他决心将自己的思想置于出版的形式中。