

TEST: pr e fac e. he followin  
Essay owes its origin T to a  
converfation with a friend, on the  
fubject of Mr. Godwin's effay on  
avarice and profufion, in his  
Enquir- er. The difcufion ftarted  
the general queftion of the future  
improvement of fociety, and the  
Author at firft fat down with an  
intention of merely ftating his  
thoughts to his friend, up- on  
paper, in a clearer manner than  
he thought he could do in  
converfation. But as the fubject  
opened upon him, fome ideas  
occurred, which he did not  
recollect to have met with before  
; and as he conceived that every  
leaf of light, on a topic fo generally  
intereft- ing, might be received  
with candour, he determined to  
put his thoughts in a form for  
publication.