

only by reason, and to describe things as they really are, instead of as he may wish them to be.

Whilst treating upon Upper Canada, we might furnish much interesting matter for the natural philosopher, the botanist, the geologist and the mineralogist, all of whom may here find ample means of exercising their respective talents. The design of our work, however, forbids our indulging in any of these pleasing speculations, and confines our attention to such topics as are most likely to prove beneficial to the general reader, to whom it is presumed our labors will not be the less acceptable, although the subjects discussed and style adopted may be such as are suited to the most ordinary understanding. We shall, therefore, endeavor to render the general character of the work useful rather than learned.