

to secure for themselves and their subjects the hearty interest of mankind. In these respects Lyell was characterised by the same breadth which appears in his scientific investigations and reasonings. He was a warm personal friend, and full of sincere sympathy with all that concerned those he loved. He was active and earnest in promoting education and the diffusion of knowledge, and he took a lively interest in all movements for improving the social and political condition of the world at large. He was quite free from that tendency to attack or sneer at, everything that other men hold sacred, which characterises some of the advanced writers of the day. He neither tormented himself with the gloomy idea that men looked askance upon him, and wished to persecute him, nor did he desire to make any other man a martyr to his faith. In the earlier editions of the 'Principles,' he closed the work with a few paragraphs of 'Concluding Remarks,' in which he takes occasion to state his doctrine of the relation of natural science to religion in the following words, which, I find, remain unchanged in the latest edition:—

“‘We aspire in vain to assign limits to the works of creation in space, whether we exa-