

deserted my first principles, as the history here related is so fertile in examples of injustice, villainy, and inhumanity. But, I answer, first; this work is not intended for little children, but, on the contrary, for those who are arrived at the period of youth, or those who are approaching to it. Secondly, those persons who thus accuse me, evidently overlook what I added to the maxim, namely, that as children advance in years, and especially at the time they are about to enter into the world, they certainly should be made acquainted, though carefully, and by degrees, with the predominant vices and follies of mankind; so that they may not, by expecting to meet every where with angels, be led, when undeceived, into the opposite extreme, and condemn them in the lump, for devils. Thirdly, it does not make the same impression upon the mind of a child, when he is told of such and such bad people *having lived* some centuries past, as to hear of foolish and vicious characters who *are living* about him. Lastly, it depends in this, as in all other cases of instruction, principally