pal stimulant in the execution of the following work.

"I have by long habit, combined perhaps with early acquired prejudices, been much delighted with the investigations of Theorists: but while I prize the deductions of sound theory as highly as any person, and rest as firmly upon them; yet am I desirous not to forget that, as all general principles imply the exercise of abstraction, it would be highly injudicious not to regard them in their practical applications as approximations; the defects of which must be supplied, as indeed the principles themselves are deduced from experience.

"Habits of abstraction and theorizing may be carried to excess; and crude experience without reflection will never be productive of essential good.

"But as an eminent philosopher,* for whose talents and virtues I entertain great respect, remarks, "Care should be taken to guard against both these extremes, and to unite habits of abstraction with habits of business, in such a manner

* Professor Dugald Stewart; Elements of the Philosophy of the Human Mind, p. 221, &c.