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Preface p. v - vii

"I have proposed to myself to write on the diseases produced by self-pollution, considered as a crime; is it not proof enough of its being one, the demonstrating that it is an act of self-murder? ~~Who~~ ^{Whoever} knows mankind, will not be difficultly persuaded, that it is easier to give them an aversion against a vice, by the fear of a present evil, than by reasons founded on principles, of which there is not care enough taken to inculcate to them all the truth and solidity."

→ argument in defense of describing vice to prevent it

p. viii "This Work, however, has nothing in common with the English one upon this subject, under the title of Onania; and except about two pages and a half, which I have extracted from it, that rhapsody has been of no use to me."

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