

pretend to prove, that neither the coral nor the sponge can belong to the vegetable kingdom, but that they are entirely the formation of these little animals, who construct them for their habitations and convenience; as bees do the honey-comb.

Without pretending to decide this question, we must confess our doubts of the latter opinion, and consider all the ingenious experiments that have been made as mere conjectures, drawn, certainly from analogy; but surely theories founded upon conjecture ought to be received with caution; it is upon facts alone that Nature's works should determine; and of those there are enough to make us reflect with admiration on the works and will of the Divine Being, who (we have shewn through the course of this work) has so closely united the different classes of the creation, as to form one universal machine, which is as wonderful in itself, and as far beyond our power to develop as He is in might and wisdom above our conception!

*FINIS.*