

serves them for food ; and is not this the same, or at least has it not great connection with that which is the cause of reproduction ?

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### CHAPTER III.

#### OF NUTRITION AND GROWTH.

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**T**HE body of an animal is a kind of internal mould, in which the nutritive matter assimilates itself with the whole in such a manner that, without changing the order and proportion of the parts, each receives an augmentation, and it is this augmentation of bulk which some have called *expansion*, because they imagined every difficulty would be removed by the supposition that the animal was completely formed in the embryo, and that it would be  
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