

powers of observation are enlarged, the more exalted will be our conceptions of His wondrous works. Thus, in the eloquent language of Dr. Chalmers,—“ while the telescope enables us to see a system in every star, the microscope unfolds to us a world in every atom. The one instructs us that this mighty globe, with the whole burthen of its people and its countries, is but a grain of sand in the vast field of immensity—the other, that every atom may harbour the tribes and families of a busy population. The one shows us the insignificance of the world we inhabit—the other redeems it from all its insignificance, for it tells us that in the leaves of every forest, in the flowers of every garden, in the waters of every rivulet, there are worlds teeming with life, and numberless as are the stars of the firmament. The one suggests to us, that above and beyond all that is visible to man, there may be regions of creation which sweep immeasurably along, and carry the impress of the Almighty’s hand to the remotest scenes of the Universe—the other, that within and beneath all that minuteness which the aided eye of man has been able to explore, there may be a world of invisible beings ; and that could we draw aside the mysterious curtain which shrouds it from our senses, we might behold a theatre of as many wonders as astronomy can unfold ; a Universe within the compass of a point, so small as to elude all the powers of the microscope, but where the Almighty Ruler