

Who has done this? Man? No. The abode has been prepared for him, but not by him. From the moment that the rock emerged from the ocean, a varied instrumentality was applied to bring it into culture. The oxygen of the air, in allying itself with certain mineral ingredients, detached them from others, and broke up the wall of adamant. The fowls of the air were efficient husbandmen in carrying seed and manuring the soil; and even the earth-worm, which we seldom mention but in scorn, performed its unacknowledged service in detaching loose particles from underlying stones, and bringing them to the surface, where their presence was available. Was each of these agencies accidental? Above all, was their harmonious co-operation a thing of chance? A glorious divinity must this chance be, and strong must be the faith of him who credits its marvels! Such a believer has little pretext for ridiculing credulity. They may seek consolation, who think they can find it in such marvellous peradventures; among the trees of that garden I will rather recognise the voice of God, I will hear it in the rustling of the leaves, and the warbling of the birds; and knowing that