

PART II.

ON THE ADAPTATION OF EXTERNAL NATURE TO THE INTELLECTUAL CONSTITUTION OF MAN.

CHAPTER I.

Chief Instances of this Adaptation.

1. (1.) THE law of most extensive influence over the phenomena and processes of the mind, is the law of association, or, as denominated by Dr. Thomas Brown, the law of suggestion. If two objects have been seen in conjunction, or in immediate succession, at any one time — then the sight or thought of one of them afterwards, is apt to suggest the thought of the other also ; and the same is true of the objects of all the senses. The same smells or sounds or tastes which have occurred formerly, when they occur again, will often recall the objects from which they then proceeded, the occasions or other objects with which they were then associated. When one meets with a fragrance of a particular sort, it may often instantly suggest a fragrance of the same kind experienced months or years ago ; the rose-bush from which it