

other alone it is that we are extricated. The one presents us with the case ; but, for the solution of it, we must recur to a higher calculus, to an instrument of more powerful discovery and of fuller revelation. The one starts a question which itself cannot untie ; and the other furnishes the satisfactory response to it. The desideratum of the former meets with the doctrine of the latter ; and it is this frequent adjustment, as of a mould to its counterpart die ; it is this close and manifold adaptation between the wants of nature and the overtures of a professed revelation ; it is this fitting of the supernal application to the terrestrial subject upon which it is laid ; it is the way, more especially, in which the disruption between heaven and earth has been restored, and the frightful chasm that sin had made on the condition and prospects of our species is wholly repaired to all who will through the completeness of an offered Saviour ; it is this mingled harmony of the greater and lesser lights, which gives evidence that both have been kindled by the same hand, and that it is He who put the candle which glimmers so feebly into my heart, it is He also who poured the noonday effulgence of Christianity around me.

36. It were foreign to our prescribed subject to attempt an exposition, in however brief and rapid a sketch, of the credentials of Christianity. We only remark, that, amid the lustre and variety of its proofs, there is one strikingly analogous, and indeed identical in principle, with our own peculiar