

the earth's form and motion from which the different climates of different places arises, is connected with the social and moral welfare and advancement of man.

We conceive that this connexion, though there must be to our apprehension much that is indefinite and uncertain in tracing its details, is yet a point where we may perceive the profound and comprehensive relations established by the counsel and foresight of a wise and good Creator of the world and of man, by whom the progress and elevation of the human species was neither un contemplated nor uncared for.

4. We have traced, in the variety of organized beings, an *adaptation* to the variety of climates, a *provision* for the sustentation of man all over the globe, and an *instrument* for the promotion of civilization and many attendant benefits. We have not considered this *variety* as *itself* a purpose which we can perceive or understand without reference to some ulterior end. Many persons, however, and especially those who are already in the habit of referring the world to its Creator, will probably see something admirable in itself in this vast variety of created things. There is indeed something well fitted to produce and confirm a reverential wonder, in these apparently inexhaustible stores of new forms of being and modes of existence; the fixity of the laws of each class, its distinctness from all others, its relations to many. Structures and habits and characters are exhibited, which are connected and distinguished according to every conceivable degree of subordination and analogy, in their resemblances and in their differences. Every new country we explore presents us with new combinations, where the possible cases seem to be exhausted; and with new resemblances and differences, constructed as if to elude what conjecture might have hit upon, by proceeding from the old ones. Most of those who have