

It must now be apparent that nothing less than the Power, which originally created, is equal to the effecting of those changes on animals, which are to adapt them to their conditions : that their organization is predetermined, and not consequent on the condition of the earth or the surrounding elements. Neither can a property in the animal itself, account for the changes which take place in the individual, any more than for the varieties which take place in the species. Every thing declares the species to have its origin in a distinct creation, not in a gradual variation from some original type ; and any other hypothesis than that of a new creation of animals suited to the successive changes in the inorganic matter of the globe—the condition of the water, atmosphere, and temperature—brings with it only an accumulation of difficulties.

We ought here to bring into the argument a series of changes of structure, of a different nature altogether : we mean the revolution that is taking place, without a pause during the whole life, in the frame of every individual animal. No description of the mechanical parts of the living body, or even of the forms, the instruments, or the organs of sense which have relation to external objects, can convey an idea of the power that is continually in operation,