

powers that he had established as rulers in nature, and by which he ordinarily taketh hold, as it were, of the material universe. But when a being, combining the spiritual with the material world, is to be created, all the persons of the Godhead unite *immediately* in the work, and without the intervention of any other agent, "*Let us make man.*" He was therefore neither sea-born nor earth-born, as some ancient nations claimed to be, but born of God; though, as Christ moistened clay when he was about to exercise his creative power, in the re-forming of an eye;\* so was the humid earth used in the creation of the body of man by his Maker, and when that wonderful machine, with its complex apparatus of organs, both external and internal, was finished; when a throne and presence-chamber were prepared for the intellectual and spiritual, and governing part of his nature and that wonder-working pulp the brain, with its silver spinal cord and infinitely divaricated threads, already fitted for the mastery of every motive organ, was in a state to transmit without obstruction, each flux and reflux of that subtile fluid, intermediate, as it were, between matter and spirit,† which so instantaneously conveys and causes the execution of the commands of the will by every external bodily organ; when the heart was ready to beat; the lungs to play; the blood to circulate; and every other system to start for the fulfilment of its prescribed errand. "*Then the Lord God breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives, and man became a living soul.*" He was now installed into his kingdom over the globe which he inhabited, and dominion was given him over the inhabitants of the water, of the air, and of the earth; and the divine image, in which he was to be created, was rendered complete.

Now, the generations of the world were perfect and healthful, and God saw everything that he had made, and

\* John ix. 6.

† See Appendix, Note 3.