

mirably is it secured against the mischances to which its singular situation exposes it! When we see so much art and skill put in action to adapt such seemingly insignificant creatures, and so low in the scale of creation, to the circumstances in which they are placed; so many contrivances, exhibiting the deepest intellect, taking the most comprehensive surveys of every possible contingency, and rearing a structure calculated to stand against every pressure upon it—we must feel convinced that the attention of the Creator is directed to every *individual* in existence, whether great or small, high or low, spiritual or material. To everything that he created he gave a law, the law of its nature; a law emanating from Him, enforced by the physical powers acting upon certain structures, and producing certain necessary effects under His *constant* superintendence, direction, and action, on and by those powers.

The intestinal worms, as well as some other parasitic animals, are many of them so remarkable for the situation in which we discover them, that their transport to the spot where they are to exercise their function seems almost miraculous. How a mite should find its way into the human brain seems past our conjecture. We cannot clearly ascertain by what means the eye-worms are conducted to their assigned station, nor how the various species of tape-worm invariably select each its proper pabulum: the same holds good with regard to the cyst-worms,\* or hydatids. Do they, like the *Infernal Fury*,† as fabled by Linné, fall from heaven upon the earth and waters, and instantly bury themselves in their allotted animals? But to speak soberly, all we can safely affirm is, that He who decreed the *end* decrees the *means*, and these probably are physical ones under his direction. He it is who guides the punitive animals that he employs to their several stations. Is there

\* Cysticercus.

† Furia infernalis.—L.