

North America; and even among the peculiar features of the Flora of New Holland, Mr. Brown recognised 166 European species. The presence of many such strangers may undoubtedly be referred to the agency of man and other animals; to currents in the ocean; to winds; and a variety of natural causes." While "the presence of others, seems inexplicable on any other supposition, than that they have been created in the places where they now exist."\*

Hitherto we have considered plants only in relation to the soil, and to the climate, in which they grow; and have not entered into details respecting all the beautiful arrangements, by which their growth has been accomplished. The consideration of these arrangements belongs to the Physiologist, the Botanist, and the Geologist, with whose duties we wish as little as possible, to interfere. There is, however, yet one point of view, in which our argument naturally leads us to consider vegetation; namely, as forming the link, by which animals are connected with the earth; in other words, as furnishing to animals the means of subsistence.

The circumstance, which, perhaps, more than any other, is calculated to arrest our attention with respect to vegetable productions in general, is their vast *profusion*, in every sense of the term;

\* Lindley, Introduction to Botany, p. 501.