

among the marine animals of Tropical climates, there is the same wonderful enlargement of size. Thus certain species of the *Crab* and *Lobster*, and various shell fish, often attain an enormous magnitude. Nor is there a developement of size only, but of every other property in an equal degree. Countries within the tropics exhibit the most beautiful forms—the most splendid colours in nature. There, in short, is the most astonishing display of all those things which seem to be entirely ornamental: as, for example, the singular plumage of the *Birds of Paradise*—the gaudy liveries of many of the *Parrot* tribe—the extraordinary and diversified forms and colours of many insects and shells.

Not only is there in Tropical climates an assemblage of all the concomitants of productiveness, and utility, and embellishment of every kind; in these climates, there is another, and not less marked demonstration, of the power and the wisdom of the great Creator. Within the Tropics *death*, the last, the inevitable scene, assumes a character as new and diversified as that of the life it terminates. There, rages the implacable ferocity of the Tiger, and of the larger beasts of prey; there, the fangs of the serpent are charged with the most malignant venom; there, even the insects are as formidable as they are numerous. Nor is this intensity of