

Creator ; and what is the fact ? Is not man such a being as we have supposed ? Throughout the world, though perfectly independent of him, is there not a clear foretoken of his existence ? Has he not been placed at the head of that world, so obviously prepared for him ; and thus constituted “ the Minister and Interpreter of nature ? ” Surely no one will be inclined to doubt that such is the position of man with reference to other animals. Equally undeniable, is the striking accordance of these deductions from the view of external objects, with what is written of the origin of man by the sacred historian : “ and God said, that it (the world which he had prepared) was good. And God said, let us make man in our own image, after our own likeness, (that is to say, endowed with reason and with the power of reflection). And let him have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing, that creepeth on the earth.”

We thus arrive at another, and to us the final step in the great design of the Omnipotent : the creation and the faculties of Man.