

very imperfect, is amply sufficient to satisfy us, of the infinite wisdom by which they are directed; and that the unknown, must be far more wonderful than what has been disclosed. Most of the facts, also, on which we have dwelt, are of a character so obvious, that they require only to be understood, in order to be admitted among the proofs of the great argument of design; at least, by all, but persons who affect to deny that argument. We therefore leave to the reader, the application of facts, so obviously demonstrative of design; and proceed to offer a few remarks on certain general arrangements of organized and living beings, relatively to the arrangements of inorganic matter.

First. In considering the economy of organized beings, one of the circumstances most calculated to arrest our attention, is the extraordinary skill manifested in the disposal of the various parts of the organized system, with regard to each other. As an instance, on the great scale, may be noticed, the mutual relation and dependance of plants and animals. Thus, as we formerly pointed out, carbonic acid gas constitutes the chief food of plants; and we now see, that nearly the whole of the superfluous carbon produced by the operations within animal bodies, is actually thrown off in the form of carbonic acid. Plants, therefore, on the one hand, supply the chief nourishment to animals; while