

the absorption may continue to be effected directly from without, although the opening by which the nutritive matters penetrate usually into the digestive cavity, is obstructed and obliterated."—Ann. des Sciences Nat. Part. Zool., Vol. i. p. 25–31.

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“ And now, should it be asked, granting all this to be true, to what end has so much labour been bestowed in the demonstration? I can only answer, that as to me these disquisitions have opened new scenes of wonder and astonishment, in contemplating how variously, how extensively life is distributed through the universe of things: so it is possible, that the facts here related, and these instances of nature animated in a part hitherto unsuspected, may excite the like pleasing ideas in others; and in minds more capacious and penetrating, lead to farther discoveries, farther proofs (should such be wanting,) that One infinitely wise, good, all-powerful Being has made, and still upholds, the whole of what is good and perfect; and hence we may learn, that, if creatures of so low an order in the great scale of nature are endued with faculties that enable them to fill up their sphere of action with such propriety; we likewise, who are advanced so many gradations above them, owe to ourselves, and to Him who made us and all things, a constant application to acquire that degree of rectitude and perfection, to which we also are endued with faculties of attaining.”—*Ellis*.