

authority and the luminous arguments of Dr. Prichard, in the work before referred to.

Man and a small number of animals peculiarly serviceable to man, are endowed with a capacity of adaptation to all the differences of climate and other circumstances, not indeed unlimited, but extending through a wide range. This capacity requires, for its complete development, a gradual proceeding in subjection to the agents of change ; for which the life of no individual is sufficiently long, nor even the duration of several generations. The process must be carried on through many steps of descent ; and, in its course, considerable alterations of structure are slowly produced.