

Sea, is marked, by characters of the most manifest and indubitable kind, as a region whose *flora* and *fauna* (terms used as abbreviations, to designate the collection of vegetable and animal productions that belong to any place,) are completely distinct from those of any other portion of land upon the face of the globe.

If therefore it were maintained, that the first instances or parents of each animal species, which the Creator has formed to dwell upon the earth, were found associated with the first man in paradise, we should be obliged to say that here was a doctrine, alleged to come under the sanction of Scripture-authority, but which is at variance with demonstrated facts. In a subsequent part of these lectures, we shall have to examine the assumption upon which this conclusion rests, and I venture to affirm that we shall find it to be destitute of any solid foundation in the fair construction of the Sacred Writings.

V. A difficulty of great moment arises from the supposition that, upon the authority of divine revelation, pain and death had no place in any part of the sensitive creation, at least in this our world, till after the sin of the first human beings.

Who has not felt the solemn tenderness of our great poet's invocation?

“ Of man's first disobedience, and the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
Brought DEATH into the world, with all our wo;
Sing, heavenly muse.”

—And the sentiment is very natural, and engaging to a mind of sensibility; prior to having any acquaintance with the natural history of the animal tribes, that approaches to comprehensiveness and accuracy. It seems also to be sustained by the infallible authority of the Scriptures. “By one man sin entered into the world, and