

ing the word in its popular sense) the number of species is immense ; to say one hundred thousand would be moderate : each has its appropriate habitation and food, and these are necessary to its life ; and the larger number could not live in water. Also the innumerable millions upon millions of animalcula must be provided for ; for they have all their appropriate and diversified places and circumstances of existence. But all land animals have their geographical regions, to which their constitutional natures are congenial, and many could not live in any other situation. We cannot represent to ourselves the idea of their being brought into one small spot, from the polar regions, the torrid zone, and all the other climates of Asia, Africa, Europe, America, Australia, and the thousands of islands ; their preservation and provision ; and the final disposal of them ;—without bringing up the idea of miracles more stupendous than any that are recorded in Scripture,* even what appear appalling in comparison.

which are now publishing under the authority of Her Majesty's Treasury : the *Zoology of the Voyage of H. M. S. Beagle, Capt. Fitzroy, by Mr. Darwin, Naturalist to the Expedition* : and the *Illustrations of African Zoology, by Dr. Andrew Smith, who conducted an exploring expedition into the Interior of South Africa*. Both these enterprises were effected in the years 1832 to 1836.

* Some one may adduce Josh. xi. 13, the sun and the moon standing still : but the obvious reply is, that the whole effect wanted in that case, and fully answering to the description of the apparent phenomenon as recorded, would be produced by an alteration in the refracting and transmitting properties of the atmosphere, immediately over the part of Judea where the victory was obtained. Such an alteration would be an indubitable miracle. But if any exclaim, ' All miracles are alike ; the smallest and the greatest are equal to Omnipotence,' I request their kind attention to some remarks in a former lecture, (pp. 79—82.) Upon this particular case, to suppose that the diurnal rotation of the earth was interrupted, is to bring in a shock which would have disturbed the functions of not only every part of our earth, and the planetary system, but would extend through the astral spaces, rendering necessary a continuous and universal miracle of restoration.