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On other subjects we may fall in with proof, here we cannot escape from it. Embark in the swift ship, and mark retiring headlands till the last peak disappear, and sea on all sides begirts the horizon, we still behold the wonders of God in the great deep. Or retire to the wilderness-an ocean of sand relieved by no gallant ships: pass into depths of its solitude where no caravan travels, where no savage roams, where no beast of prey even disturbs the silence by its howlings, or the level by its footmark, still the desert heath, which knoweth not when good cometh, will invite attention to its structure-will attest by its humours and vessels, its root and stalk, and leaves, and flowers, that God hath so clothed it; and will put it to the verdict of intelligence and candour, whether any Solomon, in all his glory, was ever arrayed like one of these. Or if vegetation fail, if no blade of grass surmount the arid waste, take up a grain of sand and note its revelations. It is composed of different elements chemically combined. It partakes with the earth in its rotations and revolutions. It contributes its due proportion to that gravitating power which gives figure to the globe,

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