

PHYSIOLOGICAL ZOÖLOGY

CHAPTER FIRST.

THE SPHERE AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ZOÖLOGY.

1. ZoöLOGY is that department of Natural History which relates to animals

2. To enumerate and name the animals which are found on the globe, to describe their forms, and investigate their habits and modes of life, are the principal, but by no means the only objects of this science. Animals are worthy of our regard, not merely when considered as to the variety and elegance of their forms, or their adaptation to the supply of our wants; but the Animal Kingdom, as a whole, has a still higher signification. It is the exhibition of the divine thought, as carried out in one department of that grand whole which we call Nature; and considered as such, it teaches us most important lessons.

3. Man, in virtue of his twofold constitution, the spiritual and the material, is qualified to comprehend Nature.