

position, however, with whose demonstration (founded on the very elementary properties of a decreasing geometrical progression) we shall not trouble our readers.

(44.) Such a speculation as this just mentioned may possibly appear irrelevant. But it must be remembered that it is LIGHT, *and the free communication of it from the remotest regions of the universe*, which alone can give, and does fully give us, the assurance of a uniform and all-pervading energy—a mechanism almost beyond conception complex, minute, and powerful, by which that influence, or rather that movement, is propagated. Our evidence of the existence of gravitation fails us beyond the region of the double stars, or leaves us at best only a presumption amounting to moral conviction in its favour. But the argument for a unity of design and action afforded by light stands unweakened by distance, and is co-extensive with the universe itself.