

in short, as Horace himself expresses the conception,

..... Non ut  
Serpentes avibus gementur, tigribus agni<sup>t</sup>.

## SECT. II.

### *The Nervous System of Man.*

THE nervous system of man, without any reference to that of other animals, naturally resolves itself into three sufficiently distinct divisions: of which one is appropriated to those parts, which characterize him as simply an organized being; another, to his powers of voluntary motion; the third, or the brain, to the organs of the several senses, and, probably, to the manifestation of the intellectual powers and moral affections.

Of the two first of the foregoing divisions it is not necessary to speak more at large; because no doubt exists in the minds of physiologists as to the nature of their offices. But this is not the case with respect to the brain; which therefore demands a greater share of our attention.

Of all the parts of the nervous system taken collectively, the brain has been most generally considered as the organ of the mind: and it has long been a favourite speculation to endeavour to ascertain what part of this organ is subser-

<sup>t</sup> The subject of *lusus naturæ*, or monsters, will be resumed towards the conclusion of this treatise.