

almost infinitely to the weight of evidence ; and indeed furnishes a proof in favour of design, and of its consequences, which amounts to all but actual demonstration.

Thirdly. There is another point of view in which we may consider what has been stated, and by which we shall at the same time, be brought a step nearer to the existing order of things. Amidst all that endless diversity of property, and all the changes constantly going on in the world around us, we cannot avoid being struck with the general tendency of the whole, to a *state of repose, or equilibrium*. Moreover, this tendency to equilibrium is not confined to the ponderable elements, but prevails also, in the same remarkable degree, among the imponderable agencies, heat and light ; which, as we have seen, cannot be any where long retained in a state of excess, on account of their natural disposition to acquire a certain state of equilibrium ; depending generally upon the place of the earth in the solar system. Now, the formation of this state of equilibrium, and its preservation, may be considered as the results of those wonderful adjustments among the qualities and quantities of bodies above alluded to ;—the qualities being such as to neutralize each other's activity ; while the quantities are so apportioned, as to leave one or two only, predominant.

The preceding is a general view of the sub-