

omnipotence of the Deity : benevolence in having willed such a positive good ; wisdom in having contrived it ; and omnipotence in having created it, and in still upholding its existence.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE ADAPTATION OF ORGANIZED BEINGS TO CLIMATE ; COMPREHENDING A GENERAL SKETCH OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS OVER THE EARTH ; AND OF THE PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF MAN.

IN the general survey of climate, and of its reference to organization, given in the preceding chapter, we have seen, on the one hand, that, by a series of wonderful expedients, the climate or temperature of the greater portion of the earth's surface, has been so equalized, as to be brought within the range of organic existence. On the other hand, we shall find, that by a series of expedients, not less wonderful, organic existence has been so diversified and extended, as to include all the possible varieties of soil and climate. Hence, the arrangement taken altogether, presents us with such extraordinary instances of mutual adaptation of its va-