

while, at the same time, distinct and independent laws wherewith matter is endowed. We only affirm a million-fold intensity of argument in the indefinitely greater number of beneficial, and at the same time distinct and independent number of collocations whereinto matter has been arranged. In this respect the human body may be said to present a more close and crowded and multifarious inscription of the Divinity, than any single object within the compass of visible nature. It is instinct throughout with the evidence of a builder's hand ; and thus the appropriate men of science, who can expound those dispositions of matter which constitute the anatomy of its framework, and which embrace the physiology of its various processes, are on secure and firm vantage-ground for an impressive demonstration.

17. Now there are many respects in which the evidence for a God, given forth by the constitution of the human body, differs from the evidence given forth by the constitution of the human spirit. It is with the latter evidence that we have more peculiarly to deal ; but at present we shall only advert to a few of its distinct and special characteristics. The subject will at length open into greater detail and development before us,—yet a brief preliminary exposition may be useful at the outset, should it only convey some notion of the difficulties and particularities of the task which has been put into our hands.