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BRIDGEWATER TREATISE.

A FRAGMENT.

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“ We may thus, with the greatest propriety, deny to the mechanical philosophers and mathematicians of recent times any authority with regard to their views of the administration of the universe; we have no reason whatever to expect from their speculations any help, when we ascend to the first cause and Supreme ruler of the universe. But we might perhaps go farther, and assert that they are in some respects less likely than men employed in other pursuits, to make any clear advance towards such a subject of speculation.”—*Bridgewater Treatise*, by the Rev. Wm. Whewell, p. 334.

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