It is interesting to contemplate an entangled bank, clothed with many plants of many kinds, with birds singing in the bushes, with various insects flitting about and with worms crawling through the damp earth. And to reflect that these elaborately constructed forms, so different from each other and so dependent upon each other, in so complex a manner, have all been produced by laws acting around us.

There is a grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers having been originally breathed into a few forms or into one, and that whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning, endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been and are being evolved.

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