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Mirantur alqui altudines montium, ingentes fluctus maris, altissimos lapsus fluminum, et gyro siderum. Relinquent seipsum, nec mirantur.—St. Augustine.

Quelqu’interêt que nous ayons à nous connaître nous mêmes, je ne sais si nous ne connaissons pas mieux tout ce qui n’est pas nous.—Buffon.

The natural history of man is indeed yet in its infancy, so that a complete view of the subject could not be attempted. . . . Every reptile, bird, beast, insect, mineral, has its historian, while the human subject has been completely neglected.—Lawrence.

Can we hope to proceed safely in legislation, in public institutions, in education, without a sound acquaintance with the physical and moral qualities, the languages and habits, of the subjects for whose benefit they are designed?—Idem.