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the shape of a bell, but it is cut by Nature into six segments or parts. When I say Nature, I mean God, who has made all things which we see. There is no such person or being as Nature. When I use the word Nature, in the way that I have done, you must understand that I mean God—acting according to the usual laws which he has appointed.

See how the large fruit rises in the middle of this leaf: look into the little cells of this fruit; they are full of seeds; the seeds are roundish; they would produce other flowers if they were sown into the ground. It is a pretty flower; God has made the earth to bring it forth; all the men in existence could not produce one little flower. Look at its beautiful tints. No painter could give it such exquisite touches, or such delightful colouring. How good God is to clothe the flowers with so much beauty! If he did not enable the earth to give nutriment to the seeds, we should have no such flowers. And yet how often do we pluck them, and look at them, without thinking of Him who gives them to us! Every plant, every flower, every object around us, ought to remind us of his goodness, and awaken our gratitude to him.

