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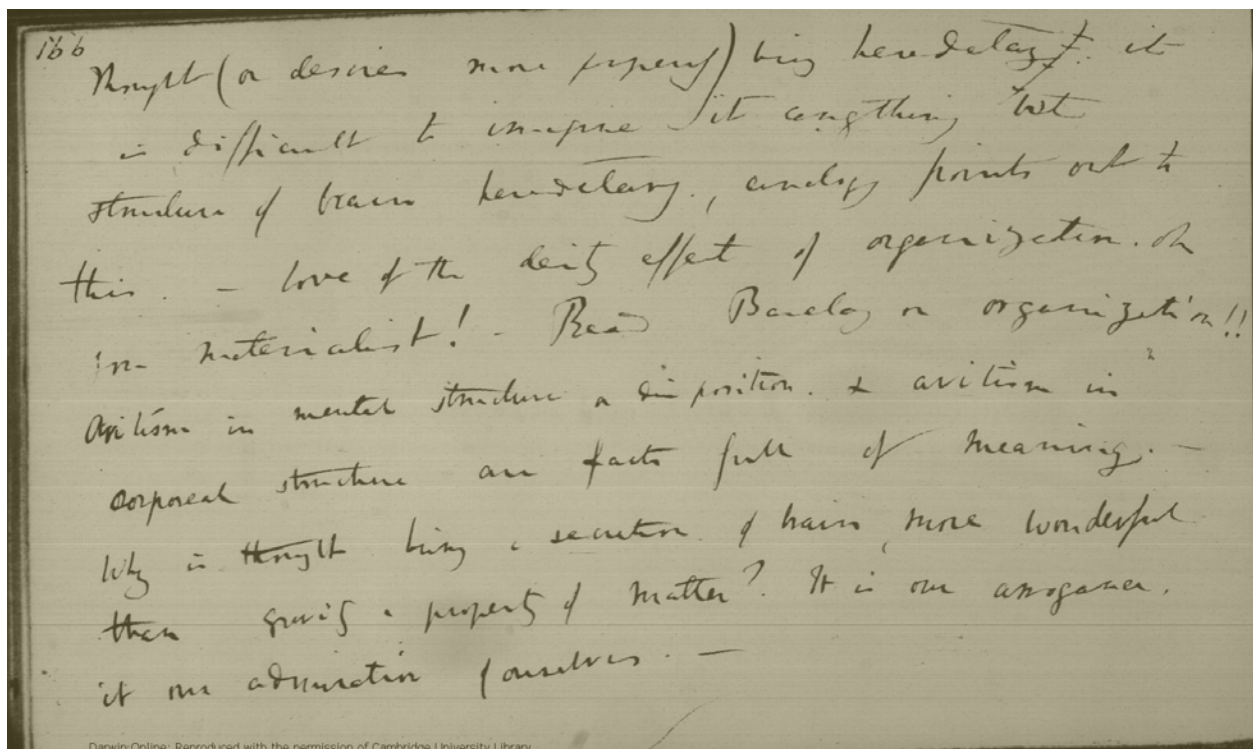
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Thought (or desires more properly) being hereditary it is difficult to imagine it anything but structure of brain hereditary, analogy points out to this. — love of the deity effect of organization, oh you materialist! Read Barclay¹ on organization!! Avitism² in mental structure a disposition & avitism in corporeal structure are facts full of meaning. — Why is thought being a secretion of brain, more wonderful than gravity a property of matter? It is our arrogance, it our admiration of ourselves. —

¹ John Barclay. An Inquiry into the opinions, ancient and modern, concerning life and organization, Edinburgh 1822.

² Avitism means relating to ancestors.



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