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- I. THE RESURRECTIONS OF SPRING:
- II. THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH OF SUMMER:
- III. THE RUTHANASIA OF AUTUMN:
- IV. THE CORONATION OF WINTER.

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## PREFACE

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THE Lecture entitled 'The Coronation of Winter,' in this little volume, has been published in a pamphlet form at the request of the students of Amherst College, and the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, before whom it was originally delivered. And it was the interest manifested in that discourse, which led the author to prepare others on some rare phenomena of Spring, Summer, and Autumn, and which leads him to hope that the whole may not be unacceptable to his friends.

The author feels that Natural Religion has not yet yielded all the fruits that may be derived from it, to feed the heart of piety; especially when those fruits are ripened and gathered under the bright sun of Revelation. It is well known that the phenomena of nature have often been made to utter language opposed to Revelation, by the ventriloquizing processes of scepticism. It is hoped, therefore, that even a feeble attempt to let nature speak in unconstrained tones, will be received with favour.

The manner in which I have endeavoured to defend the Scripture doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body, by an appeal to certain principles of chemistry and physiology, which seem to have been overlooked, both by the enemies and the friends of this doctrine, seems to me quite conclusive. Yet as I have met with it in no writer, I ought not to be over confident in its validity.

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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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Nor expecting a call for a second Edition of this Work, I made no preparation for it, and, therefore, have made no addition of consequence; save a few paragraphs, to make my views more intelligible, respecting bodily identity, and the nature of the resurrection body. The views presented on these points in the first edition are not altered; but an attempt has been made to guard them against being misunderstood. My views as to the first point, if admitted, fully set aside a stereotyped objection to the resurrection of the body, which theologians have never been able to answer, except by calling in a miracle. I respectfully invite the attention of scientific divines to this point: to detect the fallacy of my reasoning, if it be not sound, and to confirm it, if it be.

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