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"Mine is no narrow creed;
And He who gave thee being did not frame
The mystery of life to be the sport
Of merciless man. There is another world
For all that live and move,—a better one,
Where the proud bipeds, who would fain condemn
Infinite goodness to the little bounds
Of their own charity, may envy thee."—*Southey*.

"This is the bud of being; the dim dawn;
The twilight of our day; the vestibule;
Life's theatre as yet is shut."—*Young*.



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TO
SIR ROBERT BOAG, J.P.,

ES-DAVOR OF BELFAST,

THIS TREATISE

IS RESPECTFULLY

DEDICATED

BY

THE AUTHOR.



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P R E F A C E.

IT will be understood, I trust, that I am not specially concerned to establish the doctrine of Animal Futurity. Professing only to be a seeker after truth, I have tried, in the following pages, to state what I conceive to be some reasonable objections to the popular view. If these can be reasonably answered, my object is served as well as though such objections should be found entirely unanswerable. In either case, we shall know better what we believe, and why we believe it. My primary object is the advancement of truth, which is incomparably more important than either the conservation or revolution of popular opinions. If I have anywhere betrayed a positiveness out of harmony with this object, it will be remembered that the very statement of an argument sometimes induces a show of confidence which under other circumstances would not be assumed.