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'How charming is Divine Philosophy!  
Not harsh, and crabbed, as dull fools suppose,  
But musical as is Apollo's lute,  
And a perpetual feast of nectar'd sweets  
Where no crude surfeit reigns.'—*Milton's Comus.*

'So reads he nature whom the lamp of truth  
Illuminates, thy Lamp—mysterious Word.'—*Cooper.*

TO THE  
REV. HENRY ADDINGTON SIMCOE, A.M.

**This Volume,**

WHICH OWES ITS ORIGIN TO THE

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IS, WITH MUCH CHRISTIAN RESPECT AND AFFECTION,

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THE AUTHOR.



## P R E F A C E.

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It may be needful here to state, that a considerable portion of the following work has already been before the public, in a small monthly Periodical, entitled, 'Light from the West, or the Cornish Parochial Visitor,' which was commenced in January, 1832. During the latter part of this year, the first number of the Christian Naturalist appeared in that work. The favorable manner in which the series of papers under that head were received by its numerous readers, have now led to their re-publication. Being, however, now presented to a more general class, some pains have been taken by the Author to submit his observations to the public in the form that might be most useful and attractive; and with this view some alterations and corrections have been made, and many additions. A different arrangement has also been adopted. In agreement with the Calendar of Nature,

the work has been divided into twelve chapters or numbers, and for this purpose a union of such subjects as would admit of this connexion, was necessary. One of these, which forms the subject for July, under the title of 'The Cornish Tors,' has been written entirely for the present work. Those who are acquainted with the Publication, for which this series of papers was originally composed, will be fully aware that a rapid sketch of the most striking phenomena of 'the varied year,' was all that could be permitted or attempted in a Periodical where brevity and simplicity were indispensable. To have enlarged these observations to a much greater extent than has been now attempted, would have been inconsistent with the plan of the writer, which was to set forth the works of God as they display themselves upon a grand scale, and only so far as they may be made subservient to his word. Nothing more, therefore, is here attempted, than to unroll a few of the broader and more brilliant pages of the book of Nature, and to read them by the mingled light of science and of Revelation.

*Launceells, August, 1833.*

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