

## INTRODUCTION.

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I HAVE thought that a short introduction by way of Question and Answer, might render the following inquiries more easily understood by the young mind; and yet every one is aware that the best method of detecting any imperfection in a work is to see it in print. And it is self-evident that it is necessary there should be a mutual forbearance on the part of the Author and reader. Thus the Author cannot expect the reader's approbation before he has become acquainted with the subject and the principles upon which it is founded; nor should the reader condemn, until by a thorough knowledge of them, he is able to point out the defects, if there be any.

Q.—In what consists the difference of Animal and Automatic life?

A.—Animal life takes place with consciousness, and Automatic life constitutes the functions or actions which take place without consciousness; as the functions or actions of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, &c.