

NATURAL THEOLOGY.

LECTURE I.

NATURE AND ITS LAWS.

THE light of nature and the works of creation and providence manifest the being, the wisdom, goodness and power of God, so far as to leave men inexcusable. The will of God in nature, and the will of God in Revelation harmonize. From the economy of nature, apart from the Scriptures, we can never learn the method of salvation. Nature and nature's laws not to be placed in antithesis with revelation. The Bible recognizes a decisive and emphatic revelation from God in his works. Natural Theology is the knowledge of the being and attributes of God, which is derived from the study of his works, as distinguished from the knowledge of them communicated in the Scriptures. The field of Natural Theology is widely extended and exhaustless. The meaning of the word nature and its various applications. The meaning of the term law. What meant by the words law and nature, when combined into one general phrase, the law of nature. The laws of nature divided into four general classes. By contemplating these and their operation, we may arrive at the knowledge of Natural Theology. The laws which are given to inanimate matter.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.—Paley's Natural Theology; Darglison's Psychology; Lawrence's Lectures; Bentley's Boylean Lectures; Cudworth's Intellect. Syst.; Cumberland's Law of Nature; Grove's Mor. Phil.; Gill's Body of Div.; Wollaston's Religion of Nature delineated; Wishart's Theol.; Grotius DeJure Belli et Pacis; Selden, DeJure naturali.

LECTURE II.

THE LAWS OF CAUSATION AND GRAVITATION.

The presence and wisdom of God discovered chiefly in the adaptation of the parts and laws of matter to each other. The