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six segments or parts. When I say Nature, I
mean God, who has made all things which we
see. There is no such person or being as Nature.
When I use the word Nature, in the way that I
have done, you must understand that I mean God—
acting according to the usual laws which he has
appointed.

See how the large fruit rises in the middle of
his leaf: look into the little cells of this fruit;
they are full of seeds; the seeds are roundish;
they would produce other flowers if they were
sown into the ground. It is a pretty flower;
God has made the earth to bring it forth; all the
men in existence could not produce one little
flower. Look at its beautiful tints. No painter
could give it such exquisite touches, or such de-
lightful colouring. How good God is to clothe
the flowers with so much beauty! If he did not
enable the earth to give nutriment to the seeds,
we should have no such flowers. And yet how
often do we pluck them, and look at them, without
thinking of Him who gives them to us! Every
plant, every flower, every object around us, ought
to remind us of his goodness, and awaken our
gratitude to him.