

## A SERMON.

**1 Cor. XV. 53--"This mortal must put on immortality."**

REFLECTION on the animal powers of man, and on the termination of that state called DEATH, simply as matter of fact is necessary

CORRECTION.—The two first lines of the Sermon should read thus:—"Reflection on the decay of the animal powers of man, and on the termination of that decay in the state called Death," &c.

extent, and the cause of those agonizing struggles with which life generally departs. We could not but suspect that they did not all arise from the mere love of the present state, which to many is sufficiently miserable to make any change seem advantageous. Nor could the instinctive dread which we entertain of sinking into nothing, explain it. The doctrine of annihilation is too contradictory—too ill supported to be stoutly maintained, except by those whose interests would make them wish not to be. And even then, they can not believe what they wish: mark them on the bed of sickness, with the symptoms, the visage of death staring them in the face! The troubled countenance and unsettled eye—the sudden shiver—the half checked, half uttered groan—the fretful temper, and the broken voice, faltering ere yet death's watchman springs his rattle in their throats—these, all these, testify their unwilling belief in a future state, and their mental strife on entering its gloomy porch: and when life had departed, we could not but inquire what it was, and whither it had gone? On beholding the inanimate mass hastening to stench and rottenness, we could not but wonder what had become of the sentient active principle that so lately