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SCRIPTURE  
NATURAL HISTORY:  
OR  
A DESCRIPTIVE ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
ZOOLOGY, BOTANY, AND GEOLOGY,  
OF THE  
BIBLE.

ILLUSTRATED BY FORTY-THREE ENGRAVINGS.

BY WILLIAM CARPENTER.



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LO! on our varied page Creation smiles  
In her immingling charms: the waves and winds,  
The fruits and flowers, and all that lives and moves,  
Or beautifies the world, combine to bring  
Exhaustless themes for wonder and for praise.

MONTGOMERY.

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**Second Edition.**

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## PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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IN preparing this edition of the **SCRIPTURE NATURAL HISTORY** for the press, the author has carefully revised it throughout, and made such alterations in style and matter as will, he hopes, render it more worthy of public acceptance than was the former edition. In doing this, he has borne in mind a suggestion put forth in a favourable critique upon the first impression, in the “*Eclectic Review*,” and by divesting the work of some of the dryness and tædium of criticism, and making it less diffuse, he has sought to give it a more “popular,” though not a less useful character. These alterations have enabled him, without omitting any thing of real value and utility, to bring the volume into a smaller compass, and publish it in a more attractive form.

Since the publication of the former edition of this work, the author has been driven by the force of circumstances, and a deep sense of moral responsibility, to devote much of his time and attention to objects of an *apparently* different aspect to those pursued in biblical literature, and which are regarded with considerable jealousy

and suspicion by, he has reason to think, a large portion of the religious public. This is not the place to justify the course he has taken, or to defend the motives by which he has been actuated. It is enough to say, that his attachment to biblical pursuits is as strong as ever, and that his conviction of the paramount importance and infinite value of pure and undefiled religion grows with his growth, and strengthens with his strength. To assist in removing out of the way some of those impediments to the spread of religion, which the sullen discontent and reckless profligacy produced by the inordinate and inadequately remunerated labour, combined with the superinduced ignorance, of the manufacturing population almost every where present he has encountered the peril, and is now enduring the severe privations of imprisonment. A consciousness of the purity of his motives, however, amply compensates him for all these—and much more.

The indulgent reader will pardon the intrusion of these remarks. They have been deemed to be necessary, in consequence of certain misrepresentations which some persons have either wilfully or ignorantly put forth, as to the author's continued attachment to the truths of Revelation.