

little connection with the views and objects which afterwards occupy our thoughts that it gives us no concern. Neither, indeed, have we the same succession of ideas, nor, it may be said, the same existence. In a moral sense we do not begin to live till we have begun to regulate our thoughts, to direct them towards futurity, and to assume to ourselves a kind of consistency of character conformable to that state which has some relation to what we shall afterwards become. By considering the duration of life in this, the only real point of view, we shall find, that at the age of 25 we have passed but one fourth part of our life; at the age of 38 one half; and that, at the age of 56, there is one fourth of life still remains.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE SENSE OF SEEING.

HAVING described the parts of which the human body consists, let us now proceed to examine its principal organs; the expansion of the senses, and their several functions; and