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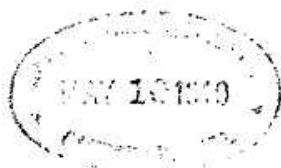
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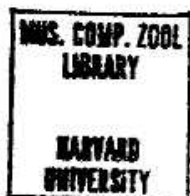


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PREFACE.

THE printing of this book in pamphlet form is the result of a demand from Y. M. C. A. men. It contains the results of studies made for the purpose of preparing certain lectures on this subject for a Y. M. C. A. course. The men wanted the lectures in printed form, and the studies were published in the *Bibliotheca Sacra*. To make them readily available a special edition was then prepared expressly for Y. M. C. A. men. It cost considerably more than was expected; but while it lasts copies will be sent to any part of the world, postage paid, on receipt of twenty-five cents. Send to the address given below and write your name and address plainly. A quarter in a coin card is the simplest and easiest way to remit; but a P. O. order is safer. Do not omit any part of your address: the author is not a medium or a seer.

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CHAPTER I.

THE PROBLEM.

THE nineteenth century was an era of remarkable progress; but it was also an era of doubt. Developments along many lines contributed to these ends. Near its beginning comparative methods of study were introduced, and scientific research was placed on a solid foundation. Inventions of divers sorts and kinds, all tending to revolutionize established methods of living, appeared one after another in civilized communities; and a spirit of unrest took possession of many people. Questions concerning things supposedly settled began to arise, and among them was that relating to the character and extent of the Biblical flood.

Up to the year 1830, no one, provided he believed in the flood at all, appears to have questioned its universality; and no one who accepted the Bible as the word of God, in any sense, seems to have doubted the authenticity of the account as it stands in Genesis. After the appearance of Lyell's "Principles of Geology," a change began to take place in the attitude of both scholars and laymen toward this particular story, and by degrees it was assumed that the experiences attributed to Noah, though having some sort of a foundation, were in reality much less important than had been supposed, since the Bible account was now regarded as probably nothing more