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"The heavens are thine; the earth also is thine; as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. The north and the south, thou hast created them.—PSALM CXXXIX. 11, 12.

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IN presenting this little book to the world, I did not intend to make any prefatory remarks, inasmuch as I had expressed a word here and there in its pages by way of apology for what may be considered innovation or presumption. But, since the work has passed the press, I have felt more than ever the necessity of great accuracy in the pursuit of its important inquiries; and, though my convictions of the correctness of its main features are continually strengthened, I would have my ideas expressed with such precision, that there should appear nothing like error in the facts stated, or in the philosophy set forth. In some instances, this

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object may not have been fully carried out; and I feel sensible of several deficiencies which will probably be observed by others.

The composition was first commenced as a private letter, by way of amusement, to a scientific friend; but, the subject having enlarged itself beyond my intention, I followed the suggestion of others, and changed my purpose so far as to transform the epistle into a book. Since doing so, I have partly regretted it, for reasons stated sufficiently at large in the body of the work. The views, however, if altogether erroneous, will do no harm to mankind; but, if correct, they will enlarge the bounds of human knowledge, and impart fresh vigor to scientific inquiry.

March, 1833.

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