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P R E F A C E .

THERE are a number of subjects which, although not within the domain proper of the physical sciences, invite the attention of the student of nature. These are the outskirts into which he is often tempted to wander, either to widen his knowledge and sympathies or to enable him to answer intelligently the questions of others. These essays are the results of a few such wanderings. They are the outgrowth of an early fondness for the study of natural science, and of religious convictions equally strong, bound to each other by that desire for unity and harmony which belongs to every seeker after truth.

These tentative papers would embody at least the spirit which should characterize comprehensive treatises on the same subjects. The first three have been printed separately during the past few years for private circulation. Because they have

interested a few, it has been supposed that, in a revised form, they might prove acceptable to a somewhat larger circle. The rather numerous and, in some cases, lengthy quotations are, it is believed, pertinent and important; and it is hoped that the thread of original matter which connects them will be found strong enough to hold them together.

The essays present briefly the more important relations of the sciences of nature to faith, education, the Bible, and religious science respectively.

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