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To My Wife,  
Anna Levering Miller,  
And to my Children,  
Theodore Kenneth, and Adeline Elizabeth,  
This Book I Lovingly Dedicate.  
J. H. Miller.

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"I have learned to look on Nature, not as in the hour  
Of thoughtless youth; but hearing oftentimes  
The sad, still voice of humanity,  
Not harsh or grating, though of ample power  
To chasten and subdue. And I have felt  
A presence that disturbs me with the joy  
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime  
Of something far more deeply interfused.  
Whose dwelling is in the lights of setting suns,  
And the round oceans and the living air,  
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man.  
A motion and a spirit that impels  
All thinking things; all objects of all thoughts,  
And rolls through all things.

"Therefore am I still a lover of the meadows and the  
woods and mountains,  
And this prayer I make,  
Knowing that Nature never did betray  
The heart that loved her. 'Tis her privilege  
Through, all the years of this one life to lead  
From joy to joy; for she can so inform  
The mind that is within us—so impress  
With quietness and beauty, and so feed  
With lofty thoughts,—that neither evil tongues,  
Rash judgments, nor the sneers of evil men,  
Nor greetings, where no kindness is,  
Nor all the dreary intercourse of daily life,  
Shall e'er prevail against us, or disturb  
Our cheerful faith."

William Wordsworth.

## PREFACE

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This book does not pretend to exhaust the subject; on the contrary, I have sought to be as brief as possible and yet try to make clear to the average reader that the Bible of Nature and the Bible of Grace must have a common author, as is manifest in their harmony.

There seems much need in our day to reaffirm that since ever the world began, and so long as heaven and earth shall last, there never has been, and never will be, a fact to prove that there is no God, or that the soul is not immortal, or that Jesus Christ did not come to earth as God-man to die for our sins; and there is no fact which proves that there is no resurrection of the dead, and that the sick cannot be healed by prayer, for the reason that facts have no negative proof-power. Facts by themselves are, like the unpointed Hebrew consonant writing, hollow, colorless forms, without any meaning. They only become alive with color and sound by the addition of the vowels.

Because to so many the Book of Nature is like the unpointed Hebrew consonant writing, for them I want to add the vowels of the