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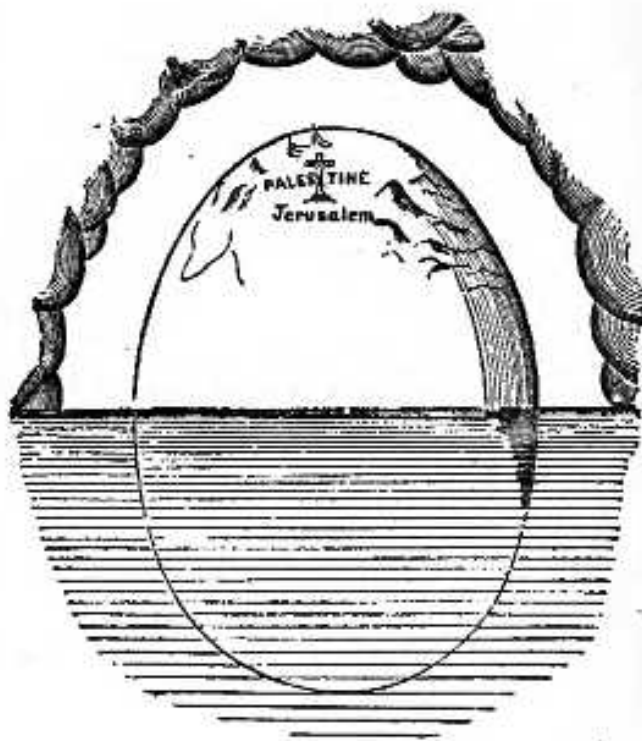
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PREFACE.

AT this busy period it is hardly needful to apologize for the preparation of an historic sketch of any of the sciences. The literature of each branch is becoming so extensive that only a few can take the time to study it through, and upon them is it incumbent to give to others résumés of what they read. In a subject like Geodesy, describing work prosecuted in many lands and at divers epochs, it becomes a difficult matter for even the few to succeed in exhausting the major part of its literature. It is my good fortune to possess the original reports of these operations — a possession in which no library is a sharer, and therefore I have found it a genuine pleasure to present this sketch of Geodesy. It is simply a sketch: a critical history will be the labor of future years.

As all the data have been taken from first

hand, it has not been deemed necessary to make in every case the usual acknowledgments, but it is due my friend and pupil, Miss Cora E. Dill, that I give expression to my thanks for her painstaking reading of the proof.

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