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'God collected and resumed in order  
The firmaments, the strata, and the earth,  
Fish, fowl, and beast, and insect,—all their frames  
Of various life caught back upon His arm,  
Reorganized, and constituted MAN,  
The microcosm.'



Mrs. BROWNING.

JAMES SPEIRS,  
36 BLOOMSBURY STREET, LONDON.  
1870.

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## P R E F A C E.

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**S**O little has at present been contributed in aid of the elucidation of the analogies of nature by the application of the principles of correspondence, that this volume may be regarded as an attempt in an almost untrodden path, through a field which is absolutely inexhaustible. During its composition glimpses have been obtained of the rich harvest of instruction and delight similar studies may yield, when undertaken by writers possessing an adequate acquaintance with natural science, and proportionate spiritual knowledge and experience. But the field lies open to labourers of every variety of qualifications ; and in the paucity of higher productions these essays may not, perhaps, be wholly unacceptable. They are offered simply as a series of efforts towards the spiritual interpretation of the natural facts and phenomena with which they deal. In reference to these, also, they make no pretension to more than the familiar knowledge to be gathered from an elementary treatise or a popular lecture.

The work is slight in texture, as compared with the depth and fulness of meaning involved in the phenomena selected for illustration ; but profound discussion was not within either the writer's design or her ability. Many interesting particulars in all the subjects considered have been left unnoticed, from the difficulty of arriving at a satisfactory explanation of them ; whilst others may, possibly, be discerned for which deficient knowledge is the only excuse.

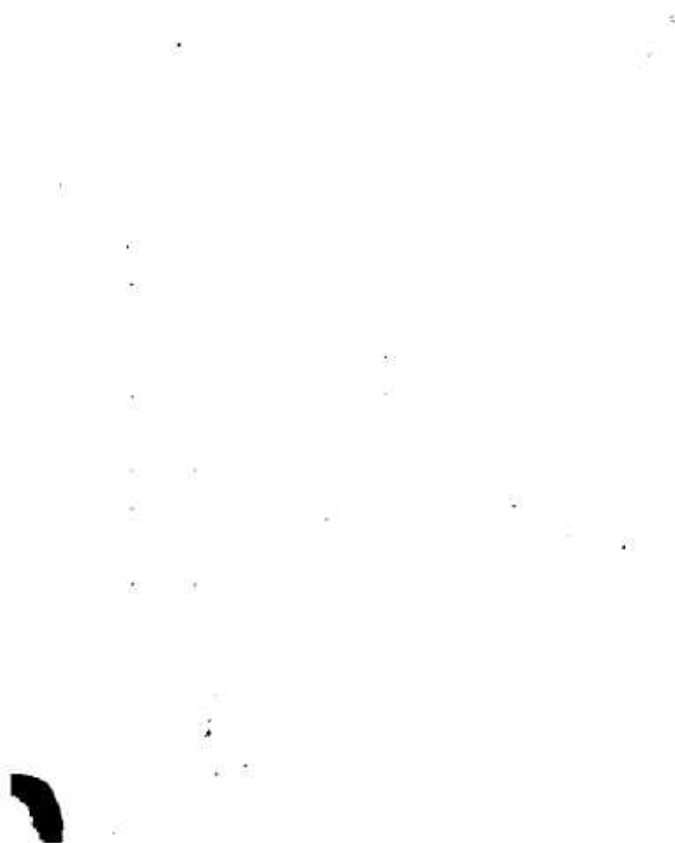
Such as it is, this little volume is submitted to the reader in the hope that it may yield some small amount of benefit and gratification.

LONDON, *September 1870.*



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