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"God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,
and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only
evil continually."—GENESIS vi, 5.



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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

As it is a commonly-received opinion, that previously to the Deluge the world had not arrived at any very great degree of civilization, it may not be amiss to give the reasons why I have in the following pages represented the Antediluvians as being as far advanced in the arts and sciences as the Romans were in the Augustan age.

We learn from the Bible that Cain, after God had driven him out as an exile for the murder of his brother, went eastwards, and founded a city. This city—which I have chosen as the scene of