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PREFACE.

THIS book is not intended to *teach* geology. It is written on broad lines for those who know something of the science, and can think matters out for themselves.

Our purpose is to help and strengthen the religious faith of those whose convictions have become in any way unsettled by the *seeming* antagonism between Science and Revelation.

We strive to show that, beyond all doubt, Nature and Scripture are the work of one and the same Architect and Author.

We treat of the geological theories con-

cerning "the origin of species by progressive development," and also concerning "the great antiquity of man."

We accept these theories as truisms; we nevertheless believe the record of Moses to be an inspired revelation.

In this book we show how we reconcile these two beliefs.

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CHAPTER I.

GEN. i. 1: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

B.C. 4004 is the date given in the margin to the first chapter of Genesis; that is to say, the Biblical translators and commentators were of opinion that the creation of the world and the beginning of all material things took place about 6,000 years ago. But geology proves to us that countless myriads of years have passed away since first our world was formed, and millions of ages have elapsed since the molecules of matter first became cohesive and visible.

Science does not pretend to fix any particular date or age in the far-away past as the time when matter began to assume its present forms, but contents herself by stating that the heavens above us and the world beneath us bear upon their face and beneath their surface indelible proofs of their immense antiquity ; proofs and signs innumerable, and from which deductions can be gathered as clear and certain as the commonest conclusions of everyday life. As the wrinkles, the lines, and the look of the man betoken that he is aged and not in his youth ; and as the age of a tree can be seen by its gnarled branches, rough bark, and numerous season rings, so does our world bear unmistakable signs that, although, perhaps, only now in its infancy, yet the ages of that infancy are (as far as human perception is concerned) almost an infinity.

No one surely, after a moment's thought, will declare, uphold, and believe, that our mundane abode is but 6,000 years of age

at most. And yet there are people, good and conscientious no doubt, but misguided and narrow, who would pin their faith, not to the Bible, but to the Bible commentators, who have placed in the margin of our Book of Books not an inspired date, but a date which they deemed to be in accordance with the teaching of the Scriptures. But what say the Scriptures themselves? If they are inspired, as we believe them to be, we shall find in them sound philosophy and not flimsy fancies; we shall find that the facts of the creation as revealed to Moses are in strict accordance with the researches and discoveries of modern science; and that the truisms concealed under the simple and allegorical language of Moses will not suffer one iota by honest examination or unbiased criticism.

The people for whom Moses wrote and worked had not long been freed from a galling and crushing slavery. Under the foot of their proud Egyptian oppressors they had no