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Θεός έδωκεν άντι δέλτου τον Κόσμον.- S. Chrysostom.

La Nature est une image de la Grace, -- PASCAL,

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PREFACE.

The Hulsean Lectures contained in the present Volume were not written so much with the view of defending Revealed Religion from objections said to be drawn from modern Science, as to shew that Revealed Religion and the Scheme of Nature, physical and social, are in correlation the one to the other, and form the continuity of one Divine plan. After reviewing the vast and unexpected results of modern investigations, they seem to me to be just so many contributions to the indirect evidences of the Christian Faith; the lines of discovery all converging to one point, and indicating that the God of Nature and He Who is revealed as God in the Old and the New Testament, are one and the same.

For instance, the deposition of the Coal-fields in ages past, practically formed one long continuous prophecy of the advent of an intelligent being who, in the fullness of time, was to receive the command, 'Subdue the Earth.' Then again the curious formation of many of the marbles, and gems, and minerals, was surely the prolepsis, or the prophecy,