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"I feel profoundly convinced that the argument of Design has been greatly too much lost sight of in recent zoological speculations."—Sir W. THOMSON: *Address to Brit. Assoc.*, 1871.

"It is necessary to remember that there is a wider Teleology, which is not touched by the doctrine of Evolution, but is actually based upon the fundamental proposition of Evolution."—Prof. HUXLEY: *Academy*, Oct. 1869.

"Indeed, it is perhaps not too much to say that the more fully this conception of universal Evolution is grasped, the more firmly a scientific doctrine of Providence will be established, and the stronger will be the presumption of a future progress."—LECKY: *History of Rationalism*, vol. i. p. 317.

"——— I see in part
That all, as in some piece of art,
Is toil co-operant to an end."

—TENNYSON: *In Memoriam*.

PREFACE.

It is being assumed by our scientific guides that the Design argument has been driven out of the field by the Doctrine of Evolution. It seems to be thought by our theological teachers that the best defence of the faith is to deny Evolution *in toto*, and denounce it as antibiblical. My volume endeavours to show that if Evolution be true all is not lost, but on the contrary something is gained; the Design argument remains unshaken, and the Wisdom and Beneficence of God receive new illustration.

For the scientific facts on which the arguments of the book are founded, I am of course indebted to the great Biological writers of the day; and sometimes I use their very language, to guard the more surely against error; but the general treatment of the subject is entirely my own. So far as I know, the subject has never before been handled by any one in the same way for the same purpose.

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