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PREFATORY.

HUXLEY tells us, in his Monograph on the Crayfish, that "Common-sense is science exactly in so far as it fulfils the ideal of common-sense; that is, sees facts as they are, or at anyrate without the distortion of prejudice, and reasons from them in accordance with the dictates of sound judgment. And science is simply common-sense at its best, that is rigidly accurate in observation and merciless to fallacy in logic."

We propose to test by the common-sense that Huxley says is science, whether the Darwinian doctrine, that the evolution of life on our planet was brought about by natural selection and other secondary causes,

accords with ascertained facts, or satisfactorily accounts for the natural phenomena it professes to explain, and, also, to submit a new theory that will explain satisfactorily the admitted facts of evolution.

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