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A. B. (Princeton).

IN this treatise, and for the first time as far as we are aware, it is believed that Christianity is placed on its true philosophic basis as an important agent in the physical, mental, and moral development of the human race, ranking and working side by side with natural selection, the survival of the fittest, and heredity in the evolution of man.

It is therein shown that no warrant exists in Holy Scripture for arraying Christianity against the conclusions of modern scientific research, and whoever advocates such opposition, although an earnest and devout disciple of the Saviour, is yet in that respect an unconscious enemy to His religion.

There is no antagonism between Christianity and Nature. The only warfare is between the interpretation of Holy Scripture warped to suit preconceived opinions founded on the ignorance of preceding ages, and speculations of naturalists not justified by ascertained facts. When Christians will construe the Bible as a learned and able judicial tribunal would, and imaginative Scientists will confine themselves to what is known, a most beautiful and wonderful harmony will be presented between the Divine Word

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and Science. Then, but not until then, will the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ be accepted by all men, Scientists as well as Christians, and chiefly because the human reason will not be able to escape the logical conclusion that it must, from its extraordinary evolutionary character, be as Divine as any evolutionary physical law of nature.

It is further believed that a distinct advance has been made by the views therein presented (and more important than any other part of the treatise), in the defence of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, wherein it is shown that for them to be inspired and to play any valuable part in the evolution of mankind they are exactly as definite, as inerrant, and as full in revelation as they should be, and no more so.

Extracts from Letters and Press Reviews.

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Please accept my thanks for a copy of your book entitled "Agreement of Evolution and Christianity," etc. Your suggestions are of great value. I commend the work to all who are interested in such questions, or are in any way troubled by the supposed conflict between the two.

CYRUS NORTHROP, LL.D., President of the University of Minnesota:

Your book on the "Agreement of Evolution and Christianity" is wonderfully clear in its statement of

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facts, arguments, and conclusions. It is as concise and brief as the proper treatment of the subject allows. I have no doubt that it will be highly prized by large numbers of people, etc.; and that it will bring much comfort to many whose faith has been disturbed by the so-called "conflict of Science and Religion."

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I wish to thank you very heartily for the copy of "Agreement of Evolution and Christianity." I have read it with much interest. It is written in an attractive style, — clear in thought and admirable in expression. The theme treated is a vital one and one that is attracting much attention. I have read the book with much interest and profit, and shall put it in our college library.

The Right Reverend J. L. MILLS, D.D., Bishop, Annville, Pa.:

I wish to thank you for your book on the "Agreement of Evolution and Christianity." Every great advance in the realm of Science has resulted in a real or apparent conflict with the claims of Christianity. This is always due to a misinterpretation of the facts on one or both sides. When Science presents nothing but truth, and when Christianity is correctly interpreted, there is no conflict, — there can be none.

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This you have very clearly and forcibly set forth in your volume. Its circulation will be helpful to the church at large, and to all those whose faith is being tested by the claims of Evolution and whose spirits are in travail for the birth of a new springtime in their lives.

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