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PREFACE.

SO many attempts have been made, in all ages, by philosophers, to solve the problem of the world's existence, and so signally have all these attempts failed, that men have come to believe that it is one of the mysteries which must for ever remain a mystery. It may be doubted whether there is in this highly enlightened age a man of any *status* in the scientific world who would go so far as Professor Playfair in expressing a hope that Bacon may be right in ascribing to philosophy that perfection which so many believe it is never destined to reach ; certain it is that the