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PREFACE.

THE doctrine of evolution is so recent a conception, especially in its bearing on spiritual things, that we are able as yet neither to define it well within itself, nor to see its implications when taken in connection with our higher life. We do two most undesirable things: we make the notion so inflexible as to strangle our intellectual powers, and we struggle with the theory itself as something which we would gladly escape. We hope to bring some relief at both of these points; to show that evolution is not a conception in extinction of reason, nor yet a movement in overthrow of faith. Our spiritual life is involved in it and built up by it as its most comprehensive and consummate product. We in no way grasp our religious beliefs so firmly as when we see that they are woven into the entire web of events.

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