

FICTIONS AND ERRORS

REFUTED &c.

An addition has lately been made to the number of modern publications, impeaching the literal truth and meaning of the narrative of Creation, given in the first chapter of the Scripture Book, Genesis. It is contained in a work composed and published by Dr. J. W. Dawson, Principal of McGill University in Montreal, under the exalted title of, "The Origin of the World according to Revelation and Science."

I propose to examine in the following pages all the material parts of the work which relate to the Scriptures; and to expose and refute its false theories and statements, and show its contradictions and perversions, and numerous errors concerning those sacred records. On concluding—as a christian duty—to prepare such an answer to the work, my first thought was, to classify and bring, under certain heads, those portions relating to the Scriptures, as they appear in the several pages; but on further consideration, I concluded it would be more intelligible and satisfactory to the reader, and also the most candid and fair course towards the Dr. to take his chapters separately, and comment on them in regular succession.

Having been a prayerful and earnest student of the sacred scriptures for nearly sixty years; and having some years ago published volumes containing answers to the notorious and profane "Essays and Reviews," and the still more infidel writings of Colenso; also subsequently, in pamphlet form answers to other publications on this same subject of creation, I feel sufficiently informed and qualified to deal suitably with this work of Dr. Dawson.

It may here be remarked, that it does seem really astonishing, that after the inspired revelations contained in that first chapter of Genesis, describing creation in such a precise and orderly manner,—having been in constant use by the Hebrew and Jewish people, for more than three thousand years, and the same revelations pos-