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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I do not think that your readers can reasonably be expected to take a perennial interest in “sheh-retz” and “reh-mes”; and for my part, I am quite content to leave what I have said about them to the judgment of competent Hebrew scholars who possess some little tincture of zoological knowledge.

But there are certain broader aspects of the problem . . .

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. H. HUXLEY.

Eastbourne, February 8.

NOTE.

To the one who caused this reprint to be issued the Spirit of Disbelief appears to act upon the principle that while the utterances of men should receive courteous attention what is found in the Scriptures must be met by continuous querying, but by querying only, because were one to allege any specific statement to be untrue proof might be called for, and as such proof can never be given the one making the allegation would look foolish and so injure his efficiency in furthering the great bluff of disbelief.

Professor Huxley's attempt to prove untrue a specific statement of Scripture, as disclosed by this correspondence, appears to have been the last and only such public attempt made within present human memory.