

of the sentiments expressed by many writers, in many places and ways :—

The *Times* of November 20, 1899, contains the following :—

“Sir William Dawson was a presbyterian of the old school, and strongly opposed to all theories of the evolution of man from brute ancestors, nor would he allow anything more than a very moderate antiquity for the species. He held that there is no adequate reason for attributing the so-called ‘Neolithic’ man to any time older than that of the early eastern empires, or say, 2000 or 3000 B.C., while he thought the time required for a Palæolithic man, need not be more than twenty or thirty centuries in addition, man having thus made an abrupt appearance in full perfection, not more than six or eight thousand years ago. The study of geology, too, he would have emancipated from the control of ‘bald metaphysical conceptions,’ and above all, delivered from that materialistic infidelity which, by robbing nature of the spiritual element, and of its presiding divinity, makes science dry, barren, and repulsive, diminishes its educational value, and even renders it less efficient for the purposes of practical research.