

book was written under entirely false conceptions of the earth and its motions, the contrary must somehow be established, and *Genesis* must be kept abreast the latest deductions of geology. So in the course of a hundred years, while a science is being developed, the sacred writer is made to tell a hundred different stories about one and the same thing. This is injustice to the Bible, and the longer this method is pursued the worse it will be for the book. On the contrary interest in the reading is quickened by the new and rational theory of its origin. It ceases to be an armory of texts with which to crush an opponent, and takes on a purely human quality which quite atones for all the mistakes it contains. We read it as the record of a people's highest life, a book unique, and yet natural as any in the world; a book in which are many discordant voices, as in every congress of strong and ardent minds; a revelation, not of what is in heaven or what is to come, but of what is present in the soul of man.

Some embarrassment has been felt in the preparation of these lectures from the largeness of the subject, and the comparative novelty of the views presented which would seem to require an array of proofs quite beyond the limits of a few addresses. The alternative was finally chosen of presenting as clearly as might be the modern view, with such leading evidence as time would allow, leaving the hearer to judge, from his own knowledge of the Scriptures and from further reading, of its probability. Advantage has been taken of this publication to supple-