

PREFACE

TO

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THE author has reason to thank the critics for their fair and kindly treatment of this work. A few, it is true, of the more zealous Darwinians have reviled him as a blasphemer of their idol; and one or two have adopted the unfair tactics of taking from their connection incidental references to facts and attaching to them meanings they were not intended to bear, as a foundation for the accusation of untruthfulness or ignorance. In the present edition a few passages used in this way have been re-written, so as to make them more plain, and also to strengthen the general argument. It is, however, impossible altogether to guard any writing from wilful misrepresentation of this kind. The other additions are chiefly references to points raised in very recent discussions.

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