

Verbal Inspiration.

For the view entertained by some of the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures the Professor has not much reverence or favor, and says in the 15th lecture:—

“Thus saith Jehovah through Moses. I wish we could get away from our inheritance from Grecian oracles. Behind the scenes Deity was—it may not be much reverence—Deity was behind the scenes twitching the tongue of the utterer, and thus dropping out syllables as they ought to be—the man not conscious of what he was saying.”

Contradictions.

The Professor in his second lecture says, referring to the author of the Book of Chronicles:—

“In quoting literally from Kings and quoting a fact . . . the author contradicted himself. He puts a statement down, forgetting that he has already put down something that contradicts it.”

The First Two Chapters of Genesis.

He emphasizes in lecture two what he regards as the two inconsistent stories of creation in the first two chapters, and says:—

“You are in danger of losing a man of intelligence, an Oxford graduate, it may be, by not facing these problems. There are sermons that will have to go with the bones (possibly some lectures, also). As far as these two chapters are concerned we cannot bring them into order.”

Concerning Miracles.

Professor Matthews in his 18th lecture says:—

“What is superhuman in the Old and New Testament if we knew all about it it would not be more superhuman than what we see to-day . . . The language is a popular one. We use