CONTENTS

CHAPTER X

THE TESTIMONY OF CHRISTIANITY .

PAGES

Lough Derg a Sacred Lake originally—Purgatorial Rites as Christianized Survivals of Ancient Celtic Rites—Purgatory as Fairyland—Purgatorial Rites parallel to Pagan Initiation Ceremonies—The Death and Resurrection Rite—Breton Pardons compared—Relation to Aengus Cult and Celtic Cave-Temples—Origin of Purgatorial Doctrine pre-Christian —Celtic and Roman Feasts of dead shaped Christian ones— Fundamental Unity of Mythologies, Religions, and the Fairy-Faith.

SECTION IV

MODERN SCIENCE AND THE FAIRY-FAITH; AND CONCLUSIONS

CHAPTER XI

SCIENCE AND FAIRIES .

Method of Examination: Exoteric and Esoteric aspects— The X-quantity—Scientific attitudes toward the Animistic Hypothesis: Materialistic Theory; Pathological Theory; Delusion and Imposture Theory; Problems of Consciousness: Dreams; Supernormal Lapse of Time—Psychical Research and Fairies: Myers's researches—Present Position of Psychical Research—Psychical Research and Anthropology in Relation to the Fairy-Faith, according to a special contribution from Mr. Andrew Lang—Final Testing of the X-quantity—Conclusion: the Celtic Belief in Fairies and in Fairyland is scientific.

CHAPTER XII

The Extension of the Terms Fairy and Fairyland—The Real Man as an Invisible Force acting through a Body-Conductor —A Psychical Organ essential for Memory—Pre-existence a Scientific Necessity—The Vitalistic View of Evolution— Old Theory of Heredity disproved—Embryology supports Re-birth Doctrine—Psycho-physical Evolution—Memory of previous Existences in Subconsciousness—Examples— Dream Psychology furnishes clearest Illustrations—No Postexistence without Pre-existence—Resurrection as Re-birth —The Circle of Life—The Mystical Corollary—Conclusion : the Celtic Doctrine of Re-birth and Otherworld is essentially scientific.

INDEX . .

. 516-24

the Let of 1 whe coll of 1 cou I crit in 1 with stuc abo had and Soci of E D

pan

of N

Deg

But

cont

the there poss more

to b

logia

vent

I

bei

. 456-91

х