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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

SINCE the appearance of my article on this subject in the October number of the QUARTERLY last year, an unexpected and, in some respects, unpleasant agitation has occurred in consequence of it. From some of the exceptions taken to my discussion, as well as from some of the objections urged against it, I find that my theory of prophecy has been sadly misinterpreted. A number of my critics have utterly misconceived the nature and design of my investigation. Had this not been the case, they could not possibly, it seems to me, have misrepresented it so completely as they have.

While certain critics have failed entirely to apprehend my meaning on many important points, it is to me remarkable, if not extraordinary, that, in every instance, the critical scholars who have spontaneously reviewed the article in prominent literary periodicals have correctly apprehended every essential feature of my view, and have duly emphasized its scientific and religious value. Throughout the year, indeed, I have received, month after month, the most encouraging testimonies respecting its nature and importance from special Biblical students throughout the continent of almost every shade of thought.

The former article was merely a condensed outline of the subject. In order to make the investigation at all complete, I was compelled to study brevity and compression. Had I