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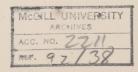
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To

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AND MY WISE ADVISER AND FAITHFUL HELPER IN EVERY

GOOD WORK, THIS VOLUME IS

AFFECTIONATELY

Medicated.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE motive of this work is the desire of the author to share with others the pleasure and profit of a tour in Italy, Egypt, and Syria, in which it was his special aim to study such points in the geology and physical features of those countries as might throw light on their ancient history, and especially on the history of the sacred Scriptures.

As a geological observer of somewhat wide and varied experience, he hopes that it may be possible for him to elucidate some difficult geological and historical questions, and to present to the reader, whether geological or non-geological, intelligible and it may be novel ideas as to the structure and history of the countries referred to.

It was originally intended that the materials collected should assume the form of notes of travel; but unforeseen delays have made this less desirable, and the several subjects discussed have therefore been arranged under the districts examined, beginning with Italy and ending with Palestine, while under each head subjects relating to geology and to prehistoric and historic human periods have been grouped together as

seemed most likely to render them interesting and intelligible, without any personal narrative, except where notes of this kind appeared to be incidentally valuable. It may however be proper to add, that the collections and observations referred to in Egypt and Palestine were made in the winter of 1883–84. The substance of those on Egypt was first published in 1884, in the *Leisure Hour* and in the *London Geological Magazine*, and more fully in the first edition of this work in 1888.

The point of view of the author is that of a geological observer, and his conclusions on matters of that kind may be received as those of an expert. Other departments, whether of science, history, or biblical interpretation and criticism, must occupy a subordinate position, as not being specialities of the writer, and as consequently demanding in many cases dependence on the labours of others, verified however by his own reading and study of monuments and objects of art.

It has been a source of much gratification to the author that, in the interval between 1888 and 1891, some of his anticipations have been verified, and many new evidences of his conclusions have been unearthed by explorers. These new facts are introduced in their proper places in the present edition.

The geological appendix to the first edition has been omitted in the present, to make room for other matter, but may be issued in a separate form. I have also omitted, in order to make room for new matter, some of the more general discussions in the introductory chapter; but the substance of these will be found in my work the "Origin of the World," and in an article in the *Contemporary Review* for June, 1889.

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The Geological Map is to be understood as giving the broadest possible outline of the structure of the regions to which it relates. It has been kept free from unnecessary detail in order to make the general arrangement of the formations as clear as possible, and to show the geological relations of Palestine and Egypt to each other. It will be found especially useful in illustration of Chapters V. to VIII. inclusive.

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