THE BIBLE

AND

OTHER ANCIENT LITERATURE

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PREFACE

Under the title, "The Bible and Science," the substance of this little volume was put into shape, at the request of Dr. J. H. Vincent, and delivered in 1874 at the initial meeting of what is now the famous Chautauqua.

Under the title, "The Bible in Light of Modern Science," it was preached before the society of the First Parish Church of Dover, N.H.; and by that society was published in 1883.
Under its present title, essentially the same subject-matter was delivered in a course of lectures before the "Free Baptist Association," at Ocean Park, 1884, and requested for publication. This request, together with a second one from Dr. Vincent, is our justification for adding this treatise to the very large amount of existing Biblical literature.

If the reader takes as much pleasure in perusing these pages as the author has taken in preparing them, the latter will feel amply compensated for the service rendered.

**COMMENTS BY DOUG SHARP**

This volume was in the possession of my great-great aunt, Minnie Randall, and passed on to me from my grandmother. It is interesting to me that past relatives were concerned about the same issues of the veracity of scriptures as I. Although this volume is well over one hundred years old, the argument is timeless and still powerful. Dr. Luther Townsend was a great preacher and apologist of the past century. Although he was among those that used a theory that compromised the scriptures with evolution, he makes a dynamic case for the divine inspiration of scripture which is still valid.

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