

their faith. Yes ; the earth moves, and in the following chapter we shall see the consequences that flow from this great principle, and the facile and intelligible explanation which it affords of all the grand terrestrial phenomena. "Speak to the earth," said Job, "and it shall teach thee." We are still learning its wondrous lessons ; we are still turning over its truth-illuminated pages. Its scenes are present with us in our highest mental efforts, in all our endeavours to solve the mysteries of the universe. It is our Mother and our Teacher. All the circumstances of earth, says a recent writer, may be regarded as the oil which feeds the flame of thought, burning continually in the secret shrine of man's mind ; and countless affinities, mental and corporeal, earthly and spiritual, verify the saying of the Greek poet : "O earth ! earth ! how art thou interwoven with that nature that first came from thee !" To the young student, as to the mature scholar, there will always be a subtle inspiration in the historic words—

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