

for, I have tried to preserve the strictest impartiality; in the case of controversial matters which have already arrived at a solution, I have limited myself to the objective attitude of the historian.

The original works of reference are cited at the conclusion of each chapter, and will prove useful to the more special student of the subject.

Whether I have succeeded in the difficult task of writing a History of Geology and Palæontology that will satisfy the specialist and also commend itself to every man of culture, must be left for my readers to decide.

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