

PHILOSOPHICAL AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

ON

The Drama of Nature.

A SERIES OF EIGHT LECTURES

WILL be delivered at SOUTH PLACE CHAPEL, FINSBURY, by
Rev. M. D. CONWAY, M.A., Member of the American
Scientific Association, as follows :—

LECTURE I.—*March 31.*—The Knowable and the Unknowable. The Formation of the Sun. The Birth of the Earth from the Sun. The Preparation of the Stage for the Play of Life. The First Rocks : Plutonic, Volcanic and Neptunian.

LECTURE II.—*April 7.*—The Prologue of Life,—first *Order*, then *Method*. The Birth of Organic Form. Mother Earth's First Offspring, and the Cradle in which it was rocked. Vegetable and Animal Transformations; and the corresponding changes of conditions in the surrounding elements : the shifting of scenery for new actors.

LECTURE III.—*April 14.*—The Continuation and Development of the Plan under New Forms. Themes of Nature very few, with endless variations : the shell gradually drawn inside to make a skeleton. The Leaf modified into trunk, blossom, fruit. The Spine the typical form of Animal Structure. Balance of Organs.

LECTURE IV.—*April 21.*—Definition of *Genus* and *Species*. Origin of Genera. Origin of Species. Theories of Extinction and Development. The Old Theory ; Lamarck and "the Vestiges of Creation ;" Darwin. Testimonies of Embryology and Human History.

LECTURE V.—*May 5.*—Man ; his appearance on Earth as to time and place. Man and the Ape. Old Forms not to be superseded, but fulfilled. The Doctrine of Form.

LECTURE VI.—*May 12.*—The Brain and its History. Arrested Developments. Fate and Freewill.

LECTURE VII.—*May 19.*—Races. The Geographical Distribution of Man. Human Languages. The Unconscious, Conscious (or Historical), and Scientific Eras of Humanity. The Reign of Nationalities.

LECTURE VIII.—*May 26.*—The Reign of Man. Prognostics of a Higher Race, inclusive of all Races. Indications of a Higher (Ethereal) Formation above the Lower Atmosphere, with a Consideration of the Platonic Idea of its being the Dwelling-place of Higher Beings.

Lectures to begin at Eight p.m. punctually.

TICKETS FOR THE COURSE, 6s. ; SINGLE ADMISSION, 1s.

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