

volumes of essays printed in 1870, 1871 and 1878. They are now reworked into the present one-volume edition with some omissions and some additions. Mr. Wallace's scientific position remains in them unchanged. The somewhat free and miscellaneous arrangement of the contents relieves to some extent the strain on the reader, and adds much to the pleasure of reading. We note with interest his strong re-assertion of the fact that there are limits in Nature to the operation of natural selection, and that it cannot account for the development of man. He names particularly in support of this position the soft, naked skin of man free from hairy covering, the mind of man, the ideas of infinity, conscience, the vocal organs, etc. From all this he draws again the inference that "a superior intelligence has guided the development of man in a definite direction and for a special purpose."