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# ORGANIC EVOLUTION CROSS-EXAMINED

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## PREFACE

THE three Chapters in this work—little altered — were all originally contributions to the *Nineteenth Century*, which by the kind permission of the Editor, Mr. Knowles, I now republish in a separate and connected form.

Mr. Spencer, in the May 1897 number of the same Review, has ascribed to me, in these papers, several misconceptions as to his contentions and position. These, however, are all open to argument—except one. In this one Mr. Spencer thinks I have