

turf, a regular sea beach with beds of oyster-shells, many feet in thickness, lying on the summit of the chalk cliffs, 150 feet above the level of the sea. Near Bromley, in Kent, and at Reading, in Berkshire, similar accumulations of beach and oyster-shells are to be found. Elevated shingles, of comparatively recent epochs, occur on the shores of the Frith of Forth, and also along the western coasts of England, as Mr. Murchison has satisfactorily demonstrated.

66. ELEVATION OF SCANDINAVIA. — Having thus adduced a few striking proofs of the mutations which the land has undergone in past times, we are led to enquire—Is this change still going on? Is the alternate subsidence and elevation of the land the effect of a law of nature, established from the existence of the present condition of our planet, and destined to continue in action while its physical constitution remains the same? We shall hereafter find, that this law has been in constant action from the earliest periods of the earth's history, of which her physical monuments afford any indications; and I now proceed to adduce an instance in which the elevation of a whole country is actually taking place, unheeded by the busy multitude, and known only by the researches of the natural philosopher. I allude to Scandinavia, which, it is ascertained, is slowly and visibly rising, from Frederickshall, in Sweden, to Abo, in Finland, and even, perhaps, as far as St. Petersburg; while the adjacent coast of