of ascertaining the probable average size of the original animal (vide Geol. of the South-East of England, p. 315); we should, however, bear in mind, that some individuals must have far exceeded this estimate, and, if they bore the proportions of the recent iguana, have been upwards of 100 feet in length !


Of course this calculation is offered but as an approximation ; we cannot, however, for a moment doubt, that an animal possessing a body requiring thigh bones eight inches in diameter to support it, must have been of prodigious magnitude; such bones, if covered with muscles and integuments, would form limbs upwards of seven feet in circumference!

The vertebræ, or bones of the spine, are generally found detached and mutilated; but I have one specimen in which the first six (caudal) vertebræ of the tail are admirably preserved, and lie imbedded in a block of stone in their natural position (Pl. III.

