

obvious truths, that Scheuchzer, although a physician, and therefore conversant with human osteology, could yet so grossly deceive himself as to believe that the fossil bones were those of a man; he describes the specimen, in an essay entitled "*Homo Diluvii testis*", as being indisputably the moiety, or nearly so, of a human skeleton, and states that the bones, and even substance of the flesh, are incorporated in the stone; and that it is a relic of that "cursed race which was overwhelmed by the deluge!"

35. FOSSIL REPTILES ALLIED TO THE LIZARDS.

—The iguanodon, 100 feet in length, to which the iguana, but one-twentieth of the magnitude, is the only recent species that bears any affinity, has been described in a former lecture (page 389). The megalosaurus, whose remains occur both in the Stonesfield slate and in the wealden beds, has also been cursorily noticed. This creature partook of the structure of the crocodile and the monitor, and is computed to have attained a length of from forty to fifty feet. The teeth of the megalosaurus are (Plate III. fig. 9) flat, pointed, and curved backwards in the form of a pruning-knife; the inner edge is deeply serrated (Plate III. fig. 9*) down to the base; while the outer has a similar mechanism, but a short distance from the point. These teeth show that the animal was highly carnivorous. I am compelled to pass over other interesting peculiarities of structure presented by the fossil remains