

- VII. *Ophidians*, or Serpents.
- VIII. *Batrachians*, or the Frog tribe, comprising the Labyrinthodonts.

I. ENALIOSAURIANS. — The extinct marine reptiles comprised in this order, constitute two genera, which are characterised by essential modifications of osteological structure; they are named ICHTHYOSAURUS (*fish-lizard*), and PLESIOSAURUS (*akin to a lizard*). The general appearance of these beings is so well known, from the splendid collection of their fossil remains in the British Museum, and the numerous specimens in provincial and private collections, and by various works, both scientific and popular, in which their structure and physiological relations are fully elucidated, that they must be familiar to every reader.*

The living Ichthyosaurus must have borne a resemblance to a Grampus or Porpoise, with four large flippers or paddles, and a long tail, having a vertical caudal fin, of moderate dimensions; the skin being naked and smooth, as in the Cetaceans. The Plesiosaurus must have presented a configuration still more extraordinary. With a very small head,

* *Bd.* Vol. I. and II. contain an admirable exposition of their habits and organization; and Brit. Assoc. Rep. 1839, an elaborate osteological investigation of both genera. A folio volume on these extinct Reptiles, with splendid lithographs, by Thomas Hawkins, Esq., cannot fail to delight the reader by its graphic descriptions, and beautiful illustrations.