

RETROSPECT.

“Ce que nous connaissons, est peu de chose ; ce que nous ignorons est immense.”

LA PLACE.

WE have now arrived at the close of this argument ; we have taken a general survey of the fossilized relics of the various classes of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and have explained the methods by which the inscriptions on these “Medals of Creation” may be deciphered.

But numerous as are the facts which have passed in review before us, and great as the accession of geological knowledge has been during the last fifty years, the data hitherto obtained are insufficient to explain many of the obscure pages of the earth’s physical history ; and to future times, and to future discoveries, must be left the full interpretation of those phenomena of which we can obtain but imperfect indications ; for at present the mystic ground of things unknown, is carried only a remove beyond its former boundary.