

treatise. In volume 14th of the 'Edinburgh Philosophical Journal,' there is an ably-conducted argument between Drs. Fleming and Buckland, on the principal points in dispute. Divines have been blamed for obstructing the progress of science. But Dr. Fleming had the moral courage to advance, in this discussion, opinions not generally received, and which were at that time in advance of most scientific men themselves. The conflicting views and reasonings are very fairly and ably exhibited by Professor Hitchcock, in volume 4th of the 'Student's Cabinet Library.' Ample justice is done to the same subject by Dr. P. Smith, in his excellent work on Scripture and Geological Science. I will restrict myself to a few general statements, which may indicate the results of much elaborate disquisition.

EXTENT OF THE DELUGE.

1. Our best expositors of Scripture are now generally of opinion that the flood, though extensive, was local. The language of Scripture certainly seems, at first sight, most unqualified: 'All the high hills that were under the whole heaven