

ing and eloquence, make, after all, a poor figure beside the first chapter of Genesis,—simple, grave, majestic, as we could desire any narrative to be, having God for its author, and providence, for its subject.

An apparent discordance between Scripture and science, in this province, mainly arises from the fact that a sedimentary deposit of rocks, to the thickness, as is computed, of eight or nine miles, and the appearance and disappearance not only of individual plants and animals, but of very many races, one after another, of which the fossils are considered a sufficient proof, seem to demand an immense duration of time to account for the phenomena. Whereas, Scripture has been understood to pronounce the world of no greater age than five or six thousand years. Some dismiss the difficulty by denying the extreme antiquity of the world, and unqualifiedly defending the supposed chronology of Moses. And there are yet some respected authors who write and publish in favour of these views. We ought not to be rash in such a question, and pronounce these writers unscientific for aiming to be scriptural. Let their writings be exa-