

form the fossiliferous rocks, unless he admit, without any proof, that the laws of nature have been changed. God could, indeed, have performed the work miraculously, in a moment of time : But the supposition is wholly gratuitous, and even worse than this, as we shall show in the proper place. It is one thing to admit what God *can* do, and quite a different thing to show what he *has* done.

‘ 6. Finally, there appear to have been several almost entire changes of organic life upon the globe since the deposition of the fossiliferous rocks began. And comparative anatomy teaches us, that so different from one another were the successive groups which we find in the different strata, that they could not have been contemporaries. But each group appears to have been adapted to the condition of the globe at the time ; and it was continued apparently, until by the extremely slow process of refrigeration, the temperature was rendered unfit for their residence, when they became extinct, and a new creation arose. But they lived long enough for rocks thousands of feet in thickness to be deposited, which now contain their remains. Who