

can doubt that vast periods of time were requisite for such changes of organic life? and who can believe that they have taken place since the creation of man?

‘ We have dwelt thus long upon this point because of its importance. For if there is not the most conclusive evidence in geology of the existence of the globe longer than the common interpretation of the Mosaic history admits, we need not surely spend time in reconciling the two records. We cannot, however, but believe, that every impartial mind, which fairly examines this subject, will be forced to the conclusion, that the facts of geology do teach as conclusively, as any science not founded on mathematics can teach, that the globe must have existed during a period indefinitely long, anterior to the creation of man. We are not aware that any practical and thorough geologist doubts this, whatever are his views in respect to revelation. Some writers on geology, indeed, who have studied the subject only in books, and are little else than compilers, have taken different ground: But of how little weight must the opinion of such men be regarded, when set in opposition to the