

sand were assorted? Compared with the date of their assortment, the fall of Babylon has just happened, and even the creation of man is an event of yesterday.

WHY WAS NOT THE ANCIENT WORLD MORE EXEMPT FROM PHYSICAL EVIL THAN GEOLOGY SUPPOSES IT TO HAVE BEEN ?

I have found some persons startled at the idea that the world, as it existed before the creation and transgression of man, presents, in the delineations of geologists, so little that is paradisaical. But where does the Bible say that the whole earth was ever a paradise? If it had been so, what need would there have been for any paradise at all? Eden was brought into existence, if we are to believe the Scriptures, in immediate connexion with the creation of man; and its peculiar delights were found only within its own enclosures. A wide difference, therefore, between the general condition of the earth and the felicities of paradise is altogether conformable to the scriptural narrative.

Not a few, however, are particularly shocked to think that fossil remains should indicate the ravages of death among the brute creation, at