

further examination shall not be discovered?
While some have ascribed an utter demolition of the earth's crust to the flood, and have thus caricatured its probable consequences, perhaps some have gone to the opposite extreme, by saying that it would make no impression at all on the constituents of a landscape. But though masses of detritus were accumulated in particular localities, and the distribution of hills and valleys were somewhat changed, who, after the lapse of very many centuries, could certainly discriminate these effects from those of preceding or subsequent agencies? If a river overflow its banks, or a lake burst its barriers, we see sad ravages committed over the adjacent region. But next year they are less visible. In a few years the action of the elements has farther modified their obviousness; and when centuries shall have elapsed, how shall they be certainly recognised?

In making these remarks, I am taking the lowest ground as being the surest ground. Some eminent geologists do not yet consider a deluge, which may be called general, at all disproved. Professor Hitchcock, for example, who