

rect physical evidence. Pursued in this spirit, geology can neither lead to any false conclusions, nor offend against any religious truth. And this is the spirit with which many men have of late years followed this delightful science. But there is another class of men who pursue geology by a nearer road, and are guided by a different light. Well intentioned they may be, but they have betrayed no small self-sufficiency, along with a shameful want of knowledge of the fundamental facts they presume to write about: hence they have dishonoured the literature of this country by *Mosaic Geology*, *Scripture Geology*, and other works of cosmogony with kindred titles, wherein they have overlooked the aim and end of revelation, tortured the book of life out of its proper meaning, and wantonly contrived to bring about a collision between natural phenomena and the word of God.* We cannot stand by these defences of Scripture, but we can stand by Scripture itself. Why is it so? Why is the alleged folly of revelation more tenable than the wisdom of its advocates? The

* On the Studies of the University; quoted Stud. Cab. Lib., No. xix., p. 22.