

GEOLOGY IN ITS RELATION TO THE ORGANIC
WORLD.

The anatomy of living species has furnished writers on natural theology with ample and interesting proofs. But geology accomplishes a more remarkable feat. It supplies the history of innumerable races of animals and vegetables which have been long extinct, and points out the most diversified proofs of wise and benevolent design in the structure of organic remains with which ancient strata are interspersed. It demonstrates that plants which grow no more, and animals which live no more, exhibited the most perfect adaptation to their respective localities and means of subsistence.

To select some of the best of countless examples, and present them in lucid order and expression, would be a service by no means unimportant to my aim, and which, with the aids now had in abundance, might be performed without great originality or research. But I do not feel myself competent to the task ; and though I were, I could ill spare the time which the exe-