

ape or it may be a goat, according to the 'conditions,' must have very opportunely 'developed' into a full-grown woman! And on these conclusions we are thrown by pretenders to philosophy, who reject revelation; and who ill conceal their contempt for the credulity which assents to its evidence!

The foregoing observations show how little the author of the 'Vestiges of Creation' would gain, even if he could prove, as he certainly cannot, that there has been a regular progress towards perfection of organic structure, and that the more perfect organism is always the more recent. The question of progress is evidently distinguishable from that of production. As man is the last, he is confessedly the greatest work of God. But we have seen that man cannot have been produced either gradually or suddenly by other species which preceded him. He at least must have had a different, and, as regards prior tribes, independent origin. This is a demonstrable fact; and by this one fact the necessity of divine intervention is fully established, and the adequacy of the development hypothesis to account for the phenomena is utterly exploded.