

this description, or that the results of their able, diversified, and interesting investigations can be fairly set aside by pleasantry or ridicule.

Nor will it do to plead the quarrels of geologists as sufficient reason for refusing them an audience, and for requiring them to agree among themselves, before a Christian shall look at the nature and tendencies of their principles. It is true that geologists differ among each other on points of importance. And this is a good reason why we should not be impatient for a perfect apparent accordance between Geology and Scripture. The seeming accordance which we would hail in the present state of the science, might become a source of perplexity in its future stages. But while geologists have their differences, they have also their agreements, as any one will perceive who reads the first part of this small Treatise, and remembers that the principles there explained are now generally admitted. How could a tabular representation of the fossiliferous strata of the earth obtain common consent, unless the science were in an advanced state? It must especially be considered that geologists are now agreed on certain points,