

put forth his hand to prop it up, when he had better confided in its proper support. I acknowledge that Geology has occasioned some difficulties to Christians. But these difficulties, I am persuaded, are often exaggerated; and I entirely agree with the able writer in the 'Edinburgh Review,' already alluded to in a note, who says:—'Geology has, however, in our judgment, done at least as much already to remove difficulties as to occasion them; and it is not illogical, or perhaps unfair, to surmise that, if we will only have *patience*, its own difficulties, as those of so many other branches of science, will be eventually solved.'

The reviewer gives, as a striking example of the confirmation which Geology may afford to scripture history, that the vast changes and multiplication of languages, within a period so brief as what Geology assigns to the past duration of man, may prove to be inexplicable on any other principle than a miraculous intervention. 'We think,' he observes, 'that the philologist may engage to make out, on the *strictest principles of induction*, from the tenacity with which all communities cling to their language, and the slow ob-