

on which the universe is governed. If we are thus assured, that in thousands of instances, during the vast period which has elapsed since the first creation of living beings on this earth, interpositions of divine power, out of the ordinary course of nature, have taken place, surely every *a priori* objection is removed to the probability of interpositions of the same power for moral ends, and for revealing to man what it was infinitely more important he should know, than merely biological results, his own real nature, his relation to the Creator of all things, and the means of securing the divine favour.\*

A Christian should seek to know more of Geology than its harmlessness. It treats of the works of God: and 'the works of the Lord are great; sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.' We are directed by Scripture itself to 'look upon the earth beneath,' and learn what it teaches us respecting its Maker. 'In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.' If we conduct such a survey as these words indicate,

\* Page 92, etc., of this Treatise.