

found that the two collections, though furnished by localities more than a hundred miles apart, were yet derived, if I may so express myself, from the same low platform, both alike representing the fossiliferous base of the system, and both removed but by a single stage from the great unfossiliferous conglomerate below. Thus there seem to be what may be termed two stories of being in this lower formation — stories in which the groups, though generically identical, are specifically dissimilar.*

* Since this period, however, several species identical with those of Cromarty have been found in the Morayshire deposits.