

GEOLOGICAL EVIDENCES
IN FAVOR OF
REVEALED RELIGION.

THE following treatise was read by Mr. MILLER, on taking the chair, for the first time, as President of the Society, on 7th January, 1852:—

GENTLEMEN,— You have done me the honor of electing me, by a unanimous vote, to be one of the Presidents of the Royal Physical Society. I little thought, some two-and-thirty years ago, when, rather in obedience to a native instinct than with any ulterior object, I sought to acquaint myself with geological phenomena, that there awaited me any such honor. For, unaware at the time that there even existed such a science as Geology, or that the field which it opens has its many laborers, some of whom meet with less, and some with more success in their labors, I could not so much as imagine that distinction was to be achieved by studying the forms and structures of the strange organisms which I laid open amid rocks and in quarries, or in inquiring into the circumstances in which they had lived and died, or into the causes to which, in ages long gone by, they had owed their entombment in the stone. But it seems to be one of the characteristics of a true science, that it should promise little and perform much; and that for those who devote themselves to it simply for its own sake, it should