

reach the highest and last, there occur the remains of no other vertebrates than those of this fourth class [fishes]; but in its uppermost deposits there appear traces of the third or reptilian class; and in passing upwards still, through the Carboniferous, Permian, and Triassic systems, we find reptiles continuing the master-existences of the time.' At pages 16, 17, express allusion is made to the *Telerpeton Elginense*, with the doubt as to the nature of its *locale* very slightly touched upon.<sup>1</sup> All this Mr. Duff has forgotten, apparently; and it appears likewise not to have come within his cognizance that Sir Charles Lyell distinctly recognises his *Telerpeton* as well as the American foot-prints, and assigns both their proper places, in the last edition of his *Principles*. Even in the edition *before the last* of the *Siluria*, almost the first thing that meets us, on opening it at Chapter Tenth, which treats of the Old Red Sandstone, is a print of the fossil skeleton of this same *Telerpeton Elginense*,—its true place assigned to it with quite as much certainty as now! These very singular lapses in memory seem not to be peculiar to Mr. Duff. I have seen it stated in an anonymous article published in a widely circulated journal,<sup>1</sup> and in connexion with the discovery of the Elgin reptile foot-prints, that Hugh Miller considered the Old Red Sand-

<sup>1</sup> This doubt, I see by Sir Roderick Murchison's latest Address to the British Association, is not yet entirely obviated. See Appendix.

<sup>2</sup> For this article, as an excellent specimen of its class, see Appendix, under the head 'Recent Geological Discoveries;' and, in contradistinction to it, the extract from Sir R. Murchison's Address ought to be carefully studied. I myself had seen neither that extract nor the recent *Siluria* until after this short sketch was in type; the references to the latter having been introduced afterwards; and it may be conceived with what feelings of gratification I have perused Sir Roderick's repeated assurances of adherence to the 'Old Light.'