

true, it cannot fail to impress the reader as throwing light on some one of the ever-shifting physical and biological phases that our country has undergone, each of which in its day seemed as constant as that in the midst of which we live. The special episode of the Forest bed points to this, that it exhibits a fragment of the vegetation and fauna of the last pre-glacial epoch, at a time when England was united to the Continent, and when a flora and fauna, in part new, migrated across the intervening plain into our area.