

of them in that region, and the abundance of dykes in the underlying platform of older rocks, where it emerges from beneath the volcanic plateaux. They confess the difficulty of explaining the origin of such enormous outpourings of basalt by reference to any modern volcanic phenomena. Their descriptions of these Indian Cretaceous lava-floods might, however, be almost literally applied to the Miocene plateaux of North-Western Europe and to the Pliocene or recent examples of Western North America.