

which must have lived miserably, and which are effaced as failures from the list of living beings. The Baron Cuvier does not express himself more favourably when he says of the existing species that they have so little resemblance to the organization of animals generally, and their structure is so much in contrast with that of other creatures, that he could believe them to be the remnants of an order unsuitable to the present system of nature; and if we are to look for their congeners, it must be in the interior of the earth, in the ruins of the ancient world.



The animals of the Antediluvian world were not monsters; there was no *lulus* or extravagance. Hideous as they appear to us, and like the phantoms of a dream, they were adapted to the condition of the earth when they existed. I could have wished that our naturalists had given the inhabitants of that early condition of the globe, names less scholastic. We have the plesiosaurus, and plesiosaurus dolichodeirus, we