

the rainbow as the token of his covenant with Noah, the changes, here alluded to in the atmosphere, might be the cause of the appearance, under certain circumstances, of that phenomenon.

Scientific men have judged it not improbable, without referring to this doctrine of revelation, that changes in the composition of the atmosphere, according to circumstances, may have taken place.*

NOTE 14, p. 92.—*Whoever examines the animals of North America will find a vast number that correspond with European species—on the Rocky Mountains, and in the country westward of that range, Asiatic types are discoverable. The rein-deer, the fox, the weasel, the rat, the mouse, the golden eagle, the peregrine falcon, and many other birds, are of the former description. In the latter paragraph I allude to a fine Carabus,† which is found in Siberia; and likewise to a new genus ‡ related to Trechus, of which I possess a specimen, found in India, both taken also in the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Sabine informed me that several new Pœonias, and a Laurus that reached the height of sixty feet, were natives of the same country. In Chili, Molina found the green and temporary frogs, the heron, the turtle-dove, and several other old-world animals.*

NOTE 15, p. 94.—*But which, in their immediate or remote consequences, may be productive of effects that are important to be attended to, and provided for. When we reflect upon the action of the Deity, we can scarcely avoid taking our ideas of it, in some degree, from that of man. Man's attention is usually directed to things that appear to him important, as affecting either his passions or his interests,*

* Ann. Des Sc. Nat. xix. 432.

† C. Vietinghovii. Fisch.

‡ Isopleurus. K. M. S.