

ON THE RELATION
BETWEEN
THE HOLY SCRIPTURES
AND SOME PARTS OF
GEOLOGICAL SCIENCE.

LECTURE I.

PSALM CXI. 2. *The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*

GEOLOGY so seeks out the works of the Most High. It has claims upon the regard of all cultivated and pious minds. It leads us to study that which God has made our earthly abode, in its present state, filled with monuments of past conditions, and presages, I venture to think, of the future. It leads us into some acquaintance with a magnificent part of the counsel of Jehovah's will, according to which HE worketh all things; the machine of dependent beings and subordinate causes, by which the Supreme Cause accomplishes his purposes of wisdom and righteousness. We see those causes to be the same in their nature, and similar in their mode of operation, now, as in countless ages past; though differing through a wide range in the intensity of their action and the form of their results.

Rain, rills and rivers, aided by the electric and chemical and mechanical agency of the atmosphere, are continually wearing away the solid earth, transporting it into the estuaries of the sea, and committing it to the currents