

which come under the Chalk, and, in England and many other countries, overlie the New Red Sandstone, are found, in immense numbers, not only the shells of smaller sea-animals, but the skeletons of formidable creatures, some of gigantic size, formed for swimming in the sea and crawling near the shores. We can see and examine their powerful teeth ; the structure of their bones for the insertion, course and action of muscles, nerves, and the tubes for circulation, indicating the function ; and their very stomachs beneath their ribs, replenished with bones, fish-scales, and other remains of animal food.

Thus, not only the characters of the recent animal creation, but those of races which have occupied the earth through past periods of immeasurable duration, demonstrate it to have been the will of the All-wise Creator that life and death should minister to each other throughout the whole extent of the animal tribes ; both in the actual condition of nature, and in those states of our world which are past, but have left their monuments inscribed with characters that cannot be mistaken.

Whether these positions militate against any thing that is asserted or implied in the Holy Scriptures ; and whether they are at all inconsistent with the impressive declaration, "By man came death;" it will be our duty, in a future lecture, to consider.