

the manifestation which God has granted us in positive revelation ; and which is to us practically of infinitely the greatest importance.

“ All nature joins to show thy praise.
 Thus God in every creature shines.
 Fair is the book of nature's lines :
 But fairer is the book of grace.”

Watts.

PART II.

II. THERE is another and very different class of men, who are not only aware of the difficulties which we have undertaken to discuss, as producing some appearance of contradiction, but who affirm, without hesitation, that there is a real and insuperable discrepancy between the demonstrated facts of science and the unambiguous^{ture} clarations of the Mosaic writings: and their method of resolving the difficulty is not like that of others who deny the geological facts, (for this, their knowledge makes impossible for them,) but they take the opposite course. The two leaders in this course are Mr. Babbage and Professor Baden Powell. The former of these philosophers thinks himself compelled to resort to a desperate kind of hypothesis, which is really cutting the knot. He is of opinion that we cannot so depend upon our ability to construe the ancient Hebrew language, as to be sure that we have correctly interpreted the archaic documents before us. Thus, to speak the plain truth, an opening is made for treating the written records of the creation as if they had no existence ; or, in the same manner as would be our conduct with regard to some antique marble, inscribed with characters which we might believe to ex-