

By the fourth day, the atmosphere over this district had become pellucid; and, had there been a human eye to have beheld, the brightness of the sun would have been seen, and the other heavenly bodies after the sun was set. Animals were produced by immediate creation, in this succession; the inhabitants of the waters, birds, and land-animals; all in the full vigour of their natures. No mention is made of the thousands of tribes of insects, molluscous creatures, and animalcula; whose number, we know, transcends calculation. It is generally assumed by commentators that they are included in "the things that creep." But this very phrase supplies an illustration of the Scripture-style, as condescending to the limited knowledge and the simple associations of comparatively uncultivated men. Last of all, God formed his noblest earthly creature: "in the image of God created HE him," in the command of physical faculties, the possession of intellect, a dominion over the lower creation, and the noblest enjoyment of all, the image of the divine holiness.*

different botanical districts. The language of the text expresses a creation of these vegetables in a state of maturity, that they might be ready for the immediate use of the human pair and the small number of land-animals formed for the enjoyment of this region. Those who contend for an immediate creation of all the mineral strata with all their contents, precisely as they are, (—see Mr. Mellor Brown's positions, page 153 of this volume,—) have sometimes brought forwards this question, as including for them a triumphant argument, If the exogenous trees were created in a state of maturity, must they not have had the concentric layers around their pith, indicating what in all future cases would be years of growth, and which, in order to effect the perfect maturity supposed, would in many instances be numerous?—The answer is at hand; that all the exigencies of the case are satisfied by the condition of trees in an early stage, before the first layers can be distinguished. Serviceable leaves, fruits, and seeds are produced within that period.

* It will, I trust, conduce to the illustration and establishment of the sentiments here so briefly sketched, and other parts of the general subject, to insert in the Appendix a Letter published some time ago in a periodical work, and occasioned by a Review of Dr. Buckland's Bridgewater Treatise. Supplementary Note, G.