

pial family ; and these, says Mr. Lyell, afford the only example yet known of terrestrial mammalia in rocks of a date anterior to the older tertiary formations. The reptile seems to have preceded the bird, and the bird the mammiferous animal. Thus the foetal history of the nervous system in the individual mammifer seems typical, in every stage of its progress, of the history of the grand division at the head of which the mammifer stands. Agassiz, at the late meeting of the British Association in Glasgow, mentioned an analogous fact. After describing the one-sided tail of the more ancient fish, especially the fish of the Old Red Sandstone, — the subjects of his illustration at the time, — he stated, as the result of a recent discovery, that the young of the salmon in their foetal state exhibit the same unequally-sided condition of tail which characterizes those existences of the earlier ages of the world. The individual fish, just as it begins to exist, presents the identical appearances which were exhibited by the order when the order began to exist. Is there nothing wonderful in analogies such as these — analogies that point through the embryos of the present time to the womb of Nature, big with its multitudinous forms of being ? Are they charged with no such nice evidence as a Butler would delight to contemplate, regarding that unique *style* of Deity, if I may so express myself, which runs through all his works, whether we consider him as God of Nature, or Author of Revelation ? In this style of type and symbol did He reveal himself of old to his chosen people ; in this style of allegory and parable did He again address himself to them, when he sojourned among them on earth.

The chemistry of the formation seems scarce inferior in interest to its zoölogy ; but the chemist had still much to do for Geology and the processes are but imperfectly known.