

the size of the volume, they add to its value no less. In each and all, the characteristics of their author's genius are abundantly displayed. The first paper presents a succinct summary of those evidences drawn from geology in favor of *revealed* religion, which it formed the chief portion of his peculiar mission to originate and establish. In the second is given a sketch of the early progress of general geologic knowledge in Scotland, together with a delightful account of his exploration of the valley of the Girvan. It is germane to the subject of the twelfth chapter of "The Old Red Sandstone." The paper on the Marbles of Assynt furnishes fine illustrations of Mr. Miller's sagacity as a geologist, and of his unrivalled powers of description. The concluding paper presents a comprehensive survey of the Fossiliferous Deposits of Scotland.

In preparing this volume for the press, the publishers have varied in some few instances from the arrangement of the Edinburgh edition. The four new plates which in that edition were appended to the Notes, have, with a view to convenience in this, been distributed through the body of the work at the points where they seemed most properly to belong. This arrangement made it necessary to renumber the old plates. One of the new cuts has been connected with a note in which it is specifically mentioned; and several footnotes, most of them by Mr. Symonds, have been transferred from the body of the work to the "Notes" at the end. These changes, it is believed, constitute a decided improvement. With the exception of these, and the abridgment of the multiplied prefaces, the present edition is a reprint of the new Edinburgh edition.

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