

has been the effect of his labors, that they have altered and improved the face of whole continents. Our globe, even as it might be seen from the moon, testifies, over its surface, to that unique nature of man, unshared in by any of the inferior animals, which renders him, in things physical and natural, a fellow-worker with the Creator who first produced it. And of the identity of at least his intellect with that of his Maker, and, of consequence, of the integrity of the revelation which declares that he was created in God's own image, we have direct evidence in his ability of not only conceiving of God's contrivances, but even of reproducing them ; and this, not as a mere imitator, but as an original thinker. He may occasionally borrow the principles of his contrivances from the works of the Original Designer, but much more frequently, in studying the works of the Original Designer, does he discover in them the principles of his own contrivances. He has not been an imitator : he has merely been exercising, with resembling results, the resembling mind, *i. e.* the mind made in the Divine image. But the existing scene of things is not destined to be the last. High as it is, it is too low and too imperfect to be regarded as God's finished work : it is merely one of the *progressive* dynasties ; and Revelation and the implanted instincts of our nature alike teach us to anticipate a glorious *terminal* dynasty. In the first dawn of being, simple vitality was united to matter : the vitality thus united became, in each succeeding period, of a higher and yet higher order ;—it was in succession the vitality of the mollusc, of the fish, of the reptile, of the sagacious mammal, and, finally, of responsible, immortal man, created in the image of God ? What is to be the next advance ? Is there to be merely a repetition of the past,—an introduction a second time of “ man made in the image of God ” ? No ! The geologist, in the tables of stone which form his records, finds no example of dynasties once passed away again returning. There has been no repetition of the dynasty of the fish,—of the reptile,—of the mammal. The dynasty of the future is to have glorified man for its inhabitant ; but it is to be the dynasty,—the “ *kingdom,* ”—not of glorified man made in the image