

pair. And both beliefs are as incompatible with the fundamental truths of revelation as they are with one another. The Lamarckian form of error has been laid on the shelf for a time ; nor will it be very efficiently revived until some new accumulation of fact, gleaned from the yet unexplored portions of the geologic field, or the obscurer fields of natural history, and pregnant with those analogical resemblances between the course of creation and the progress of embryology with which nature is full, will give it new footing, by associating it with novel and interesting fact. The antagonist error is at present all alive and active in America, where it has been espoused by naturalists of high name and standing ; and it has already produced volumes of controversy. Nor is there a country in the world where, from purely political causes, there must exist a pre-disposition equally strong to receive as true the hypothesis of Voltaire. The existence of slavery in the southern provinces, and the strong dislike with which the black population are regarded by the whites throughout the States generally, must dispose the men who hate or enslave them to receive with favour whatever plausibilities go to show that they are not of one blood with themselves, and that they owe to them none of the duties of brotherhood. We have perused with interest and instruction a very learned and able volume on this subject by the Rev. Dr Thomas Smyth of Charleston, one of the most accomplished Presbyterian ministers of the United States, with whose works on the "Apostolical Succession," and the "Claims of the Free Church of Scotland," many of our readers must be already acquainted ; and who, though residing in the centre of a slave district, and exposed to much odium on the part of the abolitionists, has been the first to come forward in this controversy, to assert in behalf of the black man the "unity of the human races," and that all men have fallen in one common father, the first Adam, "created a living soul," and that there