

ing, and it looked as if the apex of improvement would first be reached in that quarter of the world.

The uplift of the American and European continents to



Fig. 79. D. D. Owen.

their present levels marked the close of the Tertiary Age. Europe had been an archipelago; but America had long possessed its destined outline, and lacked only the belt which was now added along the two oceans and the Gulf. The continent was now complete. What next could ensue but the creation of man, and the final consummation of the grand work of creation? Human judgment would now have proceeded to the finishing stroke; but Infinite Wis-