

action, and it requires wary walking, with your eyes on the ground, to avoid, perhaps, a broken leg. The Oolites must have suffered in the same way, especially where not covered by Boulder-clay; for, it must be remembered, that such effects are chiefly the result of the exposure of limestones on the actual surface of the ground.

Let me, in concluding this chapter, once more recall to the mind of the half-instructed reader that the sea is the final recipient of all invisible solutions and of all visible sentiments.

All mountain rivers lost, in the wide home  
Of thy capacious bosom ever flow.

Rain and rivers are the unwearied destroyers of all lands, aided by the restless beating of the waves on rock-bound coasts. These destroy but to reconstruct new strata, by the upheaval of which future lands shall rise. As the Ocean is now, so has it been throughout all authentic geological history, and

Its voice mysterious, which whoso hears,  
*Must think of what will be, and what has been—*

is always present to the mind of the physical geologist, ever since the time when John Ray, in 1691, published his far-seeing work ‘On the Wisdom of God manifested in the Works of Creation.’