

TABLE OF GEOLOGICAL HISTORY.

NON-GEOLOGICAL readers will find in the following table a condensed explanation of the more important technical terms used in the following pages. The order is from older to newer.

GREATER PERIODS.	SYSTEMS OF FORMATIONS.	CHARACTERISTIC FOSSILS.	
ARCHÆAN OR EZOIC	Pre-Laurentian Laurentian	Protozoa	Protophyta
PALÆOZOIC	Huronian Cambrian Cambro-Silurian* Silurian† Devonian Carboniferous Permian	{ Crustaceans Molluscs Worms Corals, etc. Fishes Amphibians	Algæ Cryptogamous and Gymnospermous Plants.
MESOZOIC	Triassic Jurassic Cretaceous	{ Reptiles Birds Earliest Mammals.	Pines and Cycads Trees of modern types.
KAINOZOIC OR TERTIARY	Eocene Miocene Pliocene Pleistocene Modern	Higher Mammals of extinct forms Recent Mammals and Man.	Modern Plants.

* Ordovician of Lapworth.

† Salopian of Lapworth.