

proof that Job was familiar with the laws of gravitation, for he knew how the world was held in its place; and as for the "empty place" in the sky Sir John Herschel has been sounding the heavens with his powerful telescope, and gauging the stars, and where do you think he finds the most barren part—the empty place—of the sky? In the north, precisely where Job told Bildad the Shuhite that the empty place was stretched out. It is there where comets most delight to roam, and hide themselves in emptiness.

I pass by the history of creation as it is written on the tablet of the rock and in the Book of Revelation, because the question has been discussed so much and so often, that you, no doubt, are familiar with the whole subject. In both the order of the creation is the same,—first the plants to afford sustenance, and then the animals: the chief point of apparent difference being as to the duration of the period between the "evening and the morning." "A thousand years is as one day," and the Mosaic account affords evidence itself that the term day, as there used, is not that which comprehends our twenty-four hours. It was a day that had its evening and morning before the sun was made.

I will, however; before proceeding further, ask pardon for mentioning a rule of conduct which I have adopted, in order to make progress with those physical researches which have occupied so much of my time and many of my thoughts, and that rule is never to forget who is the Author of the great volume which nature spreads out before us, and always to remember that the same Being is also the Author of the book which revelation holds up to us; and though the two works are entirely different, their records are equally true; and when they bear upon the same point, as now and then they do, it is as impossible that they should contradict each other, as it is that either should contradict itself. If the two cannot be reconciled, the fault is ours, and is because in our blindness and weakness we have not been able to interpret aright either the one of the other, or both.

Solomon, in a single verse, describes the circulation of the atmosphere, as actual observation is now showing it to be. That it has its laws, and is obedient to order as the heavenly host in their movements, we infer from the fact announced by him, and which contains the essence of volumes by other men, "All the rivers run into the sea; yet it is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."

To investigate the laws which govern the winds and rule the seas, is one of the most profitable and beautiful occupations that a man, an improving progressive man, can have. Decked with stars as the sky is, the field of astronomy affords no subjects of contemplation more sublime, or more profitable than those which we may find in the air and the sea.

When we regard them from certain points of view, they present the appearance of wayward things, obedient to no law, but fickle in their movements, and subject only to chance.

Yet, when we go as truth loving, knowledge seeking explorers, and knock at their secret chambers and devoutly ask what are the laws which govern them, we are taught in terms the most impressive, that when the morning stars sang together, the waves also lifted up their voice and the winds, too joined in the almighty anthem. And as discovery advances, we find the marks of order in the sea and in the air,—that is, in tune with the music of the spheres,—and the conviction is forced upon us that the laws of all are nothing else but perfect harmony.—Yours respectfully,
M. F. MAURY.

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From some, to us, inexplicable reason, we have not for some months, received the "Home and Foreign Record," and this although, a written application was made to the Editor to forward a copy to our address. We regret this omission, the more,

as it precludes our giving as full information, regarding the missionary operations of the Home Church, as we would wish. Will some kind friend of our Church and of this publication, in Scotland, see that a copy of the Record is mailed monthly to the Presbyterian, Montreal, Canada, or will the Editors of the Record bear this request in mind? We trust, soon to be again, in receipt of so necessary an exchange.

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