

God's retort of inveterate fire, and not make all the allotropic forms of carbon from the lightest to the heaviest and purest.

What would the old-school geologists think if, in the near future, great beds of coal should be found in Alaska, which contain little or no ash? Would they still hold that all coal is derived from vegetation, which, as all men know, contains ash in abundance? We leave the subject to the test of time, knowing that if men should drive our School from the rock of the Annular Theory, the ROCK will still be where The Great Architect of the Universe put it. And in the near future fuel carbons will be found imbedded in eternal ice, just as it fell from the skies with canopy snows. Would it still be possible for men to hold that such fuel was once a vegetation? Well, it will soon be found there, just where the students of Psychosophy want to find it, but just where the old-school geologist does not want to find it. When men come to see that all the original carbons of the earth must have come home via the poles, they will see why we have such beds of the purest coal and metals under the very Arctic circle and almost none at the equator, where in all ages vegetation has been king. When men come to see this primitive origin of carbon fuel, they will understand why the old Cambrian beds contained such masses of almost pure carbon long before vegetation existed.

Suppose, now, we were to find the coals graded according to purity and value and quantity in both the northern and southern hemispheres from the equator to the poles. If our theory be true, in South America and Africa the best coals and the greatest mass of them should be found in the most southern parts of these countries. Now, so far as the South American coals are witnesses in the case, their testimony is emphatic. The Patagonian coals are far ahead of those in Buenos Ayres, both in quantity and quality, and those in the latter country excel those in Brazil. The nearer the equator the less is the quantity and the poorer is the coal. This gradation of coal