

## Questions of Chronology.

But Mr. Jackson reserves his heaviest sigh for that eminent scientist, Philip H. Gosse, who, he says, betrayed his geological trust when he dared to "hazard the suggestion that when six thousand years ago the world came from the Creator's hands the fossils lay ready made in the strata of the rocks." So great is Mr. Jackson's distress, he declares that Mr. Gosse's suggestion "is a sight to move one to tears." On the other hand Mr. Jackson asserts that man's first appearance on earth occurred "tens of thousands of years ago," though the oldest date with which he favors us is 4500 B.C.

He says re the alleged confusion of tongues at Babel instead of only one language existing before that time Dr. Driver states that inscriptions have been found which show three distinct languages. From this one would infer that the Bible had committed itself to a definite date for this event, which is incorrect. The question here is what is the real date at which the confusion of tongues occurred. No one claims Usher's chronology to be inspired.

## What is a Myth?

Mr. Jackson claims that the early narratives of Genesis are myth. In all controversies definitions are highly important, and this statement raises the question, What is a myth? The Standard Dictionary defines the word as follows: "A fictitious or conjectural narrative presented as historical, but without any basis of fact." The Schaff-Herzog Encyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge says: "The myth starts from an