

THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION.

LETTER V.

SIR,—I only last evening saw your “daily,” containing the letter of my friendly opponent J. C. D.; whom I thank for his very kindly personal appreciation.

But as you wish to eschew controversy on the subject to which his letter refers, I will only trouble you with a brief reply.

I have carefully examined Hugh Miller’s “Testimony of the Rocks,” and while I quite appreciate the earnestness of his spirit, the beauty of his diction, and the ability displayed in his investigations, I deeply regret, both for the sake of *his own peace of mind*, and the good of others, what I must consider his unwarrantable wresting of God’s Holy Word: Had he been trained with feelings of more reverent respect for the authoritative interpretations of the Church as the “witness and keeper of Holy Writ,” I cannot but think that it would have been happier both for himself and his readers.

With respect to the “expressions found in God’s Word:—

“The Day of God,

“The Day of the Lord,

“A thousand two hundred and three score days,

“Seventy weeks,” &c., &c.,

Quoted by your correspondent, and with which Mr. Miller seeks to confound the “week” of creation, the answer is simple. And though I have already attempted to give it in my fourth letter, I will, at the hazard of a little repetition, make one or two further observations, in the hope of strengthening my position.