

mine the starry heavens or that world of minute animalcules which is revealed to us by the microscope ; we are prepared, therefore, to find that in time also the confines of the universe lie beyond the reach of mortal man. But in whatever direction we pursue our researches, whether in time or space, we discover everywhere the clear proofs of a Creative Intelligence, and of His foresight, wisdom, and power. As geologists, we learn that it is not merely the present condition of the globe which is suited to the accommodation of myriads of living creatures, but that many former states also were adapted to the organisation and habits of prior races of being. The disposition of seas, continents and islands, and climates have varied, the species likewise have been changed, and yet they have all been so modelled on types analogous to those of existing plants and animals as to indicate throughout a perfect harmony of design and unity of purpose. To assume that the evidence of the beginning and end of so vast a scheme lies within the reach of our speculations, appears to be inconsistent with a just estimate of the relations which subsist between the finite powers of man and the attributes of an Infinite and Eternal Being.'"