

"The geologist, (that is I myself), can show that they (the external parts of the earth) have acquired their actual condition and configuration gradually at successive periods, during each of which distinct races of living beings have flourished on the land and in the waters; the remains of these creatures lying buried in the crust of the earth."

Now here, as in a few other parts of his story, there is some fact and the rest *fiction* or *conjecture* and *assertion* thereon. That there have been *local* and *partial* changes in the external parts of the earth during the ages of its duration is fully admitted, but there has been no such universal change of condition and configuration as is here asserted. He says only the geologist *can* show it. Again, proof is altogether wanting. It does not exist and therefore cannot be produced. That remains of animals, such as skulls and bones, and in some places impressions of them, and also of vegetable substances have been found in the crust of the earth; and that they came there at various times during the present nearly six thousand years of the age of the world is also true. It may also be admitted that some of these bones are somewhat larger than those of men and animals in the present day. We have inspired Scripture proof that there were giants in the antediluvian times, and that there were gigantic Anakims and a giant king Og in the time of Moses, and a Goliath in the time of David; also that before, and for some time after the flood, men lived hundreds of years longer than they do now. Also the behemoth and leviathan in the time of Job, were doubtless much larger than any animals of the present day. But none, or all of these facts and admissions, will, in the least degree help the Doctor's story of successive periods of creation during successive millions of years. As to the "flourishing" of those ancient animals, as he says, the Dr. among the rest of his singular literary effusions, deals in *flourishes* and therefore that may pass without any special comment.

We have seen that the Dr. in reasoning against the vast antiquity of man claimed by some, has written:—

"Who can say that 1643 years, (meaning as presumed, the time before the flood) is insufficient to comprise all the phenomena that occurred during a period, confessedly characterized by more rapid and extensive action than at present—a period, during which ruptures in the earth's crust, oscillations and permanent uprising