

ing the formation of the atmosphere and gathering-together of the remaining waters. Or in the breaking up of the strata by upheavels and depressions or afterwards?

X.

Did the curse of Almighty God, the infinite dishonored Creator, consequent on the sin of our First Parents, which blighted the earth, not fall upon the temperature of the globe as well?

XI.

Was it not possible with God, and is it not made very plain by fossils, plants etc. that notwithstanding the tilt of its axis, a uniform delightful temperature pervaded the globe? The polar circles included. There, amidst the not unpleasing alternations of continued sunlight and magnificent starry shadow, the trees the fruit the flowers and all the glowing luxuries—now limited to tropical regions, flourished and were indigenous.

XII.

Supposing the earth to have been prior to the *prime date*, Must not the absence of rotation and of light, as well as the submergence in water, preclude the possibility of the many specimens of fossil plants brought from the extreme South by the ship *Discovery* having been produced before *c. a. m.*, and tided over the hiatus?

XIII.