

others, since his time. Their horizontal motion, till the explosion takes place, militates strongly against this opinion; and others therefore think, that they are concretions formed in the air itself. Numbers of the stones thus obtained, have been subjected to a careful chemical analysis, and have all been found to possess the same properties, and are all different from any other stones that are known. They are enclosed in a coat of rust, or oxide of iron; and they contain proportions of different earths, and metals; but how these have been collected in the air, or by what means they have been consolidated and put in motion, are points about which, no one has ever ventured to conjecture; and nothing, as Dr. Thomson well observes, can be a more complete proof, of the imperfect state of the Science of Meteorology.

Imperfect however, as the state of the Science, confessedly is, enough is known of it, to invite the attention, of those who desire to extend the boundaries of human knowledge. Though it is a field which is in a great measure unoccupied, it will abundantly repay the labour of cultivation. It is not indeed permitted us to hope, that by any possible improvement, or discovery, we shall succeed in bringing the elements under our controul; but if we ascertain the laws by which they are regulated, and learn to read the signs of approaching changes, we will be in a better condition to take advantage of them; and we will discover more of the unsearchable wisdom, and boundless power, of Him "who hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet."