

been. 5. No log or journal by a contemporary. 6. No compiling by the writer of the book. In those few lines of the Dr. there are these six false statements. There is not the slightest circumstance to give the least countenance to any one of them. As to the *sounding* of the waters, the Scripture shows that Noah did not open the window until after the Ark had rested on the mountains of Ararat. Had he opened the door it would have let in the flood. By the direction of God, the Ark was secured with "pitch within and without."

Here I must again remind the Dr. of the inspired solemn warning:—"Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee and thou be found a liar." (Prov. 30), and the still more awful words at the end of the Scriptures.' "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book;" or "if he shall take away from its words, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city." These fearful warnings fully apply as to every part of the sacred Scriptures.

While I have been writing these strictures, an eloquent and celebrated preacher delivered in this city a lecture on "The lost Virtues" and very suitably he named first, *Truthfulness*. He was right not only as to this, the chief among the cardinal virtues but also those of generousness, fidelity, temperateness and some others; on all which, as publicly reported, he eloquently and forcibly expatiated.

It is indeed saddening and deeply injurious to society generally, when persons in the principal classes, by their writings, or in any other way, publish false and pernicious statements regarding important subjects, most especially any, as in this instance, of a Scriptural or religious nature.

I shall have to treat further of this subject of the deluge, when I come to remark on the utterances of the Dr. regarding stone and other stratas, bones, skeletons, plants, and his real or imaginary fossils and ancient remains; and other supposed geologic proofs to support his fabricated story.

There are no remaining subjects or points in this chapter which require strictures or remarks.

Chapters 13 and 14.—"The Unity and Antiquity of Man."