

of world-crusts, I say we are forced to fall back on this rock, and I do not believe any earthly power can drive us from it. From this Gibraltar our student looks over the vast graveyard of the Tertiary and Quaternary dead, and ceases to marvel that age has succeeded age, and life followed life, in the very midst of the mightiest earth revulsions. He looks back to a time when a great part of the northern hemisphere was encased in vast continental glaciers. In the ordinary course of things, as he sees them now, he can imagine no possible way by which the grip of implacable winter can be loosened. But figuring on canopy processes, as he sees them at work in the solar system on at least three of our sister planets, he may contemplate how the energies of a molten world can even come to bear on an ice-enclosed earth and change it to an Eden, as it was again and again in past ages.

Looking back, the student of Psychosophy can see a ring, by a slow but steady decline, enter the atmosphere at the earth's equator. The rotating earth and the buoyant power of the air check its downward motion in front, while it pushes onward from above. As an inevitable result he sees that ring spread sidewise into the form of a belt, and slowly but surely it forms a canopy over the whole earth, because of its tendency to fall to the poles. Into that canopy he sees the solar orb pouring its immeasurable flood of heat and *light*. In that vapor mass the sunbeams gather strength. Beneath that canopy, while the temperature increases, as it naturally would under such a greenhouse roof, no glacier could last very long. It speedily melts, and floods rush in headlong flight to the sea. Tell me, how else could "floods immeasurable" flow from continental glaciers? And yet it is the united judgment of geologists that such floods did occur. Well, if they did, the canopy must be allowed to testify; and if the canopy takes the stand, foundations will tremble and pillars tumble.

Let Saturn and Jupiter speak, and men will wonder if it be needful to freight the past with such millions of years as is usual to account for world changes. How long would it take