

In a future page I will bring this chapter in Proverbs, with overwhelming force, against this absurd invention of vast periods in the work of creation.

The Dr. proceeds as follows :—

“ In Genesis the seventh day is not said to have had an evening or morning, nor is God said to have resumed his work on any eighth day. Consequently the seventh day of creation must be still current.

Was the Dr. more than commonly bold and presumptuous, or extremely drowsy, when he penned these words, so directly contrary to the Scripture, then before him, which says :—“ On the seventh day God ended his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because that in it he has rested from all his work which God created and made.” This seems extremely plain, but the Dr. denies its truth. The question therefore is :—Who is right, and his word to be believed,—the infinitely wise and truthful God, who, in his Scripture, repeatedly declares that “ he ended all his work which he created and made, and rested on the seventh from all his work ; or Dr. Dawson, who says “ the seventh day of creation must be still current,” that is, God has not ended that work of creation, and rested, but is still carrying it forward on the seventh day.

His objection as to “ no evening and morning of the seventh day,” is weak indeed. These words, as to the six days, marked more precisely the portion of the work which was completed on each day ; and also served to confirm the truth, that the whole of the work was accomplished within the six days. The Dr. proceeds thus, on this point :—

“ The argument is not,—‘ God worked on six natural days, and rested on the seventh ; do you therefore the same.’ \* \* \* It is this,—God created the world in six of his days, and on the seventh rested : and invited man, in Eden, to enter on his rest, as a perpetual Sabbath of happiness’ But man fell, and lost God’s Sabbath. Therefore, a weekly Sabbath was prescribed to him, as a memorial of what he had lost, and a pledge of what God has promised, in the renewal of life and happiness, through our Saviour.”

Now all this is mere presumptuous invention and fiction. He does not pretend that there is any Scripture to sanction it. But the argument is also strangely inconsistent and absurd, for it says in effect that man instead of being punished for his sin and fall, was