

remained undisturbed until the advent of man. With his appearance, geological history closes, to be followed by a far higher and brighter era than any that had yet dawned upon the earth.

From this imperfect glance at what has been deciphered by man of Nature's history from the rocks around us, we may learn that there are other and higher topics in the Book of Nature than those presented in the page so accessible at home. Many, with reading it over and over so often, have grown weary of it, and are longing for something new. Yet all the while what a wealth of reading matter Nature

everywhere opens to them outside! Many of its pages, as yet, remain unread by man. Let us go out, then, into her library, and, with the experience of those who have preceded us, read for ourselves the wonders of creation therein presented. Then, when we have once properly tasted of and enjoyed her writings, we will not, as is often the case, despise both the works and the student. And although this study requires greater physical effort than those to which we have been accustomed, we shall be well repaid by the strength of body and vigor of mind acquired in its pursuit.

