

for admission into His future holy, glorious, and eternal kingdom. They feel the awful weight and obligation of the divine commands—to “preach the Word,”—declare “the whole counsel of God,”—reprove, rebuke, and exhort, “to be diligent in season and out of season,” and to “avoid profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so-called; and foolish questions and genealogies.”

Now, here, I will say, that the naturalists, and geologists, who employ themselves in searching for, and ascertaining, the plants and natural fruits; or the layers and stratas of coal, and other minerals, and stone, and other substances, which will serve for the useful purposes and comforts of life, are general benefactors, valuable members of society. But those of them who are running hither and thither, and delving in the earth, or groping about in old dens, and caves, to discover bones, stone implements, and fossil substances, or old broken pottery from the Nile, or other rivers, to serve as proofs of the age of the world, and to be laid up in museums; for the gaze of the curious,—these *pretentious* scientists are merely useless lumber in society, and some of them even dangerous *nuisances* as to divine revelation, and religious belief, especially in relation to certain classes of the youthful population, which I need not name.

If one of these *savans* finds a broken skull, a bone or tooth, a joyous shout soon goes forth in their ranks, throughout the four quarters, and discussions are held, papers written and read before associations, as to whether the *precious relic* belonged to man or beast; and especially as to its antiquity, whether 10,000 or 20,000 years, or less or more; and further, whether it belonged to the paleocomic, paleolithic, glacial, or other periods; or that “of the men of the caves and gravels.” And various decisions are given on these most important points. Finally, the treasure is laid up carefully in some museum, for the gratifying inspection of all future generations.

Away with all such *trumpery* and *rubbish* in this age of advanced civilization and intelligence, and useful activity, and real science.

The Dr. next proceeds as follows:—

“Theology claims to be, itself, one of the sciences; and as such it is necessarily imperfect and progressive, * * * but theology is not religion, and may often have very little in common either with true religion or the Bible.”