

GEOLOGICAL NOTES CONTINUED.

Read before the Geological Section.

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Much of the ignorance regarding Geological matters in Canada 'tis said, may be attributed to the influence of the published sermons and theological writings of the clergy of a former age! The Honorable Dr. A. D. White, ex-President Cornell University, in his "Chapters on the Warfare of Science," notices that even so recently as the eighteenth century we find how such great and good men as "John Wesley," "Adam Clarke," and "Richard Watson," in Geology, were hopelessly fettered by the mere letter of Scripture and by a temporary phase in theology. Now, we must not forget all our Christian Churches in Wesley's time held similar beliefs, as expressed, regarding Witchcraft, Comets, Earthquakes, How Death Came Into the World, The 'Six Days' Creation, etc. If one wishes to learn something of the views universally entertained, then we can consult the work of the United States Ambassador, the Honorable A. D. White. I find the Papers to which I refer have recently been published in England in book form (in the States, also, I suppose). I cannot say whether the scattered writings of the late Dr. Huxley have as yet assumed a similar shape. That they are important factors in dispelling theological superstition hitherto entertained is evident. His Grace of Argyle, who was put forward to oppose Huxley, appears to have fared even worse in the conflict than Archbishop McGee. He now frankly confesses he abandons the position he held regarding the Antiquity of Man, being convinced it was untenable. In the warfare of Science to-day she possesses the gates of her enemies. Her opponents may for a brief period endeavor to retard her progress; her ultimate triumph is assured.