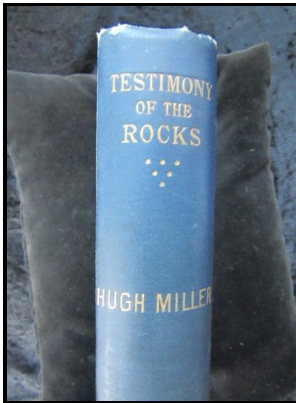


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But who in older times than we Shall live? Nor as has been somewhat rashly argued by Dr. Not until we enter on the Tertiary periods do we find floras amid which man might have profit- ably labored as a dresser of gardens, a tiller of fields, or a keeper of flocks and herds. At a later time an aut lill might be hei-e and there desried, rearing its squat, brown pyramid amid the recesses of some Oolitic forest ; or, in a period still more recent, the dam of the gigantic beaver might be seen extending its minute eye-like circlet of blue amid the windings of some bosky ravine of the Pliocene age; or existing as a little mound-skirted pond, with the rude half-submerged cottage of the creature, its architect, rising beside it, on some rivulet of the Pleisto- cene.

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They Avould act, all unwit- tingly, on the principle of Hume's famous argument, and 192 THE MOSAIC VISION prefer to rest rather on their own experience of the great phenomena of nature, than on the donbtful testunony of their ancestors, reduced in the lapse of ages to a dim, attenuated tradition. Again, the minute forked spleenwort of Arthur Seat, which rarely exceeds three inches in length, is of the same family as those tree-ferns of New Zealand and Tasmania that rise to an elevation of from twenty to thirty feet.

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Kitto and several others does it seem irrational to hold that three very extended periods should have elapsed ere the sidereal heavens became visible on earth. Both keystone and dovetail are comparatively simple contrivances ; but I know not that they have been united in the same piece, save in the very ancient instance furnished by the strong bony plate which connected the helmet of the Pterichthys with its cuirass. True, this region of the beautiful, ever surrounded by an atmosphere of obscure, ill-settled metaphysics, is greatly less clear than that mechanical provmce of whose various machines, whether of Divine or human contrivance, it can be at least affirmed that machines they are, and that they effect their purposes by

contrivances of the same or of resembling kinds.

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Lepidosteus alone reminds us in our time of these old-fashioned characters of the class of fishes as it was in former days. The great Tertiary volume corresponds to those volumes of Cuvier which treat of the placental animals that suckle their young. My labors at the time as a practical geologist had been very much aided by the TO Till-: HEADER.

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