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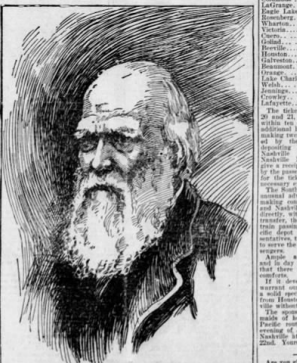
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CHARLES DARWIN, THE LEADING... MAN OF SCIENCE DURING THE...

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STORY OF PROGRESS BY GREAT... OF GEOLOGY AT DUBLIN.

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AN OPEN LETTER... TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS...

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# GREAT GEOLOGICAL MARVELS

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investigating similar crimes. The discovery of the relationships in structure of many of the cumbrous reptiles of the Mesozoic era the light limbed birds that seem to have arisen side by side with them, is one of the most striking results of these studies in comparative anatomy. While Mantell, Owen, Hulke, Seeley, and other workers have put before us the variety and richness of British reptilian remains, Marsh and Cope have attacked the American fossil vertebrates, and have restored a long series of Dinosaurs, from the Trias to the highest beds of the Cretaceous, which have given us altogether new conceptions of the age of giant reptiles. At the same time, the Permian and Triassic reptiles of Texas and South Africa have been shown to embody hints of the incoming of the mammals, the group of the "Theromorphs" being far less specialized along the reptilian line than are the reptiles of the present day. Owen's *Tritylodon*, from the Karoo beds of South Africa, remains our best preserved and oldest mammalian skull, and the recent investigation of the milk-teeth or *Orinorhynchus* has shown relationships between the earliest known animals and the lowest existing order, the monotremes.

Our knowledge of structural geology has progressed with the spread of these accurate surveys, and private workers have occasionally shown how much may be done by patient investigation of a critical district, if aided by that power of comparison and generalization which converts the work of a recorder into that of a scientific master. Professor Lapworth has thus unravelled the complex region of northwest Sutherland and has shown us, since 1883, how we have in our highlands the basal sections of truly Alpine mountain chains. Heim in Eastern Switzerland, Baltzer and others in the Central Alps, Bertrand in the Juras, Lory in Savoy and in Dauphine, have revealed the amount of intermingling and overfolding that has gone on in these regions since Oligocene times. The relations of the central granitic and gneissic cores of mountain chains to the strata upon their flank becomes one of the most interesting questions raised; and it appears that, far from being the oldest masses, thrust up from below, these cores often represent re-melted material, which flowed into its present position during the actual period of mountain building. Similarly, Dr. Lawson has shown in Canada that the "Laurentian" gneiss is intrusive in the Huronian series, and is thus, in part at any rate, by no means the fundamental mass that it was once believed to represent.

Probably no physical problem has been attacked by geologists more keenly than that of the "great ice age." Since Agassiz, Ramsay, and others pointed out, above 1850, how large a part of the northern hemisphere must have been subject to Arctic conditions of snow and ice, and that these conditions must have prevailed in quite recent geological times, theory after theory has been put forward to account for the widespread phenomena. Professor James Geike published his "Great Ice Age" in 1874—a work now in its third edition—and may be regarded as the strongest champion of the land ice theory. Gigantic glaciers, extending even from the pole, have been invoked by some, while others prefer a combination of land ice from local centres, with floating ice bringing boulders from a distance.

The cold epoch being a certainty, Dr. Croll set himself to account for it on astronomical grounds, and his elaborate theory, promulgated in "Climate and Time," in 1875, held sway over the majority of geologists. Quite recently, however, Mr. E. P. Culverwell has re-investigated the problem on a more modern basis, and regards the astronomical theory as entirely insufficient, so we may be thrown back on what were to Croll, after all, important considerations—the effect of changes in the distribution of snowfields, land, and sea, partially by causing deviations in currents of warm air and warm water.

While geology began its career as a close ally of mineralogy, the excitement of paleontological discovery for a long time caused the rocks themselves to be

little studied. The microscopic observations of Cordier on the constitution of lavas, carried out in 1815, bore little fruit until 1856 and 1858, when Dr. Sorby of Sheffield drew attention to the value of the microscope in determining the characters and mode of origin of rocks. Delesse in France had been a faithful student of polished surfaces but Sorby now introduced the general use of sections, or of powdered materials embedded in Canada balsam. The study of minerals by this method became a favorite one in Germany and France and we owe some of the most important determinative tests to Fouque, Levy, Euseubusch and Groth, to mention no other names. The establishment of the first geological laboratory by Professor Judd in 1877, whereby the teachers trained under the department of science and art, as well as the students of the royal school of mines, received practical courses of instruction, probably did more than any other influence to promote the study of rocks in the British Isles and in our colonies. The position of geology as an educational subject rests largely upon its outdoor aspects and Anglo-Saxon geologists have always preferred to base their classification of rocks upon natural relationships traceable in the field.

We have left until the last one of the most vital problems of geological research and one that gives to geology, if we may say so, its enormous moral value. When Lyell published, in 1863, his work on "The Geological Evidences of the Antiquity of Man" he was able to take up an attitude of marked opposition to the prevalent opinions of his day. Early flint implements were, even then, only beginning to be studied, and human remains are notably prone to disintegration and decay. Still, Lyell was able to point to the upper part of a skull, discovered in the Leanderthal in 1857, and to Huxley's description of it, as indicating a type of extinct humanity far lower than that of the average of the present day. Considering the paucity of very ancient human remains, the discovery of two skeletons with skulls of the Neanderthal type at Spy, in Belgium, in 1866, gave immense probability to the idea that a race of men of low average capacity may have at one time peopled the earth; and in October, 1891, Dr. Dubois excavated from volcanic sands near Trinil, in Java, the calvarium described by him as *Pithecanthropus erectus*. This portion of a skull, with a well developed thigh bone and a molar tooth, were found associated with truly extinct and also locally extinct mammalia and are referred by Dubois to an individual intermediate between man and the anthropoid apes. Other discoveries in this promising area must be looked for before geologists and anthropologists are all in accord as to the significance of these remarkable remains.

Meanwhile, Dr. Fritz Noetling, of the Indian survey, discovered artificially chipped flint implements in pliocene beds in Burmah in 1894, and has rebutted his critics with considerable appearance of success, in a second paper in *Natural Science* in April of the present year. In the February number of the same journal, Mr. W. J. Lewis Abbott records similar implements from the Cromer forest bed, and few geologists can remain who would deny to man an existence in pre-glacial times. What forms precede reasoning man may still be left in darkness, but the extreme skepticism of some archaeologists and the self satisfaction of those who have failed to follow the course of paleontological discovery can no longer check research into this difficult and fascinating field.

In conclusion, whatever impressions have been made by gifted public teachers we must never forget that each generalization in geology has been founded on a multitude of researches published in our scientific journals. Hidden away there, known only to the specialist, lie the foundation stones of the science. In the multiplication of scientific observers, in their frequent self-sacrifice, in the high dignity of their aims we may see the most stimulating outcome of the progress of these sixty years.

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