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which I see manifested in the universe an objective form, personal or otherwise, it slips away from me, declining all intellectual manipulation. I dare not, save poetically, use the pronoun 'He' regarding it. I dare not call it a 'mind.' I refuse to call it a 'cause.' Its mystery overshadows me, but it remains a mystery, while the objective forms which my neighbours try to make it fit, simply distort and desecrate it."

It is an old, old story. The "scientists" of our day are in possession of finer and more powerful instruments than our fathers had, and they have penetrated far deeper into the mysteries of the material universe; but they are only supplying to us fresh confirmations of the revealed fact that it is not by means of human philosophy, however far-seeing, that the living God is to be reached and known. "Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Professor Tyndall has been employing a method which we have good reason to believe to be unsuited to the work in which he has been using it, and the faith of no Christian man can be shaken by the information which he has published, that he has searched through the universe, and can find no trace in it of the presence of a controlling

We have not seen anywhere in this country the report of a remarkable interview which took place a good many months ago between Dr. Tyndall and a representative of the Indian Brahmo Samaj. The account appeared in the Calcutta Theistic Annual, and illustrates in such a striking way the position of the professor, that many of our readers will, we are sure, be glad to see it while the impression still lasts which has been produced on their minds by the strange article in the Fortnightly. The writer is Baboo Protap Mozooundar. After describing his introduction to Tyndall, he goes on to say:—

"My conversation with him was of course exclusively on the subject in which I am mostly interested. He seemed positively unwilling to accept the usual religious phraseology. Even to the word God, if I rightly remember, he objected. The reason for this was that he fervently disapproved of the philosophical ideas attached to such words by popular theology, the reaction against which in his mind was extreme. How far, in discarding these theological ideas, he has discarded the essential truths of simple theism, it is not easy to determine. Only it seems logical, and therefore, in the case of a man like him, true, that holding the bold and most unequivocal creed of materialism, he cannot assent to the plain propositions as to Divine nature and its relations with the universe, that to us are so sacred. But, nevertheless, the moral enthusiasm of his nature is very great, and so far supplements the deficiency of what may be technically called religious culture, that in almost denying, or very dimly perceiving, the reality of

religion as an element of man's higher intellectual consciousness, he clings tenaciously to what he calls 'the emotions,' and out of them constructs a 'Mystery,' that pervades all things. From that mystery he emerges into a 'Life,' from that into a 'Presence,' and from the 'Presence' into a 'Spirit,' which, in the language of Wordsworth quoted by him, 'impels all thinking things, all objects of all thought, and rolls through all things.' What he did not seem to like was to formulate into a fixed doctrine this 'fluent life' and 'spirit' of the universe. As for myself, I do not complain of any one coming to realize through life and emotion what I myself realize through mind, heart, and will alike; but I cannot accept the idea of a 'fluent' God that has no part in the fixity of human convictions, and of the laws that regulate all things within and without. If by 'fluent' is meant 'progressive,' that our ideas on the subject of God are ceaselessly growing with the growth of man's nature, I admit the word. But I admit it with the proviso that there is an element of fixity in it, an everlasting truth and certainty that ever develops and never declines, that would outlive the wreck of all false faith and all false philosophy. I must take the liberty of observing here that Professor Tyndall's faith in this matter seemed anything but decisive. Even in my presence there seemed to be a continual ebb and flow of conviction in his mind. The impression with which I left him was that his whole nature was glowing with a deep, vague, and transcendent sense of the Divine life, beauty, and love; but his intellect, self-bound, loyal, and logical to its creed, hesitated and failed to grasp or admit the import of that Life upon the origin, growth, facts, and laws of being. It is a gross injustice to call him an atheist. 'Working in the cold light of the understanding for many years,' he said in effect to me as we rose to part, 'we here do feel the want of the fire and vigour of that Life. It is all but extinct in England. In saying so, and in not accepting it at the hands of those who have it not, I have become unpopular. Let those who have the Life give it unto us. To you therefore in the East we look with real hope; life came from those regions once before, and it must come again. Take, therefore, my hearty sympathy and goodwill."

Two things are peculiarly suggestive in the above account. One is that Professor Tyndall is restless in his unbelief. He knows neither peace in his heart nor absolute and settled satisfaction in his own mind. The other is that, if the Baboo has not misunderstood him, he believes with Mr. Disraeli in the Great Asian Mystery! The East is the chosen land of inspiration, and if the angel Gabriel were again to visit Bethlehem, perhaps the professor's philosophy would live way to faith,

THE ROMAN LEAVEN IN ENGLAND.

A paragraph has been going the round of the newspapers, giving a list of recent secessions from the Church of England to Rome. The list is a very formidable one.

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It includes, among others, the following names:-The Rev. W. M. Hunnybun, M.A., and the Rev. Verney Cave-Brown-Cave, M.A., both of All Saints', Margaret Street; the Rev. J. R. Madan, M.A., President of the Missionary College, Warminster; the Rev. G. R. Burrows, B.A., of Liverpool; the Rev. Alfred Newdigate, M.A., vicar of Kirk Hallam, Derby; the Rev. Willis Nevins, of Southampton; the Rev. H. J. Pye, rector of Clifton-Campville; the Rev. George B. Yard, M.A. (brother of Canon Yard, just elected Proctor in Convocation); the Rev. John Higgins, B.A., curate to Prebendary Clarke, of Taunton; the Rev. Septimus Andrews, M.A., student of Christ Church and vicar of Market Harborough; the Rev. C. H. Moore, M.A., student of Christ Church; W. M. Adams, B.A., Fellow of New College; Rev. W. C. Robinson, M.A., also Fellow of New College, Oxford; the Rev. F. Down, and F. M. Wyndham, of St. George's East; the Rev. George Akers, of Malling, Kent; the Rev. Gordon Thompson, of Christ Church, Albany Street; C. Moncrieff Smith, of Cheltenham; the Rev. Reginald Tuke, of St. Mary's, Soho; the Rev. M. Tyler, of Oriel College; the Very Rev. Dr. Fortescue (brother-in-law of Archbishop Tait); the Rev. W. Humphrey, of Dundee; the Rev. T. H. Grantham, of Slifod; the Rev. Lord Francis G. G. Osborne, of Elim; and the Rev. R. S. Hawkes, of Morwenstow.

In view of this calamitous outflow of the life-blood from his communion, one reads with a sort of dazed feeling the peroration wherewith the Bishop of Lichfield ended his inaugural address at the Stoke Church Congress. "I cannot doubt," said he, "that the Anglican Church is the true centre round which may be rallied in God's own time all the scattered forces of those who agree in accepting Holy Scripture as their standard of faith, and the creeds of the undivided Church as their summary of doctrines. Stretching out her arms to the great English-speaking race, now widely scattered round the earth; welcoming to her communion the Old Catholic, the Greek, the Russian, the Lutheran, the Scandinavian, the Wesleyan; bearing with any errors she may discern in other branches of the Church as she hopes her own may be forgiven; agreeing with them in well-defined statements of necessary and fundamental truth; commending herself to Jew and Gentile by her visible unity—she may press on to the development of a catholicity as wide and as complete as is possible to be attained, until Rome, awaking from her dream of universal empire, shall be content to be, what she was at Nice and at Ephesus, one among many living stones, built up into one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone."

No one knows better than the Bishop—for he has been in Australia and America—that the Episcopal Church, while it is the largest and most influential of the English denominations, is, after all, among the smallest of the Protestant sects, when the Churches of the Reformation are viewed together. Yet, when he calls up before his

mind's-eye the vision of a reunited Christendom, he looks east and west, to Rome and Constantinople and Copenhagen, and has not one crumb of comfort to cast to those of his own kith and kin that lie near his own door. Yes! he has a friendly word to speak to one of the outcast races. There is a place of repentance still for the Wesleyan! But of the descendants of the Puritans in England,-of those who, in Ireland and Scotland, have the blood of the Covenanters in their veins; of those across the Atlantic whose fathers went over in the Mayflower,—he has apparently no more recollection as fellow-Christians than if they had been heathen Malagasy needing to be evangelized. Well, well! All we shall trust ourselves to say in the way of criticism is, that the bishop's position is a very melancholy one. It may be that the Church of England is in the centre of things, and is to form the nucleus of a new Church Catholic; but if so, we trust that, when the critical time comes, its guiding spirits shall be men who shall be able to recognize the Christianity of a Puritan as well as of a Papist.

And here, by the way, we may note that a new Church Quarterly Review has appeared, with a great flourish of trumpets, for the defence of the faith. Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Beresford Hope are among the contributors to its first number. But here is its own account of its position:—" Our own standpoint is that of progressive English High Churchmen of Tractarian Extraction, who will neither admit that the modern Ritualists can show any right to dictate to their more prudent and more Anglican and national brother High Churchmen, nor that those High Churchmen are justified in abandoning the Ritualists, because of some waywardness, to the ravages of the Puritan wolf."

There is not much that is hopeful there! The alarming thing about England at present is, that among too many there is more fear, a great deal, of the Puritan wolf than of the Papal bear.

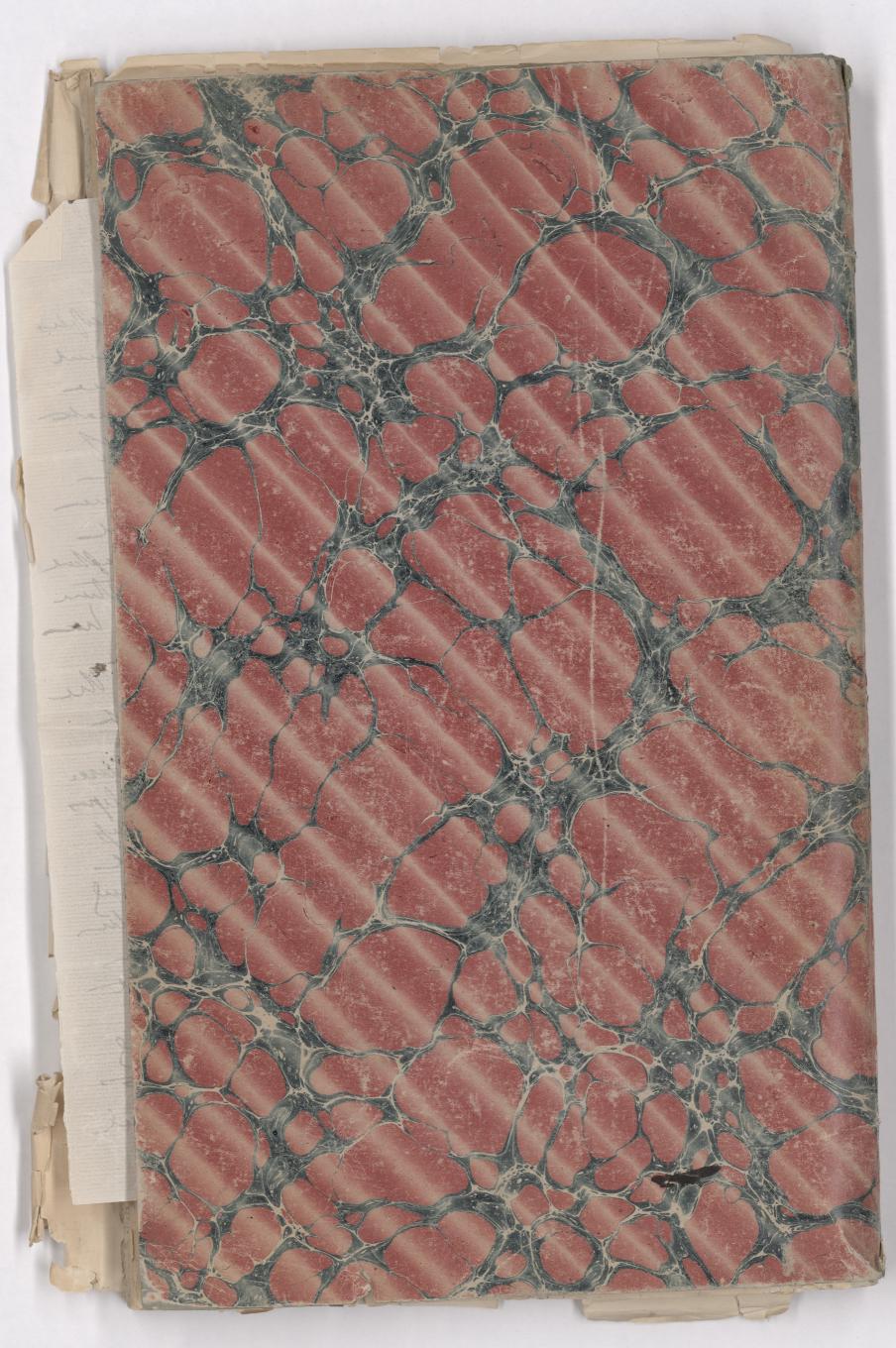
MR. MACLAREN OF MANCHESTER.

It is rather remarkable that at least three of the most popular preachers in England at this moment are Baptists. We refer to Mr. Spurgeon, Mr. Arthur Mursell, and Mr. Maclaren of Manchester. Of these three, the man of the truest genius is unquestionably Mr. Maclaren. His sermons are not only deeply interesting to listen to, but they can bear being read once and again. Having a mind which is at once fresh, original, and well-informed, his treatment of any theme he may take up is always striking and suggestive; and this, with his clear, rich, and vigorous diction, has secured for his discourses circles of readers within which even the Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit has never penetreted.

Mr. Maclaren has recently been appearing in what, to us at least, seems an unwonted character—as an ecclesiastic. He has been called to the most honourable position which his denomination can offer—that of y melling dup fil spirit V. Soo mulus Jus

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is timately, however, it was not found practicable to organize an expedition from the Cape, and so the English observations of the eclipse were confined to those taken at Grenada. I have heard that the day of the eclipse was r fine at Benguela, but there were no astronomers of any nation there to take advantage of it. It may be doubted, i-however, whether, in spite of the fineness, the haze which n- is said to prevail so much on that coast at that time of ty vations

Rock disintegration in hot, moist climates. Some remarks of Nordenskiöld, in his 'Voyage of the Vega,' pp. 707-713, relating to precious stones, suggest the thought that the marked differences which occur as to the manner and rate of the weathering of granting rocks at the parth and at the court. ering of granitic rocks at the north and at the south

can hardly be so familiar to European scientific men as they are to American observers. At the south it is common enough to find soils that have been formed 'in place,' from the thorough and deep-seated chemical decomposition of the rocks on which they rest; while at the north, well-marked disintegration of this sort is rarely met with, even in places where the observer is not perplexed and confused by the mechanical results of glacial action. The subject has often been alluded to by American geologists, working in our southern states, notably by Professors Kerr of North Carolina, and Stubbs of Alabama, who have expressed themselves in the following terms: Speaking of the geologic formation which, "after hugging the east side of the Appalachian chain of mountains and forming some of the most valuable farming lands of the Atlantic states, enters the central eastern part of Alabama," Professor Stubbs says, "The rocks which by disintegration have given the soils of this section are mainly granites, gneisses, feldspars, horn-blendes, mica-schists, etc.; and much the greater part of the section is covered by soils which have resulted from disintegration of the above-mentioned rocks in situ. And here I may remark a notable feature of these soils,—a feature which cannot fail to arrest the attention of every northern geologist: viz., that decomposition of these rocks in southern latitudes has proceeded much farther than with the same rocks in higher latitudes, and therefore has given us deeper soils. It is difficult to find in the north a soil over a few feet deep; while here it is not uncommon to find in railroad-cuts, wells, etc., disintegrated strata to the depth of thirty, fifty, or even seventy-five feet. This can be accounted for to a large extent by climatic influences. The warm waters, charged with carbon dioxide, percolating throughout the year the easily permeable strata, act continuously as a chemical agent in the work of disintegration; while farther north not only the amount of water, the temperature, and can hardly be so familiar to European scientific men

is here given in condensed form.

"Precious stones occur in Ceylon mainly in sand-beds, especially at places where streams of water have flowed which have rolled, crumbled down, and washed away a large part of the softer constituents of the sand, so that a gravel has been left which contains more of the harder precious-stone layer than the originally sandy strata or the rock from which they originated. Where this natural washing ends, the gem collector begins. He searches for a suitable valley, digs down a greater or less depth from the surface to the layer of clay mixed with coarse sand resting on the rock, which experience has taught him to contain gems. . . The yield is very variable, sometimes abundant, sometimes very small. . . . Sapphires are found much more commonity than rubies . . . The precious stones occur in nearly every river valley which runs from the mountain-heights in the interior of the island down to the lowland. . . . But some one perhaps will ask, Where is the mother-rock of all these treasures in the soil of Cey-

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lon? The question is easily answered. All these minerals have once been embedded in the granitic gneiss which is the principal rock of the region" (and which weathers readily)...." In weathering, the difficulty decomposable precious stones have not been attacked, or attacked only to a limited extent: they have therefore retained their original form and hardness. When in the course of thousands of years, streams of water have flowed over the weathered rock, the softer constituents have been for the most part changed into a fine mud, and as such washed away, while the hard gems have only been inconsiderably rounded and little diminished in size. The current of water, therefore, has not been able to wash them far away from the place where they were originally embedded in the rock; and we now find them collected in the gravel-bed, resting for the most part on the fundamental rock which the stream has left behind, and which afterwards, when the water has changed its course, has been again covered by new layers of mud, clay, and sand... Of all the kinds of stones which are used for ornaments, there are both noble and common varieties, without there being any perceptible difference in their chemical composition. The most skilful chemist would have difficulty in finding, in their chemical composition, the least difference between corundum and sapphire or ruby; between common beryl and emerald; between the precious and common topaz; between the hyacinth and the common zircon; between precious and common spinel: and every mineralogist knows that there are innumerable intermediate stages between these minerals which are so dissimilar, though absolutely identical in composition. This gave the old naturalists occasion to speak of ripe and unripe precious stones. They said that in order to ripen precious stones the heat of the south was required. This transference of well-known circumstances from the vegetable to the mineral kingdom is certainly without justification. It points, however, to a remarkable and hitherto unexplai

To the writer of this note, it seems more reasonable to suppose that the greater abundance of noble gems in southern climates should be attributed to the more active and thorough-going disintegration which more active and thorough-going disintegration which occurs in those regions, and to the consequent—comparatively speaking—enormous accumulation and concentration of the precious minerals, as above suggested. Other things might be far from being equal, and yet the chance of finding a stone of price be greater in a heap of ten thousand rough jewels than in a collection which contains but a few score.

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Auroras are exceedingly rare phenomena in southern California; yet we had the pleasure of witnessing one Nov. 17, at which time a great electric storm raged over North America and Europe. The photographic traces during the time from Nov. 10 to Nov. 20 are very interesting; as they have preserved a perfect record of the twitchings and jerkings, large and small, fast and slow, to which the magnets were subjected during this time.

A slight shock of earthquake was reported here on Jan. 23, about 5.20 p.m. I was on the street, and did not feel it; and so far as I can detect no harm was done at the observatory.

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TRYON'S CONCHOLOGY.

Structural and systematic conchology: an introduction to the study of the Mollusca; by George W. Tryon, Jr. Vol. I. Philadelphia, the author. 1882. 8 + 312 p., cuts, 22 pl. 8°.

WE have received the first volume of Mr. Tryon's new work (to be completed in three volumes), intended as an introduction to the study of the mollusks. This portion consists

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The oldest rock seen in passing from Beyrout around the point by the Lighthouse and Pigeon Island is the cretaceous limestone, which at this place is remarkably rich in large flint Upon the limestone rests a soft grey sandstone, used for building in the town, and containing in places frag-ments of recent shells. It is similar in its character to the modern sandstone of the Jaffa coast, and is, no doubt, of the same age. At one of the quarries a stratum of indurated deep red sand was seen to occur in the middle of the grey beds, and large sand-pipes, which traverse the grey beds perpendicularly, were filled with the same red sand, which also overlies the grey beds, and forms the surface of the highest part of the point, where it is more or less covered with loose wind-blown sand of a greyish colour. In one place, the lower grey sandstone was seen to be about forty feet in thickness, and the red sand is in some places as much as ten feet in thickness. The summit of these deposits rises as high as 250 feet above the sea-level. These sands are, probably, in great part products of the waste of the red and grey arenaceous beds of the lignitiferous zone of the Lebanon cretaceous, which occurs in the hills some distance behind. They belong to the modern or Pleistocene age, and to a time when the coast was submerged to the amount of 250 feet below its present level. At a place called the Bishop's Garden, behind Beyrout, and opposite the mouth of the ravine of the Beyrout river, there occurs a thick bed of grey and red conglomerate, capped with red sand, and which I believe to be a more inland representative of the coast deposit.

At the Ras of Beyrout the bed of red sand contains no stones or other foreign bodies, except near the surface, where it seems to have been disturbed and re-deposited by the action of the rain-water; but on its surface it holds small

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stones, fragments of coarse pottery, and even of glass, and flint flakes and implements, which are partly covered with blown sand (Pl. II.). Among the stones I found fragments of vesicular trap, which may have been imported for millstones, and a small piece of Egyptian granite. All these bodies are mixed together, without anything to determine their relative ages, and they are most abundant at the surface of the red sand, and immediately under the drifted sand, or where it has been removed by the wind. The flint flakes are much whitened by weathering, and evidently of great antiquity, and with them are many large and irregular flakes, probably rejected as useless. A few spear and arrow heads have been found at this place. I found only one fragment of a lance or spear, but this had evidently been worked with some skill by pressure on the edges, in the manner now employed by the American Indians (Pl. I., Fig. 1). A small flake of obsidian, with a rounded indentation at the edge, as if intended for use as a hollow scraper, was also found, and may indicate the

importation of this material for the manufacture of implements. The fact that these flint implements occur along with pottery and other city refuse, probably implies that they belong to the historic period; and the reason of their occurrence here may be that the place was occupied by native tribes who came to trade with or to attack the Phœnician colony; or that it was resorted to by such people, because of the abundance of good flint in the limestone near this place. The deposit might thus seem to connect the time of the foundation of the early Phænician colony with that of the later flint folk. It is, however, possible that an older deposit of flints may have subsequently been buried with city refuse, which is still being carted out to this place; or, on the other hand, that the citizen of Bourtes may have continued to use hand, that the citizens of Berytus may have continued to use flint flakes and arrows at the same time with pottery, and when they were building edifices of stone.

A curious instance of this connexion was mentioned to me by Mr. Sarruf, of the Beyrout College. He had found in a grave in the Lebanon, lance-heads of bronze and copper, along with flint flakes, thus showing the continued use of the latter after the natives had obtained weapons of bronze. On the other hand, Dr. Jessup, of the American Mission, has found, near Tyre, ancient tombs excavated in the bone-breccias of older

prehistoric caverns.

Thus, in the Lebanon, we appear to have evidence of antediluvian or post-glacial cave-dwellers, belonging to the earliest known races of men, and of later Troglodytes and flint people, who must have continued in the country till it was colonised

by the Canaanites and Phœnicians, and who may have occupied the remoter glens of the mountains down to a comparatively

It is to be observed here that the present bare condition of these mountains must be quite different from their primitive state, when they must have been clothed with forests, and were probably inhabited by many kinds of game long since extinct. In this state, also, they would be much more abundantly watered than at present, and would possess a

more equable, though on the whole cooler, climate.

It is also interesting to note the possible connexion of at least the later cave-dwellers of the Lebanon with some of those primitive peoples referred to by Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy, as having inhabited Palestine before its colonisa-

tion by the Canaanites and Semites.

If we endeavour, in conclusion, to sum up the later geological history of the Lebanon district, we may conclude that, like other parts of Syria, it experienced considerable elevatory movements at the close of the Eocene period, and further elevation in the Pliocene; that in the Pleistocene period it was submerged to the extent of several hundred feet, and at this time many of the ancient sea-cliffs and caverns were cut; and that in the early modern or post-glacial age it partook of the elevation which at this time seems to have affected the whole coasts of the Mediterranean. It may have been in this time of elevation, when there was probably much more land at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, that men first appeared and took possession of the country, and established themselves in the caves. These, however, they probably occupied only at those seasons when they needed such shelter, or when they resorted to the hills in pursuit of game. They may have had other stations, now submerged, in the low grounds or by the sea-coast. This state of things was closed by the great post-glacial submergence or deluge, of which we are now finding so many evidences in different parts of the world, and after this the present geographical conditions were established, and the period of history commenced. In this, the country, then wooded and tenanted by wild animals, was first occupied by rude tribes, probably of Turanian or Hamite origin, and afterwards by the more civilised Phœnicians.

he logists attach so much importance to the prosecution of the inquiry that, at the suggestion of the Delta Committee, an application was made to the Government Grant Committee for a grant of £500, which was acceded to by the complex of the inquiry to the extent contemplated, but it was thought that, with such a sum as a nucleus, extraneous pecuniary assistance might be obtained from societies or individuals specially interested in the inquiry, and the council have authorized the Delta Committee to avail themselves of such aid. The Copley medal for the year has been awarded to the eminent botanist, your former president, Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker. It is impossible, within the limits to do more than briefly refer to some of the more salient features of his scientific career, extending as it does over the really half a century of unceasing intellectual activity; and I need hardly say that in attempting to give some idea of important labours which lie outside my own studies I ard traveller he can, perhaps, only compare with Humboldt in the extent to which he has used travel as an instrument of the present. To quote a remark by Professor Asa Gray, "No botanist of the present century, perhaps of any time,

Prof. Dawkins has been so kind as to examine in a preliminary manner the specimens of teeth, &c., collected, and has authorised me to state that the breccia from the Pass of Nahr-el-Kelb contains remains of Rhinoceros (probably R. tichorhinus), Cervus, Bos, and Equus. In the earth of the probably more modern cave of Ant Elias are teeth of the hog, and of the goat or sheep, and an antler of the roe-deer. These facts are sufficient to indicate the earlier date of the Nahr-el-kelb caverns, as stated above; but more detailed examination of the fragments of breccia collected will, no doubt, develope other points of interest. It is to be observed here that at the Nahr-el-Kelb River, Lartet has found a rock shelter which contains remains similar to those of Ant Elias, but these have not yet been found in connexion with the old caverns at the Pass.

In the breccia of Nahr-el-Kelb there are large and small knives of the ordinary form, curved flakes roughly chipped at one side, triangular flakes chipped at the edges (Pls. II. and III.), and a flake with the point rounded, and slightly chipped as if for a scraper. There are also remains of cores, and many minute chips, indicating that implements were made on the spot. No large implements of the Palæolithic type were observed. No charcoal was noticed, but a few of the fragments of bone have a brown colour, as if from exposure to fire. Some of the flint knives are perfectly fresh on their

surfaces, others are much whitened and decayed.

In Plate III. I have represented some additional flint implements worked out from the breccia of the Nahr-el-Kelb Pass. Fig. 1 is a knife or scraper partly embedded in the breccia. One side has been shaped by fine chipping, or perhaps worn by use in scraping. Fig. 2 is part of a large flake, which may originally have been a spear or lance, but has been much worn at one side by use as a knife or scraper. Fig. 3 is a flake, which has had a curved notch chipped in one end, and the upper side chipped by use. Fig. 4 is a rough one-edged knife, much worn and chipped. Fig. 5 may possibly have been the end of a spear or arrow. Besides these there was found in a mass of the breccia a fragment of a stone hammer of diorite, broken by use. It may have been a naturally smoothed stone, or may have been artificially polished. As this kind of stone is not found at the locality, it may have been brought from some distance. It was reduced to a very fragile condition by decay of its felspar. There was also found in the breccia a fragment of crystalline alabaster, which may have been employed in the manufacture of ornaments, but no carvings or ornaments were observed.

In the cave earth at Ant Elias there are numerous and well-made flint knives (Pl. II., Figs. 2, 3). Some of these are very thin and delicate. There are also scrapers rounded and chipped at the edges, and many cores and minute flakes. A few of the fragments of bone are distinctly charred. Some of the knives and bones are encrusted with stalagmitic matter, but not in sufficient quantity to cement them together; and at the sides and front of the cave there are knives and fragments of bone enclosed in stalagmite, which is of a different colour and texture from that of Nahr-el-Kelb, and contains shells of a small Helix. Several specimens of the large edible Helix were found in the cave earth, and one shell of a small Turbo. No implements other than knives and scrapers were found, except a pointed instrument about four inches in length, and an inch thick at the butt, which had been roughly fashioned out of limestone.

According to Lartet (Comptes Rendus, 1864), Dr. Hedenborg was the first to direct attention to the Ant Elias caves, but he does not seem to have examined their contents. M. Botta was the first to notice the rock shelters near the Nahr-el-Kelb River, which Lartet himself afterwards explored, and which are obviously more modern in their contents than the breccias

of the Nahr-el-Kelb Pass.

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