

some of which are referable to the *Emydians*, and others to the *Trionyces*. From the gypsum beds, near Paris, the remains of one or two species of *Trionyx* have been obtained (*Oss. Foss.* Tom. V. p. 222.), of another at Aix, in Provence, and of three or four species in other localities. The fossil remains of *Testudinata*, or land-tortoises, are exceedingly rare. No remains of this kind are known in the British strata;* the impressions of horny scutes found in the Oolitic slate of Stonesfield, and the foot-prints above described, being the only indications of the existence of these reptiles. The presence of land-tortoises in the strata of France appears to be equally problematical, for the relics obtained from Montmartre and Aix (*Oss. Foss.* p. 245.), afford no certain data as to the character of the original. But the Tertiary formations of India have furnished decided examples of fossil terrestrial tortoises; and among the innumerable relics of the beings of an earlier world, which the indefatigable labours of Dr. Falconer and Captain Cautley have brought to light, and which those accomplished naturalists have so skilfully developed, are the remains of land tortoises of prodigious mag-

* At the head of British *Chelonia* (*Brit. Rep.* p. 190.), *T. Duncani* (*Owen*), is placed; but the Report does not contain the description of any Chelonian remains that can be referred to this species; and I am not aware of any other notice by Professor Owen.