

The principal tracks on this slab are as follow; viz.—

- Fig. 1 to 1, directed from below upwards, is a track consisting of six large footsteps.
- 2 to 2, from above downwards; a track of four foot-prints, disposed almost in a right line, and very far apart.
- 3 to 3, a track of five foot-prints, from above downwards, of a large, heavy bird, like fig. 1.
- 4 to 4, from above, downwards, four foot-prints like fig. 2, disposed in a nearly straight track, and far apart.
- 5, a track of five heavy foot-prints, directed obliquely upwards.
- 6 to 6, five foot-prints of a large bird, in a track from below upwards.
- 7, a series of five delicate foot-prints.
- 8 to 8, a track of eleven very small foot-prints, disposed in zig-zag, and extending obliquely from the right extremity to the upper edge of the slab.
- 9 to 9, a track of four large and distant foot-prints, passing obliquely across the stone from left to right.

This description will suffice to give the reader a general idea of the nature of these extraordinary impressions. A few shapeless fragments of bones are the only vestiges of the skeletons of any animals, with the exception of fishes, that have been found in the strata which have furnished the slabs of Ornithichnites; but some Coprolites have been discovered, which, from a chemical analysis, Dr. Deane informs me, seem to have belonged to omnivorous birds. The enormous size of some of the foot-marks are calculated to excite great surprise. I have in my possession (through the kindness of Dr. Deane) imprints that prove the size of the foot to have been fifteen inches in length, and ten inches in width, exclusive of the hind claw, which is two inches long. The foot-prints of this bird when in a consecutive series of five or six, are from four to six feet apart; which, of course, must have been the length of the stride of the bird; the longest stride was probably made by the