

and that prolixity is thus unavoidably entailed on the controversialist who labors to set right what his antagonist has set wrong. The promulgator of error may be lively and entertaining, whereas his pains-taking confutator runs no small risk of being tedious and dull. May I, however, solicit the forbearance of the reader, if, after already spending much time in skirmishing on ground taken up by the enemy, — one of the disadvantages incident to the mere defendant in a controversy of this nature, — I spend a little more in indicating what I deem the proper ground on which the standing of the earlier vertebrata should be decided. To the test of *brain* I have already referred, as all-important in the question : I would now refer to the test of what may be termed *homological symmetry of organization*.