Mary Buckland on Evangelical Reaction to Deep Time.

“You ask how the Bridgewater treatise goes on; ... The geology is finished but the minerology has advanced but little ... By way of encouragement to my husband’s labours, we have had the Bampton Lecturer[1] holding forth in St. Mary’s [College] against all modern science, (of which it need scarcely be said he is profoundly ignorant) but more particularly enlarging on the heresies and infidelities of geologists, denouncing all who assert that world was not made in 6 days as obstinate unbelievers, etc etc ... Alas! My poor husband. Could he be carried back a century, fire and faggot would have been his fate, and I daresay our Bampton Lecturer would have thought it his duty to assist at such an ‘Auto da Fé’.”[2] [Letter of 12 May, 1833 to Wm. Whewell, Doctor of Divinity and author of the 3rd Bridgewater Treatise.]

[1] A series of sermons delivered annually at Oxford University.