

the western continent." I will not encumber my page or offend or weary my reader with the whole of this American Genesis as the Dr. might call it, but give here a few lines containing all the principal parts of it.

"And the heaven was formed, and all the signs thereof set in their line and alignment, and its boundaries fixed towards the four winds, by the creator, and former, and mother and father of life and existences. * * * Behold the first word and the first discourse. There was yet no man, nor any animal. * * * Nothing but the firmament. The face of the earth had not yet appeared over the peaceful sea. * * * So now, how the heavens exist, how exists also the heart of heaven, such is the name of God. It is thus that he is called. And they spoke, they consulted together and meditated, they mingled their words and their opinions." "And the creation (of the earth) was verily after this wise. Earth they said and on the instant it was formed, like a cloud or a fog was its beginning. Then the mountains rose over the water like great fishes; in an instant the mountains and the plains were visible and the cypress and the pine appeared."

The Dr. has surely committed a great mistake or blunder in introducing this American Genesis, for it will go far to injure or destroy that part of his story in another part of his book, which says that the whole time or period, during which creation has been going on, is at least one hundred millions of years, which would give for his six periods of creation a little over sixteen millions of years for the works of each period; certain specified or assigned portions of it being performed during each period. But the plain and sensible Indian Chronieler, though not an L. L. D., says and repeats it, that the works were done the *instant* the word was given. However, this point as to time may be determined by readers as between him and the Dr.; it is quite certain that the Indian has the advantage of the Dr. as regards the wisdom and power of the creator, and with reference to the time occupied in performing the work.

The Dr. proceeds with his story in the following words:—

"We now come to the historical connection of all this with Abraham. * * * Himself of the stock of Shem, he dwelt in Ur of the Chaldees, a city in whose ruins now known by the name