

soil he treads, this fact will account for the diversity and vast variety of the races. If physical causes have such overwhelming effects, why seek for other causes of variety among the different tribes of men? The fair inference from this mass of facts, (although collected for another purpose, and their application only incidental,) the fair inference, I say, would go to establish the **UNITY OF THE HUMAN RACE.**

It may be humbling to human pride to admit that men degenerate when transplanted from one zone to another, still the knowledge of this fact will not be the less useful and important. It will arouse the zeal and stimulate the exertion of civilized emigrants to the southern zone to overcome the ever present causes of degeneracy which surround them.

It may derogate from what is called the dignity of human nature, by making man, to a limited extent, a slave of the elements;—but let us remember that man is only in the infancy of his existence, that he is only beginning to live while on the earth.

“His knowledge fitted to his state and place;
His time a moment and a point his space.”

The true dignity of man is founded upon the admitted philosophical fact of his being destined for eternity,—for immortality.

No view of the human race from the earliest history of civilized or savage tribes can be complete; and every theory on the subject must be subversive of sound philosophy, inconsistent with the wisdom and goodness of God, and deplorably defective that does not admit the **ETERNITY OF MAN.**

Here I shall close. I am willing to wait until future and further discoveries are made in the Austral zone. It is necessary to pause until some of the Cimmerian darkness is dispelled that now broods over the “unfinished fates” of the natives of New-Holland. At present, little more is known of the interior of that island than of the surface of one of the satellites of Saturn. J. L.

It is unnecessary to add any thing by way of argument, to show the important bearing of this mass of evidence on the subject of the volume, except a single remark.

A difference has been shown to exist between the Mexican and Peruvian races, although they were one family. If, then, evidence can be produced proving that natural causes effect differences in the same families ever all the world, the point is established that original unity may be fairly inferred.

Again, the whole tenor of the main volume goes to prove the unity of the human race by plain and credible narrative of the peopling of America. This essay has added numerous facts strongly confirming this truth and drawn from other sources. J. D. Jr.

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