

on the Chaldee clay tablets, or that by the Sachem of Western America, or that of some ancient Seer, whose existence and Genesis have not yet been discovered. The Dr. next gives the Title:—

“The Mosaic Genesis.”

Well, now, surely the Dr. will give us something like a *real living Genesis* to work upon. But he makes a very fatal beginning, for he says:—

“In the period of 400 years, intervening between Abraham’s departure from Ur, and the exodus of Isral from Egypt, no great prophetic mind like that of the Father of the Faithful appeared among the Hebrews.”

Now, as to Abraham, the Lord said of him to Abimelech, “he is a prophet” (Gen. 20) but probably this only meant a true religious teacher; for there is not in the whole history of Abraham, or in any part of Scripture, a single instance of his predicting or foretelling any facts or events. But here the Dr. may be asked if he ever read the 49th chapter of this same book of Genesis, the first chapter of which, as to its true liberal meaning, he is endeavoring to pervert, and thus may as to some persons, especially youth, weaken or destroy its sacred authority. That chapter commences as follows:—“And Jacob called unto his sons and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.” And then beginning with Reuben, the eldest, he foretold to each of the twelve in regular succession the character and future history of his tribe; and all of the predictions have been accurately fulfilled. Of Judah he gave one of the most sublime and extended prophecies contained in the Scriptures, concerning our Lord and his kingdom in the following words:—“The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor a law giver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.” This last clause foretells the conveyance of the knowledge of Christianity to all the nations of the world. Surely then, Jacob, by divine impartation possessed a “prophetic mind” in the very highest degree. His son Joseph also had the prophetic mind or gift, for he accurately foretold the final results of the dreams of his two fellow prisoners, and also the seven years of plenty and the seven of famine. The Dr. must in future read the Scriptures carefully before he writes concerning them, and thus avoid the display of his ignorance of their contents. A mistake in geology is, of little importance, but