to their actual solution. Our investigations are everywhere hampered by a lack of accurate knowledge, sometimes even by that of any knowledge.

The only conclusions at which we have arrived are these: that the ethnography of the inland tribes and of those inhabiting the northern and southern parts of the coast must be studied before we can solve the question as to the origin of Northwest American culture, and that the latter has had its origin in three different regions and among three different peoples.

Nore .-- In explanation of some of the above phonetic equivalents :---

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tl

e

c (ital.) = e in "answer." a deep guttural. German ch in "Bach." \_\_\_\_ h (ital.) = German ch in "ich." exploded 1. th in "thin."

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