

**THE WORSHIP AND TRADITIONS OF THE
ABORIGINES OF AMERICA; or their Testimony
to the Religion of the Bible.**—By REV. M. EELLS,
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“**T**O undertake to trace ethnic relations between widely-separated peoples, by similarity of manners and customs, is an uncertain guide. Man, apart from his improvable reason, has, what we call in the higher animals, instinct; and, as the beaver everywhere constructs his dam according to a definite plan, so will man perform certain acts instinctively, after a certain manner. Hence among barbarous nations we may expect to find a similarity of manners and customs, without necessarily supposing that they are the result of inheritance; but, when we come to the higher manifestations of art, the result of improvable reason, there are found certain characters, original and unique, which become infallible guides in tracing national affinities.”*

* Foster's *Prehistoric Races of America*, p. 310.

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