

various cities, and inscribed the legends on clay tablets; that Abraham, in some way or other, got a copy of these legends, and revised and purified them, according to his sense of propriety; that he carried the traditions of his people, as heir looms, from Chaldea into Canaan; that in the course of time and events, but the Dr. does not say *how* these heir looms came into the possession of Moses, and were incorporated by him in the Pentateuch. But the most marvellous part of the story is that the Dr. says "there can be little doubt that Abraham, before he left Chaldea had read the same creation legends that have been recently translated by Mr. Smith." Yet the Dr. has said that they were inscribed on the tablets about B. C. 673, which was upwards of 1000 years after Abraham's death.

I request the reader to excuse this long digressive summary of wonderful events, of which the world was entirely ignorant, until now that Dr. Dawson has obtained the honor and distinction of having revealed them.

As to the "conclusions of geology concerning the earth's early history," I repeat that facts and proofs must here, as on every other subject, *precede* assertions and conclusions. What would be thought of a counsel in a court of law, who, in opening his case, gave all its material particulars and drew his conclusions from them; and then without offering any proof sat down and asked for a verdict in favor of his client. He would at once be greeted with laughter and ridicule. Now this has been the course of the Dr. all along, in submitting his theories and arguments. He has abounded in conjectures, suppositions, probabilities, perhaps's and assertions, but has not given a single applicable or well founded fact or event, to give a favorable color to his story.

His next statement for remark is as follows:—

"The most common rocks of our continents are conglomerates, sandstones, shales and slates; all of which are made up of the debris of older rocks, broken down into gravel, sand or mud, and then re-cemented."

Where is the proof of this breaking down and re-cementing? Were you Dr. or any of your geologic brethren present and witnessed the proceedings, or did you get the information through the old Seer, or from the clay tablets of Assurbanipal's Scribes, or the American Indian chronicles? It is mere invention, and that