

more interesting to those who follow its progress through the writings and discoveries, of the learned world, from time to time made public.

Let us examine briefly into the extent of the subject and the theories formed thereon by those devoted to it.

In the beginning saith the Scripture : " The Spirit of God *is* fluttering on the face of the waters." There was no visible land. The solid crust, imprisoning the central fire, had not yet been shaken by that mighty element. Afterwards, when by shocks, rendings, and distortions, this outer covering was marred, table lands and peaks appeared above the universal ocean. America was the first to rise from the depths, notwithstanding the greater pretensions of the " Old " European Continent. Canada in the laurentides shows the most manifest indications of these first upheavals.

Why then has not the soil of America, prepared so early, nursed one of the first branches of the human family ? There is nothing that seems to contradict this. At a later period the immigration movement towards America as far as we know, took place under conditions in no way superior to that of the sons of Adam when they partitioned the world among themselves. It is quite probable that some families early reached America and that they were as prosperous as their brethren remaining in Asia. Both Continents were physically united in the geological past, even now in spite of earthquakes, volcanoes, and the resistless ocean, the chain uniting them can hardly be said to be broken. Can we without believing that this Continent was inhabited at an exceedingly ancient period, explain the many remarkable monuments now found existing over a vast extent of its surface.

The plains of the West, New Mexico, California, and the Isthmus of Panama, are the repositories of these marvels of the unknown past. Cities of vast extent, gigantic erections, works seemingly fabulous, shew traces of a civilization which has left no written history. Yet these are its history ; they