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My dear
 Dear George

Your of March 20, are lined yesterday. I am glad you are reading Bancroft. He gives a vast amount of information, though his powers of reasoning on his facts are not great. I have no doubt he is quite right as to the Colonization theory. Wilson has taken this up also in his new edition of Prehistoric Man - there being apparently three lines of entrance of the Red Men - one by the Atlantic and West Indies, one by the Pacific and one by Behring's Strait, as I mapped it some years ago in the same way.

As to the tradition of the deluge and the Creation, there

Can now be no doubt as to the
primitive character of some
them. The Chaldean Genesis,
as read by Smith, is even nearer
to them than that of the
Hille, and the Chaldean
Genesis is in substance as old
at least as the time of
Abraham. I have just written
an article on this for the
~~Contemporary~~ International Review,
and shall send you a copy.

It appears now from
Smith's ~~own~~ reading of the
Chaldean Tablets, that the
art of writing was known at
least 2000 B.C. & in the
time of Abraham, and that
there already existed at
that time in Chaldean
accounts of Creation and
the Flood substantially the
same with our Genesis, but

in which the old chaos, the sea,
the Firmament, the Heavens
bodies &c, were regarded
as secondary created divinities.
This genius Abraham may
have read when a boy;
but he became a sort of
Amentia or protestant, eliminating
all the subordinate gods and
adhering to one, or adopting
some still older version
in which it was so repre-
sented. This modified
or puritan genius was
what Moses long afterwards
copied & edited. But
it was the unmodified or
polytheistic version which
found its way to America
and most other countries.
The original author must
have been some Deen or
prophet going back of the

The time of Abraham. These
new facts of Smith's sweep away
a vast amount of learned
 rubbish, and explain a
great deal that was before
doubtful about the early
Hebrew faith, and the position
of Abraham as the first protestant
a "father of the faithful". We
shall not hear anything after this
of the late origin of the Books of
Moses, but shall be told that
it was all a very old story even
in his times.

I mentioned in a late letter
that some earth attached to
specimens ^{of wood} sent from Black-
water was diatomaceous. I find
that the white earthy beds which
occur from that place are
all more or less — fresh-water forms
— but those from Linnel are more
fine sand. You will find the Black-
water material by careful ^{It must be}
an old lake bed. ^{from Spectral} ^{from the}
Museum