

was considerably later than in the Old World; but even in America the race has probably looked upon the later representatives of the mammoth and mastodon tribes. I have myself exhumed mastodon bones from a bed of peat not more than three feet deep, and which I believe could easily have been accumulated during the last five hundred years. The traditions of the American Indians in reference to the acquaintance of their ancestors with animals which left these gigantic remains are probably founded upon fact.

But this is a subject to which I shall return. I am tempted still to offer a few farther reflections upon the physical events marking the dawn of the Human Epoch.