

tained by Professor Charles Lory, by Ebray and Magnan. Professor Favre also dissented from the supposed vertical uplift of the Alps. In 1867, in a now classic description of the geology of Mount Blanc, he ascribed the complex fan-shaped arrangement of the rocks in that mountain to the action of strong lateral pressure.

Important additions to the knowledge of mountain-structure were meantime being made by the North American Geological Survey. In 1842, at a Congress of British and American Scientists, H. D. Rogers had expressed his views on the stratigraphical composition, the tectonical relations, and the mode of origin of the Appalachian mountains. The one-sided asymmetric arrangement of the folds in the Alleghanies, the absence of any central axis consisting of crystalline eruptive rocks, the fact that the whole mountain-system was composed of numerous parallel folds, most of them curved in form, could not in Rogers's opinion be brought into harmony with the theories of mountain-upheaval which were at that time current in Europe. He argued against the conception that ascending eruptive masses uplifted superincumbent rock-strata, and also against Prévost's opinion that mountains were formed as a consequence of local inthrows and crust subsidences. His own theory of mountain-folding supposed the disturbing cause to be wave-like pulsations into which the molten magma of the nuclear body was thrown from time to time, when the accumulated tensions in the earth's thin crust caused an actual rupture. The form, arrangement, and inclination of the folded strata were ascribed to a combined wave-like and tangential movement, which was also accompanied by an injection of eruptive masses into the cavities created within the folds during the movement.

Professor Dana¹ was the geologist who first gave clear ex-

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