

PRE-HISTORIC NATIONS;

OR, INQUIRIES

CONCERNING SOME OF THE GREAT PEOPLES AND
CIVILIZATIONS OF ANTIQUITY,

AND

THEIR PROBABLE RELATION TO A STILL OLDER
CIVILIZATION OF THE ETHIOPIANS OR
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Montesquieu says: "Il y a des choses que tout le monde dit, parce qu'elles ont été dites un fois." Many stupidities of history and dogmatic denials of the past have no other warrant. Instead of repeating anything "because it has been said once," it is better to accept the results of conscientious investigation.

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