

the tropics as early, at least, as the latter portion of the glacial period. On the recession and disappearance of the glaciers, probably accompanied with a subsidence, beneath the ocean, of a large portion of the northern continent, and followed by a modified, warm and genial climate, man, together with the mastodon, mammoth, etc., moved north and occupied the land to a comparative high latitude. This movement, of course, occupied many ages. Subsequently there was a gradual elevation of the land above the ocean causing a gradual change, through long time, in the temperature of the country until brought finally as it now exists. It was during the changes of this period that the copper miners and mound builders flourished. The effect of the final change in temperature, due to the elevation of the continent, was to drive this race farther and farther southward, until the seat and centre of their power became fixed in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, and in the region of the Great Lakes. In this southward movement, it is possible that the drones were left behind, and the nomadic people of the far north, and some of the tribes of worthless and shiftless Indians that it is impossible to win to industrious lives, have descended from the outcasts of the people who were the miners of copper and builders of the mounds.

The Mexican records, as interpreted by the Abbé Brasseur de Bourbourg, are to the effect that the mound builders were finally driven from the Mississippi valley by prolonged and continuous incursions of fierce, predatory and warlike tribes which came from the west. Leaving their long occupied homes, they became dwellers in Mexico and Central America, and leading participators in the work of the early civilization that was the glory of those countries. The *beginning* of this forced migration, according to Abbé Brasseur, was more than a thousand years before the Christian era. How long prior to this was the first occupation of the Mississippi valley by this ancient people? is a question the writer will not attempt to answer. The writer, however, does believe, that in the height of their power the population of that portion of the United States occupied by those ancients, was equal in numbers to the present population of the same area. As previously stated, the mound builders were intelligent and industri-