

The Cause of an Ice Age.

THOUGH I have no wish to prolong this discussion, yet I will ask you to spare me space for a few lines.

In his last letter, Sir Henry Howorth expresses his belief that, as a consequence of the recent correspondence, I have been led to change the opinions I previously held as to the cause of an Ice Age. May I assure Sir Henry Howorth that he must have quite mistaken the purport of my letter.

With all due courtesy to Sir Henry Howorth, as well as to any others who may have differed from me, I may say that I have seen no reason to swerve from the belief that the position taken in my book on "The Cause of an Ice Age" is the sound position. My opinions are, therefore, unchanged.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. A. R. Wallace for his letter on this subject in your columns, and to express the satisfaction with which I found that he had been led to the same conclusion, with respect to Mr. Culverwell's argument, as that at which I had myself arrived by an independent method. I note that Mr. Culverwell dissents; but, even at the risk of being thought very obstinate, I must say that I still believe Dr. Wallace and I are right.

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