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## PREFACE

THE following report is based upon the field work carried on principally in Yucatan and Chiapas, Mexico, during the years 1902, 1903, 1904, and 1905 as Fellow in American Archaeology of the Institute. A more detailed account of the exact time and places where the work was undertaken may be found in the brief reports that I have given each year to the Committee of American Archaeology and published in the Supplements to the *American Journal of Archaeology*, Vols. VI, VII, VIII, and IX.

The report is entirely ethnological in character. The former Maya culture is touched upon only in relation to that found at the present time. Where there is any connection between the two this has been brought out, but no attempt has been made to sketch any phase of the ancient culture.

The linguistic part of the report is not included in the present volume. As it forms a unit in itself, it will be published as a separate contribution. It will include a treatment of the Maya grammar together with a comparative study of the Maya, Tzeltal, Chol, and Chontal dialects of the Maya stock.

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