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## PREFACE

IN recent years the progress of scientific research in the department of prehistoric archaeology has been such that there seems to be room for a small volume setting forth the results arrived at by archaeologists in terms that can be understood by ordinary intelligent readers. The books hitherto published on the subject have been confined for the most part to special aspects of early culture, and, therefore, are not intended to cover the whole field of the life of man before history (*i.e.*, the era prior to written records). In the selection of subject matter, it has been the purpose of the author to give a *resumé* of the conclusions arrived at by specialists in their several departments, in such a manner as to present a consecutive account of the early history of the human race. References are given in footnotes to enable the serious student to investigate the evidence for himself, and frame his own conclusions. In this way it is hoped that the book may be of value

to those persons who are about to pursue a systematic course of training at the University of Oxford or London for a Diploma in Anthropology, as well as to the general reader.

It will be readily understood that in a work of this kind no attempt can be made to enter into *detailed* investigations of such complex problems as those dealing with the migrations of early culture. It must be left to Prof. Elliot Smith to verify his hypothesis by comparing the distribution of the various elements belonging to the supposed megalithic culture on a world-wide scale, and to Dr. Rivers and Mr. Perry to test the theory by means of more intensive regional studies. If their conclusions are correct, then a vital transformation must take place in our whole attitude towards the culture of savage people and its supposed primitiveness. But for the present the writer of an "introduction" to prehistoric archaeology must be content to follow the more generally accepted view, and merely state as fairly as possible the points at issue. The same applies to the controversy regarding the age of the Grime's graves and Cissbury flint-mines.

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