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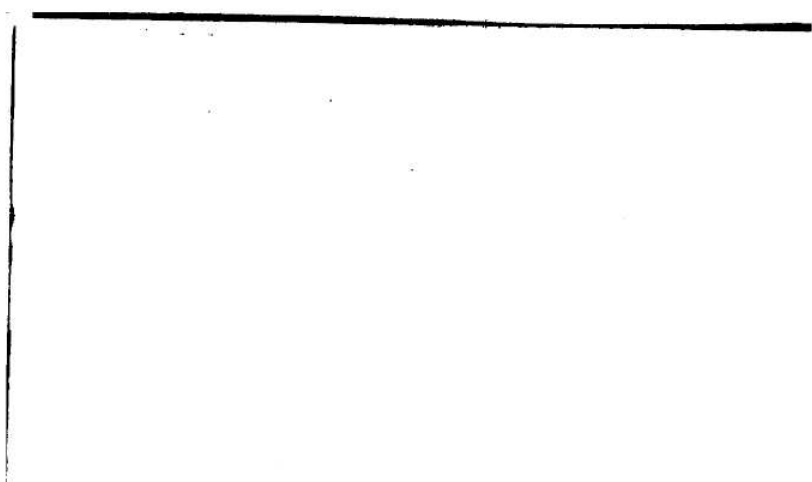


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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

THE object of this little volume is to co-ordinate the various discoveries of Stone Implements that I have made during the last four years—discoveries that I venture to think, mark a new era in our knowledge of the Stone Age of South Africa. No attempt will be made to review the abundant, but unsatisfactory, literature already in existence.

The typical Palaeolithic (Acheulic) implements are here used as a datum line. All groups below that standard are classed as "Primitive," all groups above it are spoken of as "Advanced." My definition of the terms Eolithic, Palaeolithic and Neolithic requires a word of explanation. Although they are now universally employed, the sense in which they are used is very far from uniform. Stone implements like all other things, show a progressive evolution from very primitive to very advanced forms. The terms Eolithic, Palaeolithic and Neolithic are expressive of certain stages in that progress. In the restricted sense in which they are used by me the three stages are represented by the groups met with in the plateau gravels, valley-drifts and alluvial flats of the extreme south of Britain respectively.

I am glad to have this opportunity to acknowledge my indebtedness to my friend, Professor R. B. Young, of Johannesburg. Many of the more interesting discoveries described herein were made during an expedition as his guest. To him anthropology—of which I account myself a humble student—is under deep obligation.

All figures are of the same size as the originals.

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

IN this edition I have included some further discoveries and have added a number of new illustrations. The arrangement of the data remains the same, but a closer classification of the different groups has been deemed desirable. I have therefore replaced the somewhat comprehensive terms Primitive, Palaeolithic and Advanced, by the current European nomenclature, Eolithic, Streppic, Palaeolithic or Acheulic, Solutric and Neolithic.

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