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TO  
THE MEMORY OF MY UNCLE  
F. C. J. SPURRELL  
IN WHOM  
THERE PASSED AWAY  
ON  
FEBRUARY 25TH, 1915  
ONE OF THE LAST OF THAT LITTLE  
GROUP OF MEN WHOSE LABOURS  
DURING THE LATER DECADES OF THE  
NINETEENTH CENTURY ESTABLISHED  
THE GREAT ANTIQUITY OF MAN





## P R E F A C E

**I**N offering this book at the present time it is perhaps advisable to say that it has not been inspired by recent events. I had had the project in mind for more than fifteen years ; and the accumulated notes began to take their present form in the summer of 1912. When war broke out at the beginning of August 1914 the much-revised manuscript of the first six chapters had already been typed. The seventh chapter was written and the book finished during the next seven weeks on the lines originally laid down. The typescript was then laid aside for fifteen months. Revising it, after this interval, I have not avoided reference to recent events ; but I have made no endeavour to rewrite the book as a 'war-book.'

The delay has had one result that might not have been expected. I had chosen a number of illustrations wherewith to justify my references to the perfection of palæolithic art. These I am now able to omit, so numerous are the books and new editions of books dealing with prehistoric man which have appeared during the interval. Information which was not very easily accessible then has since been made available in convenient form.

H. G. F. S.

*August 1916.*

