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PREFACE

THE geological and archaeological results described in this work were obtained during a season of some eighteen months in Uganda Protectorate. A previous visit to the country and a meeting with Mr E. J. Wayland, Director of the Geological Survey, had suggested that Uganda was a most promising region in which to extend the investigations on East African archaeology, already carried so far in Kenya Colony. As Uganda lies just west of Kenya and yet possesses such marked differences in climate and topography, it seemed to offer the best chance of checking and supplementing the Kenya sequence, particularly in regard to the regional significance of the Kenya cultures. As will be shown, Uganda proved that the latter must not be regarded any longer as ubiquitous in East Africa, but that they were often only local cultures.

I cannot leave without record the disinterested way in which Mr Wayland welcomed the expedition to the country in which he had priority of research, and his generous encouragement. Similarly, he most kindly placed at our disposal the results of his own investigations which were invaluable in providing us at the start with information as to possible sites and lines of enquiry. I gratefully acknowledge also his kindness in lending us tools and for providing us with accommodation for ourselves, equipment and specimens.

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