

PREFACE.

The following myths were collected under the auspices of the Geological Survey of Canada, Division of Anthropology, during the months of March-August, 1912. They were collected incidentally to the study of the ethnology and linguistics of the Ojibwa of southeastern Ontario, and this will explain the reason for the unequal representation of the different reservations. They are the only myths that were obtained in English. (As few changes as possible have been made in the English of the Indian informants.) Hence it has been deemed best to publish them separately.

It had been the writer's intention, in the beginning, to preface this little collection with a study of Ojibwa mythology, but owing to the fact that a large number of collections of Ojibwa mythology still remain unpublished—those of W. Jones in the possession of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, D.C., and those in the possession of the Geological Survey of Canada, one from Bois Fort Reserve, Minn., and my own large collection of mythological texts—it has been deemed wisest to defer this study until at least the Jones collection will have become available—within a year or so.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Edwin Maness, of Sarnia, Ont., who collected a number of myths personally and acted as interpreter throughout my field work.

(Signed) PAUL RADIN.