

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

SINCE the first edition of this work appeared, the study of primitive man has been taken up by several eminent writers. So far as their labors have borne upon the red race I have endeavored to profit by them, and also by the additional linguistic material which has been published during the same period.

While I owe various corrections to the criticisms, generally kindly, which the work has called forth, I have not found reason to alter the leading views previously maintained. Where apparently weak points in the argument have been indicated, I have given more in detail the evidence on which they rest. The only important modification is in Chapter V., where the "Religion of Sex" is developed at greater length than in the former edition, and a wider meaning attributed to it.

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