

to within a short time, to bring such materials together, to examine critically their mode of occurrence, or to make any comparisons between them and similar remains from other parts of the world. Indeed, with the exception of a single article, contained in the Proceedings of this Society, no publication bearing upon the subject of the early inhabitants of this region exists. The opportunities of the authors to supply this want have been less than they could wish, but the material already in hand has proved to be so large as to render impossible its full presentation in a single paper. In this article it is accordingly proposed to consider chiefly such information as has been afforded by inland localities, leaving for a second paper a description of such as are found upon the sea-board. Though such a division is not an exclusive one, a variety of similar articles being found in both situations, yet, as will hereafter appear, it is, to some extent, a natural one, as the conditions of life in the two cases were somewhat dissimilar, and there are many contrasts in the relics which they respectively furnish.

NATURE OF THE MATERIALS.

The articles to be hereinafter described, and all of which are believed to be of pre-historic origin, may be most conveniently classified with reference to the substances composing them, as follows:

Group I.—Implements, Weapons and Ornaments of Stone :

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| Arrow-heads. | Hammer-stones. |
| Lance-heads, spear-heads. | Net-sinkers. |
| Axes and hatchets. | Ornaments. |
| Gouges and chisels. | Idols and sculptured stones. |
| Celts. | Drilled stones. |
| Corn-crushers. | Flakes |
| Scrapers. | Hearth-stones. |
| | Slick-stones. |