

## EDITOR'S PREFACE.

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THE word Anthropology in its broadest meaning includes several subordinate sciences, such as Somatology or Physical Anthropology, Ethnology, Ethnography, Prehistoric Archaeology, and Culture History. In the Anthropological Series, of which this is the first volume, it is planned to publish books dealing with special topics in these various fields. The work is undertaken in the hope that through this series the grandest and newest of all the sciences, Anthropology—the science of man—may become better known to intelligent readers who are not specialists and who do not desire to become such. At the same time the series will be one which no special student can afford to ignore.

For, while the works are intended to be of general interest, they will in every case be written by authorities, and scientific accuracy will never be sacrificed to popularity. Leaders in anthropological study in America and Europe have expressed an interest in the undertaking and have promised their co-operation. Besides books expressly written for the series by workers in the Old World and the New, the plan includes translations of valuable works from the French and German.

The editor is particularly glad that the series begins with this book by Professor Mason upon Woman's Share in Primitive Culture. In many minds it will awaken new thoughts. Division of labour began with the invention