INTRODUCTION TO THE ARCHAEOLOGY
OF THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

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"... but the unknown Mound Builders who (ever?) they were what became of them is a history yet to be solved and it would be a happy day for me to learn from whence they came and where they went or what became of them finally."—From field notes, dated 1880, in Peabody Museum archives.
The dissertation that follows is replete with all the faults that inhere in a work undertaken without a fixed purpose and point of view. It has, consequently, merely succeeded in ending where it ought to have begun, namely, with a working hypothesis for an attack on the prehistory of the Mississippi Valley. Unfortunately it was not until a summary comparison of materials presented in Sections III to VI was attempted, that certain chronological implications forced a reorientation of the problem, so that it is only in Section VII that the real argument may be said to begin. The reader with little time to spare is advised, therefore, to read the last three sections first, after which he can judge for himself how much of the remainder is worth his attention.

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