

## CHAPTER I

EDITORIAL NOTE.—With the exception of Chapter I, all the manuscript for this volume had been completed at the time of Dr. Kidson's death. There can be little doubt that this chapter was to be in the nature of a general introduction to the detailed discussion of the observational material which is included in the succeeding chapters. Its preparation was, no doubt, being postponed until the remainder of the volume had been brought into its final form. Dr. Kidson left no indication as to the manner in which he intended to treat this chapter, or of its scope, and as the remaining chapters are self-contained, it has been thought inadvisable that anyone else should attempt to write an introduction—*M. A. F. Barnett.*

