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PREFACE

The Committee on Publications of the Florida State Historical Society considers it an auspicious circumstance that it has secured for the first volume of the publications so valuable and comprehensive an essay on the aboriginal inhabitants of Florida as the one it now has the pleasure of offering to the Sustaining Members. Historians are giving more and more attention to the study of aboriginal peoples, just as archaeologists and ethnologists are giving more and more attention to the study of history. So much of Florida history is interwoven with the story of its Indian inhabitants that it is impossible to separate one from the other. This will become increasingly apparent as the early Spanish documents are published. We are, therefore, very happy to initiate our series by printing this study, "the object of which is to bring to date our knowledge of the peopling and peoples of Florida."

This monograph was prepared by Dr. Aleš Hrdlička of the Smithsonian Institution. While a member of the Committee on Publications was visiting Dr. Hrdlička in regard to another matter, the purposes and plan of the Florida State Historical Society were discussed. Toward the close of the interview Dr. Hrdlička told of the monograph which he was just completing. He expressed regret that it would be several years before it would see the light, because of the many monographs taking precedence over his, which were already filed with the Institution awaiting publication. Negotiations were at once opened, as the result of which the permission of the officers of the Smithsonian Institution and Bureau of American Ethnology, was given for this monograph to be published by our Society. For this permission we are very grateful.
We share the author’s hope that the book may stimulate interest in the aboriginal remains of Florida, and that that interest, translated into action, may soon cause additional researches to be made.

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