

PREFACE.

THE first edition of this Work was published February 6, 1863, and the second appeared two months later, with a few alterations and corrections in the text, and with seven pages of additional matter in an Appendix. In the present edition I have also added to the Appendix some account of discoveries made since April last, and the discussions to which they have given rise, all of them bearing directly on subjects previously treated of in my book. The following are the principal topics alluded to :—

1st. ‘The supposed discovery, near Chartres, of traces of the coexistence of Man with the *Elephas meridionalis*, in times anterior to the glacial epoch,’ by M. Desnoyers, member of the French Institute. These traces consist of cuts and striæ, and various markings observed on the bones of several extinct mammalia. The reader will see that, in order to form an opinion on this question, I thought it desirable to revisit Saint-Prest, near Chartres, with my friend M. Desnoyers, in June last, and examined with him, in the Museums of Chartres and Paris, the specimens relied on as affording proofs of the pre-glacial existence of the human race.

2ndly. An animated discussion took place in the course of last summer, as to the authenticity of a human lower jaw-bone, said to have been found in the higher level gravel of Moulin-Quignon, near Abbeville, in the Valley of the Somme.