PROF. HARVEY SHIMER SPEAKS ON "EARLY MAN"

Stages of Man Are Reckoned By Kinds of Implements They Used.

Last evening, at a meeting of the Society of Arts, in Huntington Hall, Prof. Harvey Shimer, associate professor of Palaeontology at the Institute, gave an interesting lecture on "Early Man." The speaker was assisted by President Macfarlin, who also made some announcements and offered a same for admission to the membership of the society.

Professor Shimer started with the lowest form of man which has been discovered in archeological researches. Man has always been instilled with connection with the tools and weapons which he has been chiselled and chipped from rough stone. Still higher comes man who used implements which had been made so smooth as to have a cutting edge.

The next age represents man who used tools of iron and later of steel. This type of man formed a mental picture of his tools before considering them.

The most significant age in civilization is the one which has been traced through the changes occurring in the skull of man, especially in the shape of the forehead. As the forehead became more prominent, its height had increased, chiselled, cleaved, and other distinguishing features. As man progressed in his development, his forehead bore more and more like the man of today.

Professor Shimer said that modern palentologists have now come to the conclusion that man, instead of being developed from the ape, as was the former notion, diverged from some common ancestor in the higher type of ape.

His speech was well illustrated by slides showing the places where skulls and remains of primitive men have been found, and also showed the changes in the shape of the skulls themselves.

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