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Chicago, December 23.—Human beings inhabited the North American continent more than 125,000 years ago, according to the findings of E. H. Sellards, state geologist of Florida, and Professor Oliver P. Hay, who made public today results of a study of fossil remains discovered in Florida some months ago. Their opinion, however, is not fully concurred in by other scientists.

Human bones intermingled with those of the mastodon, saber-tooth tiger and other extinct animals were found in the deposit at Vero, Fla., and thither six geologists and anthropologists made their way immediately to study the find. Their report will be made in the January-February (1917) issue of *The Journal of Geology*.

Advance sheets quote Mr. Sellards as saying:

"The study of the fossils of this stratum, although not yet completed, has brought to light a considerable number of extinct species which suggest the reference of the deposit to the pleistocene period. This is the oldest deposit from which human remains have ever been taken."

Dr. Hay, who is research associate of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, expresses similar views, but four other scientists whose articles will appear in *The Journal of Geology* are skeptical. They are Professor R. T. Chamberlain, University of Chicago; Thomas Wayland Vaughan, United States geological survey; Dr. Alex Hrdlicka, United States national museum, and Professor Grant Maccurdy, of Yale.

They are now convinced that the human race existed on this continent before the glacial period.