

CATALOGUE
OF
HUMAN CRANIA,

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IN THE COLLECTION OF THE
ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OF PHILADELPHIA:

Based upon the Third Edition of Dr. Morton's "Catalogue of Skulls," &c.

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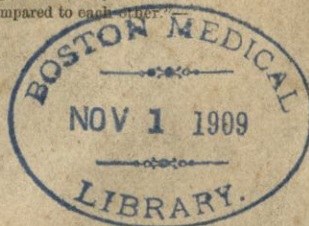
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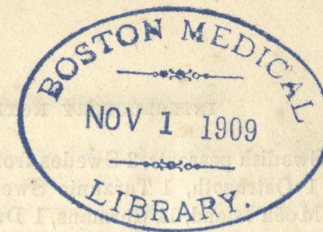
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"Of all the peculiarities in the form of the bony fabric, those of the skull are the most striking and distinguishing. It is in the head that we find the varieties most strongly characteristic of different races."—PRICHARD.

"Hence our zoological study of man will be greatly assisted by carefully examining genuine specimens of the skulls of different nations, which are easily prepared and preserved, may be conveniently handled and surveyed, considered in various points of view, and compared to each other."
LAWRENCE.

PHILADELPHIA.
1857.





EXPLANATORY NOTE.

Since the death of the late lamented President of the Academy of Natural Sciences,—DR. SAMUEL GEORGE MORTON,—his magnificent Collection of Human Crania, recently increased by the receipt of 67 skulls from various sources, has been permanently deposited in the Museum of the Academy. Prior to his demise, Dr. M. had received 100 crania in addition to those mentioned in the third edition of his Catalogue. Since 1849, therefore, the Collection has been augmented by the addition of 167 skulls. To complete the Catalogue in a uniform manner, these have been carefully numbered and measured in accordance with the methods recorded in the *Crania Americana*, &c. In a portion of these measurements I was kindly assisted by our fellow-member, Dr. Thos. J. Turner of the United States Navy.

The entire Collection,—numbering 1035 crania,—was purchased by forty-two gentlemen* from the executors of Dr. Morton, for the sum of \$4,000, and by them generously presented to the Academy.

The Collection occupies 16 cases on the first gallery, on the south side of the lower room of the Museum. For convenience of study and examination I have grouped the crania according to Race, Family, Tribe, &c., strictly adhering, however, to the classification of Dr. Morton. It will be seen, also, that the same arrangement has been adopted in this edition of the Catalogue, so that it is an exact representation of the Collection as it stands upon the shelves. While the old numbering has been carefully preserved for the sake of reference to the various published descriptions of Dr. Morton, new numbers have been added to designate the position of any skull in the natural division or subdivision to which it belongs.

The Suevic, Cimbric and Scandinavian divisions of the great Teutonic Race, are represented by 32 crania and 3 casts, distributed as follows:

* Their names are as follows:—Charles Henry Fisher, Thomas Biddle, Henry J. Williams, Charles D. Meigs, Thomas T. Lea, John Farnum, John A. Brown, William Welsh, Richard Price, Morris L. Hallowell, Joseph D. Brown, William Platt, Joseph Swift, Singleton A. Mercer, A. J. Lewis, Geo. W. Carpenter, Geo. B. Wood, J. Francis Fisher, David S. Brown, John B. Meyers, Lewis R. Ashhurst, Caleb Cope, Richard D. Wood, Samuel V. Merrick, James Dundas, J. Pemberton Hutchinson, Henry Pepper, John Cooke, John Lambert, Robert Pearsall, Joseph S. Lovering, J. G. Fell, Caspar W. Pennock, John Grigg, Joseph Jeanes, Thomas P. Remington, John Price Wetherill, Henry Seybert, Thomas McEwen, Robert Swift, Jacob G. Morris, and Wm. S. Vaux. (*See Proceedings of the Academy*, Vol. VI. pp. 321, 324.)