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Catalogue of Crania.

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TURNER.

(received from various parts of the  
earth including Britain)



1. Skull found whilst  
digging the foundations of  
Gordon's Hospital Aberdeen.

2. Cast of the interior  
of the above skull -

For figures and description  
see Quarterly Journal  
of Science - Oct. 1884.

3. Cranium obtained from  
St. Mary's Isle on the  
coast of Northumberland.

4. Cranium obtained  
from St. Mary's Isle on  
the coast of Northumberland.

Whilst the occupant of the  
public house on this small  
island was digging <sup>out</sup> the earth  
for the foundations of some of his  
offices he came upon a  
number of human skeletons.  
3 & 4 are the skulls of two  
of these. Others are in the  
Oxford Museum.

The island is said to have  
been used as a place of  
burial for shipwrecked  
mariners & the inhabitants  
of the adjacent coast.

5. Cranium of a New  
Zealander. This skull  
was brought from New  
Zealand by Dr. John  
Murray, then serving  
as Assistant Surgeon  
to her Majesty's force,  
stationed in that Island.  
It was given by him  
to my friend Dr. Henry  
S. Wilson by whom  
it was presented to  
me -

6. Skull found in a long  
stone cist - The cist was  
exposed in the course of  
sewerage operations in Bullock  
Lane in the town of  
Kelso in May 1864.

Two cists were met with  
close together, the northernmost  
contained a skeleton  
wrapped in a coarsely  
loosen winding sheet, the  
skull of which was  
not preserved. The  
skull in the southernmost  
cist is the one under  
the above numeral.



7. Skull found in Butts Lane  
Kelso in the course of sewer  
operations. It was got from  
the same locality as No 6,  
but it is doubtful whether  
it came out of a stone  
cist, or was one of a  
number of bones met  
with loose in the soil  
in the ~~neighbourhood~~ immediate  
vicinity of the stone cists.

8. Cranium of a Western  
- Esquimaux. This skull  
was brought along with  
three others from Norrebe  
Sound by the late John  
Simpson Surgeon R.N.  
The other specimens are  
in the Anatomical  
Museum of the University  
of Edinburgh -

9- Cranium of a Bastard  
Hottentot (Kings Hottentot).  
He died at Cradock from  
pulmonary hemorrhage  
January 1883. He had  
lost the phalanges on hands  
& feet from elephantiasis.  
The Skull was given to  
me by Dr. Philipson of  
Newcastle on Tyne Decr 1883.

10. Cast of a skull from  
an ancient British long  
barrow at Dimlington,  
near Rotherham, Yorkshire.  
Presented to me by  
John Thurnam M.D.  
Joint Author of the  
*Crania Britannica* -



11. Portion of a cranium  
found in a long stone  
cist in 'England's Plan-  
tation' on Lord Melville's  
Estate near Larzade.  
The cist was composed of  
slabs with a bottom, top,  
ends & sides, the slabs  
had been loosely placed  
together so that the coffin  
was nearly filled with sand.  
The coffin was lying  
East & West. Face looking  
eastward. Other coffins  
of a similar kind have  
previously been found there.  
Dr. Main of Larzade  
accompanied me to the  
plantation May 26<sup>th</sup> 1884  
when this skull was  
obtained. The cist was of  
the same character as those I have seen  
at the Carstare, Arncitor, Lundin.

12. Cranium found about 20 years ago, in a coffin built of loose slabs in the field in which the 'standing stones' of Lundin are - The coffin was situated immediately adjoining the standing stones - When found there was a fracture on the posterior part of the skull in which was a piece of iron, which crumbled into rust on being touched -

The skull was given me October 1864 ~~by~~ <sup>through</sup> John Chiese Esq by Dr. Luning.

13. Cranium found in a  
stone coffin dug out on  
Lundin Links, Hefeshire.  
The coffin lay east & west &  
was built of loose slabs of  
freestone. It was long enough  
to permit the body to be  
fully extended - Various  
coffins of the same description  
have been exposed at the  
same spot & the crania  
& other bones from three  
of these are in the Anatomical  
Museum of the University.  
The above skull was  
given me by John Macleod  
Esq., October 1861 -  
The links of Lundin are close to  
the foot of North.

One of these is marked 15\*

11. 21  
- E. 2. 2.

14. - Box containing bones  
of the trunk & limbs  
of 13 -



15- Skull said to be that  
of an Esquimaux girl.

It was brought by my  
pupil Mr. Moon from  
Cape Seal, Davis' Strait  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1864. He

took it out of the grave  
which was under a heap  
of stones. The place where  
it was buried had former-  
ly been the residence  
of a tribe of Esquimaux.

16. Fragment of a calvarium  
presented to me by my pupil  
W. A. H. Bösenberg from Cape  
Town - The Skull is  
marked 'Stuurman, said to  
be a Bushman, shot by  
Titus Merivel, who was  
tried at Worcester by the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr Justice Meunier  
& convicted of murder on  
the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1836 -

144<sup>+</sup> Skull from Lundin's locality  
the locality from which 13  
was obtained - This skull  
was found under similar  
conditions to no 13 -  
Presented by John H. Henslow

18. Skull of a Native Australian -  
It belonged to one of the aborigines  
living in the neighborhood of Perth,  
Western Australia - Swan River  
settlement - It was dug up  
along with the bones of the  
skeleton by John Thomson Esq.  
now of Yetholm, who presented  
it to me. He states "The  
aborigines are buried in a  
sitting posture with no  
covering to the body - When I  
dug up that skeleton I  
came on the knee first -"  
See his letter for a description  
of the physical characteristics  
of the people -



19. Bones of the skeleton  
of the Western Australian  
described under 18 -

20- Cast of an Irish Skull  
in the Phrenological Museum,  
Edinburgh. - It is marked  
in the catalogue No 16 &  
was brought by Mr Robert  
Coyle from the Abbey of  
Askeaton near Limerick.  
Sept 1836 -

21 - The Skull of Autouia  
Muscel. - at 22, a native  
of Kreutzberg in Bohemia.  
It was brought ~~from~~  
from Vienna by Dr. Alex<sup>2</sup>  
Gabor Miller, to whom  
it was given as a charact-  
eristic Slavonic skull by  
Dr. Friedlovski of Vienna.

22. Skull from Keiss near  
Trick - Cairtness - It was  
found in one of the series of  
graves exposed by McLain  
in the course of his excavations.  
(See his work on the Prehistoric  
remains, Cairtness) - I furnish  
a description of this cranium  
to Prof. Huxley for publication  
in McLain's book - The  
skull was given me by Dr. Arthur  
Mitchell who received it  
from Mr. Anderson of Trick  
the Editor of John O'Quate  
Journal. Accompanying  
the skull are a pelvis and  
two thigh bones -

23. Skull of An Australian.  
It was found by Mr. David  
Harrison at a station on the  
Macquarie River, named  
Mullah, in New South  
Wales.

He dug it up  
from a Black's burying ground  
where the trees facing the  
grave were marked & carved.

The grave was indicated by  
an enormous mound of earth.  
After sinking 5 ft the  
skeleton was reached. It

was that of an old Black,  
<sup>probably a chief</sup> & had been buried 5 or 6 years.

The entire body had been  
encased in a layer of box leaves  
(eucalyptus) about 3 or 4 inches  
thick. The leaves, colour excepted,  
were as fresh as when put in.

A layer of timber & bark was  
put over the leaves. The hair was  
on the skull when obtained.  
Skull presented by my pupil Jas. Harrison.

24. Skull found in the paddock  
adjoining the house of Freeman  
Eaton Esq. Surgeon, Leicester  
Lincolnshire - In the same  
paddock, and in the adjacent  
garden numerous Roman  
remains, coins, arms &c  
have at various times been  
found in considerable number.  
Mr Eaton has in his possession  
a large collection of coins  
from the reign of  
to that of  
Aurelian was

25. Skull found in digging  
a well for a new malt-house  
near Aucester, Lincolnshire.  
In the summer of 1865 the  
workmen met with, in a  
space measuring 42 ft  
by 17 ft, between 4 and  
5 feet from the surface lying  
in the black loam above  
the gravel, not only this skull  
but some 4 or 5 others. This  
was the only one however pre-  
served, the others being re-  
buried. In the same space  
were also found a broken spear  
head, a bronze brooch, Roman  
pottery, coins of the time of  
Constantine and the bones  
of a horse. The bronze brooch  
is in my possession, the coin  
& pottery is that of the Vicar of  
Aucester. The locality lies  
close to the old Roman Road.

26. Skull brought by Mr. Walter  
Dickson from the South side  
of Lake Alexandrina in the  
province of S. Australia.  
The place where it was found  
is about 80 miles S. of  
Adelaide & about 20 miles  
from the sea coast. In  
this district the natives  
first smoke the bodies of  
their dead lying on a plat-  
form! they then smother  
them in rags & native mats  
bending the legs under the  
body. After which they  
perch them in the forks of  
the Shea-oak trees. As  
decomposition advances the bodies  
fall to pieces & tumble to the  
ground. This skull was  
found at the foot of one of  
these trees.



