

Ocean, and from which the black race spread into both Africa and the islands of the Pacific, is not satisfactory. For the deep-sea investigations of the Challenger have thrown great doubt upon the possibility of such an extensive continent ever having had any existence in recent geological times either in the Indian or Pacific Oceans. But from the superior civilisation and better physical development of the Polynesians there can be little doubt that they represent a later incursion into the Pacific than either the Melanesian or Australian races.

“It is interesting to observe that not only the Tasmanians and Australians, but the Bush race in South Africa, the Fuegians in the southern part of South America, and the Andamanese and other Negrito tribes in the islands to the south and east of the Asiatic continent, are distinguished by the small capacity of their crania, by their low intellectual development, and, as a rule, by their small stature and feeble physical configuration. It is not unlikely that these races may, in the early unwritten periods of human history, have had in their respective continental areas a much wider range of distribution than at present, and have been gradually pushed southwards into their present comparatively restricted regions by the advance from the northward of the races, more powerful in both intellectual and physical development, which are now to be seen in proximity with and around them.”

