

ADMIRALTY ISLANDERS.

Plates III., IV., V., VI. Tables VII., VIII., XVIII., XIX.

The skulls from the Admiralty Islands were the most valuable part of the craniological collection, as apparently no Europeans had landed on these islands prior to the visit of H.M.S. Challenger, and skulls of the natives were unknown in our museums. They were collected in March 1875, in villages on the coast of Wild Island, one of the small islands off the north-western end of the main island, whilst the Challenger lay at her anchorage in Nares Harbour.

An interesting account of the physical characteristics of the inhabitants of these islands has been published by H. N. Moseley, Esq., one of the naturalists to the Expedition,¹ and as it will be useful to bring his description alongside of that which I am about to give of the crania, I reproduce it here.

TABLE VII.—“Physical characteristics.—The following measurements were taken:—

MEASUREMENTS in inches of NATIVES of the ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, taken by the late R. VON WILLEMOES SUHM, being of NATIVES of WILD ISLAND, except 6, 7, 8, 9, taken on board the ship by VON SUHM and H. N. MOSELEY.

		Height.	Breadth.	Arm Length.	Leg Length.	Foot Length.	Hand Length.	Nose Length.	Forehead Length.	Ear Length.	Breasts Length.		
WOMEN.	1. Old woman ; 40 years ca., . . .	60	15	28	...	10	7	...	...	...	7		
	2. Young girl ; 15 years ca., . . .	61½	15	25	33	9½	...	1½	...	2½	...		
	3. Older women of mean size, . . .	60	12	25	...	9	6½	2	3	...	6½		
	4. Old female,	63	...	...	...	10	8	...	...	...	...
	Mean,	61	14	26	33	9½	7½	2	3	2½	6½		
MEN.	1. Young man,	67	16	29	37	9½	7	2	2	2½	2½	...	...
	2. Adult,	63	18	28	55	10½	7	2½	3	2½	...	...	...
	3. Adult,	63	17½	27½	34	9½	...	2	...	2½	3½	...	...
	4. Adult,	66	17½	28½	...	...	...	...	...	2½	...	...	...
	5. Oto,	67	17½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6. Adult,	64½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
	7. Adult (photographed), . . .	63	...	...	...	9½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	8. Adult,	62½	17½	27½	33½	10½	8	1½	3	3	3	3	133
	9. Young man,	66½	16	27	34	10	7½	2	3½	...	...	3½	126
	Mean,	64½	17½	28	34½	9½	7½	2	3	3	3	3½	127

¹ On the Inhabitants of the Admiralty Islands, *Journ. Anthropol. Inst.*, May 1877