

have in previous pages given many examples to show how a mesaticephalic people may arise from a mixture of a dolichocephalic with a brachycephalic race. But there are instances of apparently unmixed races in which the standard form of the head is mesaticephalic. I may especially refer to the Bush race of South Africa, which has so many features distinguishing it from the surrounding people that it would seem to be a pure race, and it is not improbably the remains of the primitive people of the African continent. The Tasmanians were mesaticephalic, and it is possible also an unmixed race, though on this point I hesitate to give a definite opinion. I am not disposed, therefore, to limit the unmixed races to those which are either dolichocephalic or brachycephalic in their cranial proportions, but to include also certain of the mesaticephali.

From the examination of the Races of Men described in this Report, we have seen that in South Africa, in the southern part of South America, and in Australia, races of men exist distinguished by the small capacity of their crania, by their low intellectual development, and in the case of the Bushmen and Fuegians by their small stature and generally feeble physical configuration. The Australians also and the now extinct Tasmanians were under the average size of Europeans. In the islands to the south and east of the great Asiatic continent the Andamanese and other Negrito tribes are distinguished by their small stature, microcephalic crania, and low state of intelligence. It is not unlikely that these people may in the early unwritten periods of human history have had in their respective continents a much wider range of distribution than at present, and have been gradually pushed southwards into their present restricted areas by the advance of the races, more powerful in both intellectual and physical development, which we see around them. If in their displacement they failed to mix with their invaders their physical characters would remain pure. For isolation and interbreeding carried on through many centuries would necessarily preserve and even intensify the characteristic structural peculiarities of each race.