

A DESCRIPTION OF SOME TASMANIAN
SKULLS.

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(Plates viii-xiii.)

I.—INTRODUCTION.

In July, 1910, the Trustees of the Australian Museum, Sydney, were good enough to send me the Tasmanian skulls in their collection for the purposes of measurement and description. The specimens consisted of two complete skulls and the upper portion of a third.

About the same time I was fortunate in obtaining a cast of a skull from the Tasmanian Museum, and also, from another source the skull and most of the bones of an aged Tasmanian woman that had not previously been described. These specimens form the subject of the present contribution.

To Mr. R. Etheridge, Curator of the Australian Museum, I am much indebted for assistance in sending the Museum skulls and giving their origin and history.

These descriptions were written nearly five years ago; but the leisure for putting the necessary finishing touches for publication has been long delayed.

The sagittal contours (Pl. xiii., fig. 2), accompanying the descriptions leave very much to be desired on account of the fragmentary and indefinite characters of some of the specimens and the consequent difficulty in some cases of determining, as a fixed point posteriorly, either the inion or the basion.