

English in 1809 by the eminent English surgeon Lawrence, and later, with the latest improvements and additions by Coulson in 1827. This manual of Blumenbach's will always be esteemed for the accuracy of the author's own observations, and his just appreciation of the labours of his predecessors.

One of the most extensive of Blumenbach's works was *Decas Collectiones suæ Craniorum Diversarum Gentium Illustrata*, in which, accurate delineations of the skulls in his collections are given with brief description of each. It appeared in parts until sixty crania were represented, exhibiting, in a striking manner, the peculiarities in form of the skulls of different nations, and justifying the divisions of the human race into several great varieties or families: Caucasian, Mongolian, Malayan, Negro and American. The classification, he thus prepared, has been very generally received and most later schemes have been modifications of it.

He addressed to Sir Joseph Banks, London, 1794, a work called *Observations on some Egyptian mummies*, which was translated into French by Chardel in 1806. Blumenbach enriched the medical literature of his time with a great number of memoirs and short articles, and was a constant contributor to the current medical magazines and papers of the day. Although the greater part of his long life was passed in Göttingen, in 1787 he visited Switzerland. He was in England in 1788 and 1792. The prince Regent conferred on him the office of physician to the Royal family in Hanover in 1816. The Royal Academy of Paris elected him a member in 1831. He died at Göttingen 22nd January, 1840.

The slanting surface of the body of the sphenoid bone between the sella turcia and the basilar process of the occipital bone, the clivus, has been called after him, and is known as the *Clivus of Blumenbach*.

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A meeting of the general committee appointed by the meeting of graduates at the Windsor Hotel on March 4th, 1903, for the purpose of devising means for the collection of the amount required to build a Students' Union, will be held at 8.30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, the 2nd March, 1904, at the Windsor Hotel. As several important questions concerning this scheme must be decided at this meeting, every member of the committee is earnestly requested by the secretary to be present.