

along with an iron spear, and a quantity of Roman pottery, is figured in Wilson's "Prehistoric Annals of Scotland," and its measurements given.

Mr. Cull added several observations upon the types of the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic skull, remarking that the round head which characterised the modern Irish was not the type of the ancient Celtic skull, which latter was elongated like that of the Anglo-Saxon.

OPATE INDIAN GIRL.

Considerable interest was excited some little time since, both in America and Europe, by the exhibition of a dwarf Indian boy and girl, about whom very marvellous fictions were told, affirming their having been carried off from a city of Central America, where the ancient Astec race and institutions still exist intact. The success which attended this exhibition, and the interest taken in the subject by some of the first scientific men, such as Latham, Owen, Burke, &c., have led others to follow the example, and there has recently been exhibited in some of the American cities a young female called an "Oplate Indian," from her being affirmed to be a representative of the Oplate Tribe; one of those occupying Sonora, a range of country from 28° to 30° N. latitude, and about 83° of longitude W., from Washington. It appears, however, that whatever be the native place of this singular female, she is no proper representative of her tribe, but presents, in the most remarkable characteristics, an abnormal condition, peculiar to this individual instance. A singular growth of hair on her face along with a remarkable formation of her gums, giving to her face somewhat of the prognathous approximation to a mussle, have led some to the conclusion that she was not purely of human origin; while others have equally hastily shown an inclination to look on her as a type of the transitional stage by which theorists have been disposed to assume the development of the ape into man. In the month of September last, the members of the Natural History Society of Boston took advantage of her visit to that city, to have her present at one of their meetings, for the purpose of examination, and Dr. Kneeland read a communication in reference to her, from which we extract the following notice:—

This girl, who is 22 years of age, four feet six inches in height, and of the weight of 112 lbs., is probably a member of some Indian tribe, inhabiting the Sierra Madre Mountains. These mountains run, for the most part, parallel to the Gulf of California, through the Mexican States of Sonora and Cinaloa; their distance from the sea varies from 200 to 50 miles, and in the neighborhood of Mazatlan, they come still nearer to the coast. This girl has been called an *Oplate* Indian. The Oplate Indians are described by Mr. Bartlett, in his Personal Narrative, as a quiet agricultural people, living in thickly populated villages, noted for their bravery against the Apache tribe, and altogether superior to their neighbors, the Yaquis. But, on the other hand, she is said to have been obtained from the Sierra Madre Mountains in Cinaloa, in the neighborhood of Copala, which town is just on the edge of the mountains, about midway between Mazatlan and Durango. The girl, without doubt, belongs to some one of the Indian tribes between the Sierra Madre Mountains and the Gulf of California, in the Mexican provinces of Sonora and Cinaloa.

It is affirmed that her tribe live in caves, in a naked state, on an equality with brutes, and partake of their food. That would degrade her to a level with the Digger Indians of California, but these, though very degraded, are yet far