

terest on the discoveries. The remains were met with accidentally when ploughing above the decayed roots of a large pine stump; and unfortunately the skull—which escaped the edge of the ploughshare and was perfect when found,—was carelessly handled, and broken into fragments. Having visited that district during the summer, some researches then made by me with a view to the discovery of traces of Indian occupation, had suggested the likelihood of such remains being regarded by me with interest. Accordingly the greater number of pieces of the fractured skull, along with various portions of the principal bones of the skeleton, and the accompanying relics, were forwarded to me through the kind intervention of my friend Dr. Covernton, of Simcoe, and I have succeeded in putting the pieces of the skull together, so as to present it in a restored form, complete, with the exception of part of the occipital bone.

The first impression formed from a view of this skull, and the seemingly disproportionate delicacy of such portions of the skeleton as accompanied it, was that it was part of a female dwarf, of the old Indian race; and this tended to give additional interest to any details in reference to its discovery. The skull is delicately formed, the cerebral development, especially in the frontal region, unusually large; and while the jaws are prognathous, the malar bones and the zygomata are comparatively small and slender in their proportions, very markedly so indeed for one of Indian birth, and the under jaw is of light and delicate structure. In the superior maxillaries the dentes sapientiæ are fully formed, though not come down, and the frontal consists of a single bone, without the slightest trace of any suture being apparent. The entire cranium, apart from the bones of the face, presents a striking contrast in the largeness of its cerebral development, and its symmetrical proportions, to another Indian female skull in my possession, obtained from an ancient cemetery on the Oak Ridges, County of York, and evidently that of a full grown adult. While such are the characteristics of the skull, the bones of the skeleton are small, slight, and delicate in structure. These various appearances seemed to corroborate the first convictions of the abnormal character of the skeleton, and to suggest the idea already referred to, of its possibly being that of an Indian dwarf, though more careful observations have not tended to confirm this supposition.

In addition to the bones of the skull, the various portions of the skeleton forwarded to me included those of the upper and lower extremities, along with the principal parts of the pelvis, and these I submitted to Dr. E. M. Hodder, who kindly permitted me to avail myself of his well-known skill and experience. The conclusion