

aborigines of Newfoundland, now extinct. In all the museums of Europe and America, I believe there is not another skull whose original owner belonged to the vanished Bethucks, once lords of this large island. Diligent search has been made, within the last few years, by more than one traveller, in the burial places of the tribe around Red Indian Lake and other localities, for skulls or other bones, but not even a fragment could be found. So completely has the race whose canoes once glided over the lakes and rivers of the island, and whose hunting-grounds extended from east to west, been "improved off the face of all creation." A few of their arrow and spear heads, and stone implements of various kinds, have been dug up at intervals and preserved; but only a solitary skull remains to tell us what was the conformation of that "dome of thought," that "palace" in which dwelt the soul of a Bethuck. For some years this precious relic lay unnoticed and almost unknown in the dust-covered corner of an apartment occupied by the Mechanics' Institute; and there was some danger that it might find its way to the dust bin. The present writer, however, succeeded in getting it transferred to its present resting-place, where, no doubt, it will be preserved as long as its atoms hold together, and where it begins to attract much attention as the solitary cranium of an extinct tribe. Quite lately it was photographed, in all sorts of attitudes, by a gentleman from London, who brought it under the notice of the Anthropological Society, where it awakened much interest, and led to a discussion on the race to which its first proprietor belonged.

The skull itself is in a good state of preservation. While undoubtedly Indian, it is not very far inferior to the Caucasian type, and indicates no small amount of intelligence. The peculiarities which stamp the American Indian skull are, however, unmistakable—the vertical occiput, the prominent vertex, the low defective forehead, the square form, the quadrangular orbits and the massive maxilla. It is the cranium of a savage, but not one of a low type. The teeth, some of which remain, are strong and sound, and indicate that the wearer was not troubled with dyspepsia. Around it, in the place of its present repose, are appropriately grouped various Indian relics found in the island, formed out of stone. One of these is an oblong vessel of soft magnesian stone, hollowed to the depth of two inches, the lower edges forming a square of three and a half feet in the sides. In one corner is a hollow