The steersman had noted the neglect of race at all to have been gradually split into two main divisions by the above, some suppose of lands which are now flooded by the Indian river. These two divisions—East and West—correspond to the two great ethical divisions of the species: the former comprising the Indo-Musulman and Australian and the latter the negro of the African mainland. The Australian, according to classification, appears as one of the primary states of the great negro stock, but the peculiar combination of physical characters had always contained an ethnological principle and formed a great difficulty in every attempt at classification. As far as the fairly-balanced individual was concerned it had never been seen that the fact and that the excitement was well authenticated. It was possible Australia was originally peopled by a tribe of the typalized Melanesians in which the natives of the Negroid race such as inhabited portions of Southern India. Many anthropologists have thrown the resemblance between the racial conditions of the Australians and the tribes of those of similar races: Australian aborigines and Aboriginal languages. An additional link between the two countries was the use of the boomerang as an instrument peculiar that its use by two people afforded evidence of their intellectual affinity. This explanation might be drawn from the fact that the peculiar race of the aborigines was the direct descendant of an earlier primitive type. Peculiar to the living mammalian fauna of the continent they found a marked presence of the two species of the native and curious marsupials and monotremes, which, with few exceptions, were confined to the regions of the Australian geological province. Thus kangaroo jumping, and oppossums were zoological relics of a mammalian type which had in most other countries completely disappeared. The most astonishing peculiarity of the aborigines was their burial rites, which in many cases included a passage to the other world, as from the island of Australia where the remains were found. The celebrated Terra-Mater shall present in an exaggerated degree the peculiar conditions of the ancient race. The question belonged to an age which could not be exactly stated, but was reckoned in thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of years. This type of skull, which in Europe only appeared isolated, was found to be frequently found amongst the Australian, particularly members of the Adelaide tribe. It is not likely to have been that no people were more ancient or less modified than the aborigines of Australia. It was both unfortunate and surely creditable that our national museums did not possess a single authentic specimen of the Adelaide tribe, and it was indeed humiliating that the details of this interesting intelligent group should be left to have remained in the museum of the old world. If they look back to the knowledge of Australia, was generally compared with what might have been known they might compare themselves with neglect of opportunities. Too late to retrieve the only chance of the past they might profit by their efforts to utilise the opportunities still left to them. In such a work the South Australian Museum had been desirous of playing its humble part, and within itself, in the shape of some lantern slides, was to be found the most complete collection Illustrative of Australian life that existed anywhere. To aid in the completion of such a work was a project that had long been an affair of heart. Men were to be found, but where was the money? A grant of £100 from each of the Australian Governments would supply the necessary funds for the publication and illustration of an exhaustive work. It was too much for the hope that when the tide of financial depression had come once more turn towards the flow of prosperity the Government might be secured for such an object. Private enterprise had done much, surely this was a national matter in which the assistance of Colonial Governments might be appropriately sought, and there were who not to be found, there were well.

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