

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY: XIII. BIBLIOGRAPHIA PHRENOLOGICA

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*Summary.*—Description of a bibliographic listing of 383 items concerned with phrenology and available from the American Society for Information Science is given. Some research underway is mentioned.

The purpose of the present article is to bring to the attention of the interested historian the availability of bibliographic information on phrenology. While research and interest in the history of phrenology has not attracted the attention of a great many psychologists, the importance of phrenology to the history of psychiatry (Carlson, 1958), to the history of cerebral localization of function (Young, 1970), to the history of psychology (Bakan, 1966; Walsh, 1970a, 1970b, in press) in addition to its own social history (Davies, 1955) has recently been treated by several writers. That there is still some interest in phrenology is shown further by the recent appearance of several books dealing directly with the subject (Chambers, 1968; Fowler & Fowler, 1969; Hedderly, 1970; Lanteri-Laura, 1970; Leek, 1970; Sonero, 1970); and, the facsimile reproduction of important early works on phrenology is providing another source of exposure for this most misunderstood discipline (Combe, 1969; Gall & Spurzheim, 1967; Gibbon, 1969; Spurzheim, 1970 [cf. Walsh, 1970a]).<sup>1</sup>

To undertake research on the history of phrenological inquiry and its contributions to contemporary thought it has been necessary to compile bibliographic material directly related to phrenology, as well as materials which elucidate the history in terms of phrenology's involvement with such disciplines as anthropology, psychiatry, medicine, physiognomy, education, penology, etc. It appears that the "complete" bibliographic listing will, when all sources have been checked, approach 6,000 entries. A current bibliographic listing now available<sup>2</sup> is comprised of items in the private collection of the author, compiled as of January 29, 1971. The more than 600 items in this collection appear in an alphabetic listing of 383 separate entries. Other period and later works which include discussions on phrenology and phrenologists—or, which are tangentially related—are included.<sup>3</sup> Some of the rarer works include items which predate Gall and Spurzheim's presentation of their *mémoire* to the French Institute (1809) (e.g. [Gall], 1801, 1802; Nacquart, 1808),<sup>4</sup> the only translation of Gall's works into English (Gall, 1835), first edition works by Spurzheim (e.g., Spurzheim, 1818, 1822, 1826), and others.

<sup>1</sup>Andrew Combe's *Observations on mental derangement, etc.* (1834), apparently the only other work on insanity written by a phrenologist, will be reproduced by facsimile in the near future with an introduction by this writer.

<sup>2</sup>A thirty-three page bibliography of 383 items has been deposited with the American Society for Information Science. (See Table A) Order Document NAPS-01320 from ASIS National Auxiliary Publications Service, c/o CCM Information Corp., 909 Third Ave., 21st Floor, New York, N. Y. 10022. Remit \$2.00 for microfiche or \$7.50 for photocopy.

<sup>3</sup>Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 25, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 54, 57, 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 78, 79, 80, 83, 84, 131, 132, 140, 141, 142, 146, 154, 156, 157, 158, 160, 162, 163, 167, 171, 172, 173, 185, 186, 192, 196, 197, 198, 201, 203, 210, 211, 212, 225, 226, 228, 233, 245, 249, 253, 255, 256, 257, 259, 260, 261, 264, 270, 275, 276, 277, 374, 375, 378, 379, 380, and 383 are considered secondary sources ( $N = 80$ ).

<sup>4</sup>The two editions I have attributed to Gall have not been cited in any of the literature which I have perused. Whether or not they were actually written by Gall, or whether they are accounts of Gall's system by an observer, will need study.

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