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My dear Cushing,-

The founders of the American Anthropometric Society were Dr. Harrison Allen, Dr. Joseph Leidy, Dr. William Pepper, Dr. Edward C. Spitzka and myself. The first meeting was held at the residence of Harrison Allen in the fall of 1899. Dr. Osler was a member. The brains, which I am glad to say did not accumulate very rapidly, were deposited in the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and in 1907, six of them were studied by Edward Anthony Spitzka. The results were published in the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, N.S. Volume XXI, Part III.

Dr. Osler was actively interested in the subject but naturally could not take a personal part in the study of the brains. You can readily understand, however, that the association of Dr. Osler with Leidy was a natural one. The two men drifted together as soon as Osler came down from Montreal.

I am with my kindest regards,

Very Sincerely Yours,

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*It was in 1882 that two sets of American brains topographically according to Leidy were...*