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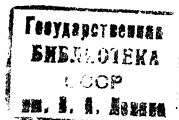
BEING ~~AN~~ APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF  
PHRENOLOGY TO THE ELUCIDATION OF THE  
CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, NATURE, AND TREATMENT  
OF INSANITY.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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WHEN yet a student, I joined in the general burst of ridicule with which the phrenological doctrines were received at the time of Dr SPURZHEIM'S visit to Great Britain in 1816-17, a piece of conduct which is explained, though far from justified, by the circumstance, that I was then totally unacquainted with their nature and import. My attention was first seriously turned to the examination of these doctrines during my residence at Paris, in the autumn of 1818, when Dr SPURZHEIM'S *Observations sur la Phrenologie*, then just published, were happily put into my hands, at a time when, from there being no lectures in any of the Parisian schools, I had ample leisure to peruse that work deliberately. I had not proceeded far before I became impressed with the acuteness and profundity of many of the author's remarks on the varied phenomena of human nature, and with the simpli-