

NORTH QUEENSLAND ETHNOGRAPHY.¹

BULLETIN No. 9.

BURIAL CEREMONIES, AND DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD.

By WALTER E. ROTH, Magistrate of the Pomeroon District, British Guiana; late Chief Protector of Aborigines, Queensland; Corresponding Member of the Anthropological Society, Berlin, the Anthropological Institute, London, etc.

(Plates lxxviii.-lxxiv., figs. 56-60).

CONTENTS.

- Sect. 1. Introduction.
2. Pennefather River Ceremonies.
3. Lower Gulf of Carpentaria Coast.
4. Princess Charlotte Bay.
5. Cape Bedford.
6. Bloomfield River.
7. Tully River.
8. Russell River.
9. Boulia District.
10. Cloncurry District.
11. Upper Georgina River District.
12. Rockhampton District.
13. Brisbane District.

1. The interpretation of many of the gruesome details embodied in the following pages will be rendered intelligible by bearing in mind that, speaking generally, the main purport of the ceremonies connected with the disposal of the dead is to avenge the deceased,

¹ Bulletins 1-8 inclusive were presented to both Houses of Parliament in Brisbane (see Queensland Parliamentary Papers, 1901-1906), and subsequently printed and published by the Government Printer (George Arthur Vaughan). The collections, on which much of the matter contained in these "Bulletins" depends, having now passed into the possession of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, Dr. Roth's notes will from time to time appear in the "Records."—Editor.