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In order to avoid a possible misunderstanding,

Prof. Dr. EUGÈNE DUBOIS declares

that on stating the, according to him, ascertained fact, that upon reconstruction of the skull described by Dr. VON KOENIGSWALD, which consists of numerous fragments, the original form has been modified, he by no means wants to say that this was done *on purpose*.

On the contrary, Prof. DUBOIS thinks that it was caused by the great technical difficulty in such a case to restore the original form by reconstruction. The inevitable minimal deviations in the junction of the edges of each time two fragments cause angularly considerable deviations of the opposite edges and these may be geometrically progressive.

This difficulty is so considerable that Prof. DUBOIS, who has a fifty years' experience of such work, declares not to be able in such a case to restore the original form.