Report of the Board of Archaeological and Anthropological Studies

14 May 1924.

Hitherto since the establishment of the Board of Archaeological and Anthropological Studies the only report made to the General Board has been that of the Reader in Ethnology. This year the Board makes a full report itself on the working of the Department as a whole, covering both the teaching and the administration of the Museum of Archaeology and of Ethnology.

During the Michaelmas and Lent Terms the Reader gave six lectures each week and during the Easter Term two courses of instruction, besides class work and discussions with students. The lectures on the Races of Man were attended by 72 students, the great majority of whom belonged to the Geographical Department. For the courses specially adapted for the Anthropological Tripos and Diploma there were nine students, one of whom took the Tripos. The total number of lectures given by the Reader was 110. Mr Armstrong gave a course of lectures with discussions during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms on Social Anthropology to 14 students, and also held a conversation class on one evening each week. He also gave a course of lectures on Anthropology to about 50 Naval Officers in the Lent Term, 1923. Mr Miles C. Burkitt gave his usual lectures and demonstrations on Man in the Stone Age in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms to 5 students. The following unofficial courses of lectures were given: Dr P. Radin on the Mind of Primitive Man, in the Michaelmas Term, and Mr K. P. Chattopadhyay on Indian Sociology, in the Lent Term.

Miss C. H. Wedgwood has measured and catalogued the skulls in the Ethnological Laboratory, and Miss O. L. M. Walters has mounted a large number of samples of hair of various races for demonstration purposes.

Mr G. S. Ghurye was awarded the Degree of Ph.D. for his thesis “Funerary monuments of India” and “Megalithic monuments, their origin and distribution.”

Mr T. F. Mcllwraith made sociological investigations among the Bella Coola, British Columbia, and Mr T. T. Barnard made similar researches in the New Hebrides.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

In the Babington Hall the Curator has arranged specimens from the Congo, North Africa, Sudan and Portuguese East Africa.

In the Maudsley Hall the re-arrangement of the collection of local antiquities by Dr Cyril Fox, referred to in the previous Report, has been continued. The contents of The Beacon Hill Barrow, Barton Mills, presented by Earl Cawdor, have been placed on exhibition. Bronze Age antiquities from the Continent, and the Murray Collection from Ireland, have also been labelled and arranged in a special case. The Ransom Collection has been set out in a case provided by the donor.

In the Andrews Gallery, the re-arrangement and labelling of the New Guinea Collection has been continued by Miss Wedgwood and Miss Walters. Cases of specimens of Eskimo, N.W. Coast of America and New Zealand, South American ornaments and Musquaki Indians, have been set out by the Curator.

Mr Miles Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, has continued the arrangement of the Museum specimens and the classification of new specimens received during the year (Ransom, Gray, etc).

In the Bevan Hall Baron A. von Hügel has made considerable progress in the arrangement of the Fiji Collections.

The importance of the Museum both to the Borough and neighbourhood is demonstrated by frequent visits made by conducted parties of archaeologists, working men’s societies, and classes from local schools.

The most important addition to the Museum was the gift of Mr F. Ransom of Hitchin of his archaeological collections of all periods from palaeolithic to eighteenth century including many important local finds. The value of the gift was further enhanced by his present of £250 for cases to display the collections.

The Earl Cawdor presented to the Museum the contents of the Beacon Hill Barrow, excavated by himself and Dr Fox.

Lady Ryan of Hintlesham Hall, presented in memory of the late Mr Redfern, J.P., D.L., an important series of local antiquities, of the Bronze Age and later, which he had collected.

Several important series of stone implements from Australia were given to the Museum by and through Dr Haddon.

The Rev. W. H. Edgell gave a valuable series of charms, etc., from the New Hebrides.
LIBRARY. Miss E. S. Fegan, Honorary Librarian of the Museum, has continued her valuable services in arranging and cataloguing the books and pamphlets.

Mr Ralph Griffin, F.S.A. (since appointed Honorary Keeper of the Monumental Brass rubbings) has continued working during the year on the arrangement of the collection of rubbings which is now finished and put into folios of counties, the parishes in each county being in alphabetical order. Many more rubbings are wanted to make the collection complete and it is hoped members of the University will help. For this purpose a list has been made by Mr Griffin of all the brasses in the Kingdom so far as known and also a complete list of wants.

Included in the gifts this year is a fine series of careful rubbings of indents of lost brasses from Ely and Chichester Cathedrals mainly due to Mr John A. Humphries of Trinity Hall who has also given valuable assistance in other directions, as have Mr E. G. Benson of St Catherine's and Mr G. H. S. Bushnell of Downing. To the latter is due a complete set of rubbings from Eton College Chapel. Mr Benson has also given many rubbings mainly from Berkshire. Mr Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., Gonville and Caius College, has kindly assisted in many matters of doubt.

ACCOUNTS. Owing to the alteration in the Financial Year, the accounts include a period of ten months only, during which the amount received from the Financial Board was £431. 5s. Od. A generous donation, already mentioned, of £250 from Mr F. Ransoms has provided an excellent case for the display of the most important specimens of the Ransom Collection. A gift of £8 was also received from the late Miss A. C. Breton shortly before her death, towards the cost of a case for American specimens.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1923

DONATIONS

Austen, Mr L.: Two jaw-bones, and three imitation heads on handles, British New Guinea (23. 1467—1469; 1471).
Balfour, Mr H.: Brass bracelet, India (23. 107).
Barnard, Mr T. C.: Collection of ornaments and fishing apparatus, Melanesia (23.1354—1360).
Barnett, Mr J. E.: Pottery, mats, specimens of goat hair and model loom, Sudan (23.1367—1374).
Bevan, Prof. A.: Circular shield in netted bag, Astrolabe Bay; six bamboo spear-throwers and long narrow shield.— Sepik River (23. 1472 — 1474); two skulls, Australia (24. 1476 a—b); shell-money, Solomon Islands (24. 1482).
Bowl, Mr P.: Fragments of pottery and bronze; carbonised seeds, fruit, etc., Luc du Bouget, Savoy, France (23. 1616—1620).
Brown, Mr C.: Portion of rim of a beaker, Fox Hill, Eriswell, Suffolk (23. 1361); flat flint scraper, Mildenhall, Suffolk (23. 1463).
Buller, Mr G. J.: Fragment of bronze spear-head and cast of stone tool, Herts. (23. 108 a—b).
Bawdour, The Earl: Two Bronze Age Beakers, Bawdour, Naim, Scotland (23. 1316—1317); the contents of Beacon Hill Barrow, Barton Mills, Suffolk, excavated by him and Dr C. Fox, 
Christian, Dr.: Hallstatt pottery sherds, Ballendorn, L. Austria (23.1216).
Chubb, Mr E. C.: Copper ring, pottery fragments, and shale implements, S. Africa (23. 1432—1434).
Clarke, Mr L. C. G.: Twenty-one specimens of ornaments, weapons, pottery, etc., China, Japan, India, Burma, and Cook Islands (23. 2—18); five articles of apparel, including royal shamma or shawl, Abyssinia (23.19—23); yellow costrel, British Isles; silver sheath for knife, Feltwell Fen, bronze "harp" brooch, Roman, Lakenheath; bronze buckles, spearhead, knife, inlaid with brass (Seax), c. xith century, etc. (23.1320—1339); bronze axe, Soham (23. 1340); bronze oval "tortoise" brooch, penannular fibula, bronze pin, Sweden (23. 1342—1344); four vases, one bowl, five statuettes, mainly from Cyprus (23.1347—1353); stone with Bushman painting, S. Africa (23. 1365); two beaded mats, British Somaliland (23. 1394); five bronze fibulae and boss, bronze key-hook, Sweden (23.1621—1625); two carved comots, B.N. Guinea ; shield, Trobriands; fish-hook, Maty Islands; beaded apron, Admiralty Islands; chest ornaments and shell money, Solomon Islands (23. 1477—1483).
Cobett, Dr L.: Glazed black ware Kantharos, probably N. Hellas (23. 65).
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Crawford, Mr O. G. S.: Bronze Age pottery fragments, Bosnia (23. 1345—1346).
Cowles, Mr S.: Gold ring, late XVIIIth century (23. 70).
Daintree, Mr G. E.: Handled beaker, transition period, Somersham, Hunts. (23. 1215).
Dell, Mr W. T.: Collection of cylinder-conical and cornute stones, flat mortars, mullers and stone implements, N.S. Wales (23. 1396—1410).
Fitch, Mr W.: Hookah and puggri, Punjab, India (23. 1366).
Frith, Rev. J. B.: Coin of Vespasian, fragments of pottery, arrow-head, etc., Horseyheath (23. 1300—1304).
Glaisher, Dr J. W. L.: Silt gong, Mandated New Guinea (23. 1475); ceremonial mace, Solomon Islands (23. 1484).
APPENDIX II

Library Report, 1923

Gifts of books and pamphlets for the Library have been received from Sir William Ridgeway, Dr Haddon (8 vols. and 30 pamphlets), the Curator (3 vols.), Dr Fox, Mr R. Griffin, Mr J. M. Gray, Mr A. H. Lyall, Mr S. Cowles, The National Museum of Wales, and the Librarian.