

## Report of the Board of Archaeological and Anthropological Studies

3 March 1926.

During the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, besides classwork and discussions with students, the Reader gave four lectures each week, and during the Easter Term demonstrations in the Museum and conversation classes. The Lectures on the Races of Man were attended by 57 students, including 47 students from the Geographical Department. For the courses specially designed for the Anthropological Tripos and Diploma there were 11 students, of whom 3 took the Tripos. Mr Armstrong gave a course of lectures with discussions during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms on Social Anthropology and Primitive Religions to 13 students, and also held a conversation class on one evening each week. Mr Miles C. Burkitt gave his usual lectures and demonstrations on Man in the Stone Age in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms to 9 students.

Academic year  
1924-25

Miss C. H. Wedgwood gave valuable assistance in the Ethnological Laboratory.

Mr C. B. Humphreys made a second expedition to Tanna and Eromanga.

Mr T. F. McIlwraith was appointed Assistant Curator in the Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology and Lecturer in the University of Toronto.

Dr Haddon published a rewritten edition of *The Races of Man*.

Mr M. C. Burkitt issued a second edition of his *Prehistory*, revised and with additional notes.

### MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

Year 1925

In the Bevan Hall the Curator has begun the arrangement of the Melanesian collections. The more valuable specimens have been mounted in small glass hanging cases to ensure their safe handling.

In the Andrews Gallery the Curator has arranged the ethnographical collection he made amongst the Zuni Indians, and in a table case with drawers the smaller specimens he excavated at Kechipaun in New Mexico in 1923. On the wall by the large case containing specimens from the N.W. coast of America have been placed six new hanging cases containing specimens from the same area.

In the Babington Hall the Curator arranged a temporary exhibition of the collection from the Lango made and presented by Mr Driberg and the collection from the Red Sea province of the Sudan made and presented by Dr Cyril Crossland. In the same Hall were hung two cases containing respectively the important leather effigy from Munshi, Nigeria, given by Mr A. E. Mathews, and the two masks from West Africa collected by the late Captain Jenkinson.

In the passage leading to Babington Hall has been hung the valuable and instructive series of shell currency from Rossel Island presented by Mr W. E. Armstrong.

In the Maudslay Hall Miss O'Reilly has continued and finished the arrangement of the Anglo-Saxon antiquities began by Dr Cyril Fox; all the specimens have been cleaned and remounted.

The collections of Roman coins have been identified and arranged in a case.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, reports considerable activity in his department. Not only have there been numerous additions to the collections owing to gifts from generous benefactors, but also there has been considerable internal rearrangement of the collections. The latter has been rendered necessary partly by the ever-increasing lack of space due to the growth of the Museum collections, partly by the grouping together in the Prehistoric Room of the various archaeological student series. With the exception of the African specimens which remain in the African show-cases in the Andrews Gallery, students can now handle at their leisure good examples of all the commoner industries. The arrangement is both typological and geographical.

The various gifts are detailed elsewhere, but special mention must be made of the following:

(1) some valuable Capsian implements which have helped to fill a lacuna, (2) the very important ethnographical and archaeological collection formerly deposited in but now presented to the Museum by the Earl of Denbigh, through Baron von Hügel; the ethnographical series contains a number of specimens collected by Captain Cook, which were given to Mr Pennant, of Downing Hall, Flintshire, the ancestor of the donor; these comprise specimens of great rarity from the N.W. coast of America,

Tonga, Tahiti, New Zealand and other islands of the Pacific; the archaeological series includes a Bronze Age food vessel, probably from N. Wales, and a very fine bronze armlet with la Tene decoration, and (3) the magnificent gift by Dr Tapp of the Hartley Collection; this comprises a number of English Palaeolithic and Neolithic specimens, but specially an extensive set of implements from Ceylon. Dr Tapp's generosity was not limited to the gift of this collection alone but

he also supplied funds for the building of a case to hold the Ceylon and other Indian specimens possessed by the Museum.

These additions have all been duly entered and arranged.

The importance of the Museum to the Borough and neighbourhood is illustrated by frequent visits made by classes from local schools and societies, to whom demonstrations have been given. Visits have also been received from eminent archaeologists and ethnologists from different parts of the world, some of whom have spent two or three days working in the Museum.

**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, Honorary Keeper of the Collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports that during the year good progress has been made in arranging the collection, which it is his object to make as complete as possible, not omitting those brasses that have been usually regarded by brass rubbers as of little interest. These naturally do not often appear in the collections he has been able to acquire, and it is usually necessary to send specially to get rubbings of such brasses when they are located. As soon as Mr Mill Stephenson's great and nearly complete list of brasses is published, an event which it is hoped may take place before Midsummer, the places where these brasses are to be found will be ascertained and the process of obtaining rubbings of them will be to that extent more simple than it was when all the guide available was Haines' excellent but imperfect list.

Mr Griffin has acquired some useful collections such as the Peckham Collection (through the good offices of Mr Humphries) and also a good collection made by the late Mr F. Stanley of Margate.

Mr Humphries has been invaluable as an assistant during the year and Mr de Frame has continued to give useful aid. Mr Gordon Ruck, of Gonville and Caius College, who has joined the band of workers, has done much to compensate the absence of Mr Benson and Mr Bushnell, who have gone down, but who send constant and useful reminders of their continual interest in the shape of excellent rubbings of brasses in places they have visited.

Mr Ruck has moreover been able in the Long Vacation to make a systematic investigation of a part of Norfolk, and has given some hundreds of rubbings of brasses in that portion of the county, thereby rendering the collection complete for that area.

**ACCOUNTS.** The amount received from the Financial Board for the year was £575. The special Grant of £800 made last year has been utilised in erecting cases in the Bevan Hall ; of the additional grant of £75 the majority has been spent on binding publications for the Library and on special lectures, leaving a balance of £26. 17s. 0d. for further expenditure.

WILLIAM RIDGEWAY, *Chairman.*

JOHN E. MARR.

H. P. STOKES.

ELLIS H. MINNS.

H. H. BRINDLEY.

EDWARD BULLOUGH.

M. C. BURKITT.

H. F. BIRD.

## APPENDIX I

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1925

### DONATIONS

*Aldford Clark, Capt. A. F.:* Three tortoise carapaces used as bells. Didinga, Sudan (25. 78 -80); three ornaments worn by men and women, Didinga, Sudan (25. 887—889).

*Anglo-Persian Oil Company:* Three flint cores, Irak (25. 314).

*Armstrong, Mr W. E.:* Two wooden spears, Louisiades (25. 429).

*Balfour, Mr H.:* Fire-making stick Assam (25. 261).

*Barnard, Mr E. A. B.:* Early glass bead, Caithness, Scotland (25. 444).

*Barrington Brown, Mr C.:* Collection of stone implements, N.W. Peru (25. 263—285); collection of stone implements, sherds, etc., Ecuador (25. 318—327).

*Beasley, Mr H.:* Black pottery, coastal type, Peru (25. 135).

*Beck, Mr H.:* Flint implements, Tunisia, N. Africa (25. 737).

*Beddington, Mr H.:* Two brass armlets, Benin (25. 62—63).

*Black, Dr D.:* Socketed adze-blade, modern, Peking (25. 262).

*Breuil, l'Abbé:* Set of early Neolithic tools, Seine-et-Oise, France (25. 728); set of lower Palaeolithic tools, Abbeville, France (25. 735).

*British Museum Expedition:* Specimens of stone implements, pottery, etc., Mesopotamia (25. 746—749).

*Brown, Mr C.:* Pottery fragments, Roman Period, Wang-ford Warren, Suffolk (25. 115—134).

*Cambridge Antiquarian Society:* Iron spearhead, Viking Period, It. Cam; iron sword, Mediaeval, Stretham, Cambs. (25. 435—436); deer-horn axe, Bronze Age; iron scramasax, Anglo-Saxon; iron spearhead, Viking Period ; iron knife and two implements, Mediaeval, R. Cam (25. 602—606); bronze brooch, Viking Period, Lode, Cambs. (25. 607); string of fossilised sponges, Cambridge; polished celt, Fen Ditton, Cambridge (25. 732—733).

*Cawdor, The Earl :* Ethnographical series, Tibet (25. 571—598).

*Clarke, Rev. J. G.:* Stonespindle-whorl, Hookwold, Norfolk (25. 454).

- Clarke, Mr L. C. O.*: Two bronze masks and panel, Benin (25. 67—69); Maori comb and three old whale-tooth fasteners, New Zealand (25. 70—71); slate knife and ivory snow-scraper, Eskimo, Arctic America (25. 76—77); harpoon and bird bolas, Arctic America (25. 113—114); clay figure of soldier, China (25. 287); inlaid plaque of turquoise and obsidian, and pottery, New Mexico (25. 328—331); cachalot tooth, figure of woman, Fiji (25. 336); Igorote head-hunter's cap, Philippines, and zimba, S. Africa (16. 427—428); upper part of sword, Mediaeval, R. Cam (25. 437); necklacc, bone whistle and bag, Peru (25. 441—443); knife, Mediaeval, R. Cam (25. 446); wooden horn, Africa (25. 460); fishing-net, spear-throwers and clubs, New Guinea (25. 461—463); hardwood club (25. 467); hand-made pot, doubtful date, Harston, Leicestershire (25. 474); jade and greenstone axes, China (25. 750); two clubs, Tonga; bronze dagger and double-axe, Goumia, Crete; copper cake-box, Tibet (25. 830—834); ethnographical series, Kenya Colony (25. 837—867).
- Cobbett, Dr L.*: Three bronze heads, Benin (25. 64—66).
- Cowles, Mr S.*: Wooden egg-cup (25. 457); fakir's dagger, India; bone tobacco-pipe and cigarette-holder (25. 464—465).
- Denbigh, The Earl of*, per *Baron von Hügel*: Stone implements, St Acheul (25. 313); important archaeological and ethnographical collections, including specimens collected by Captain Cook (25. 337—426); Roman fibula (25. 430). (Transferred from Deposit.)
- Donnelly, Mr J. A.*, per *Mr H. H. Brindley*: Killick and photographs, Gulf of Pe-chi-li, N. China (25. 82—83).
- Bribery, Mr J. H.*: Ethnographical collection, Uganda (25. 97—112).
- Edgell, Rev. W. H.*: Specimens from Melanesia, including an important wooden paddle from Raga, New Hebrides (25. 563—570).
- Evans, Mr J. H. N.*: Gipsy knife, Overcote, Hunts. (25. 458).
- Everitt, Miss C. O.*: Stone implements, Swaziland and Gold Coast, Africa (25. 741—743).
- Fitch, Mr*: Mortarium, Roman Period, Colne, Hunts. (25. 885).
- Goldsmith, Mrs D.*: Arrowhead, Chubut, S. Argentina (25. 317).
- Gowan, Commander*: Stone implements, Nigeria (25. 744—745).
- Green, Mr F.*: Chert implements, Sidon, Palestine (25. 740).
- Griffin, Mr R.*: Specimens of Tapa, Pacific (25. 890).
- Haddon, Dr A. C.*: Stone implements, Melbourne, Australia (25. 309—311); whistle and charm, Montana, U.S.A. (25. 475); ethnographical collection chiefly Malay Peninsula (25. 535—560); ethnographical collection, chiefly Torres Straits, New Guinea, Malay Peninsula, etc. (25. 617—716).
- Haddon, Mr E. B.*: Knives and ornaments, Uganda (25. 72—75).
- Hall, Mr A.*: Leaf-shaped sword, Bronze Age, Southery, Norfolk (25. 884).
- Hendley, Maj.-Gen. H.*: Stoneimplements, Caxton, Cambs. (25. 84).
- Hornell, Mr J.*: Ethnographical collection, chiefly Gorgona Island (Colombia), Marquesas, Dutch New Guinea, etc. (25. 742—819).
- Hügel, Baroness A. von*: Knife and fork, bone handles inlaid with silver (25. 140).
- Iremonger, Mr M.*: Ceremonial cloak of bark cloth, Buougu, Uganda (25. 61).
- Jennings, Mr J.*: Brass votive hand (25. 453).
- Kidder, Dr*: Fragments of pottery, Pecos, U.S.A. (25. 609—616).
- Leach, Mr B. McL.*: Green-glazed tile, Framlingham, Suffolk (25. 599).
- Leakey, Mr L. S. B.*: Stone implements, E. Africa (25. 315); obsidian pygmy tools, etc., E. Africa (25. 751).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.*: Gold coin of Gratianus, Cambridge (25. 608); four pygmy scrapers, Scotland (25. 751).
- Lilley, Mr J.*: Wooden tobacco pipe (25. 466).
- Lloyd-Jones, Miss*: Bronze-gilt disc, Anglo-Saxon, Barton Mills, Suffolk (25. 332).
- Lloyd-Jones, Dr E.*: Two socketed celts, Bronze Age, Yunnanfu, China (25. 600—601).
- Macfie, The Executors of the late J. W.*: Valuable ethnographical collections, Africa, Australia, Malay Peninsula, Melanesia and Polynesia (25. 141—252; 25. 289—308; 25. 477—534).
- Macrae, Mr F. B.*: Stone implements, N. Rhodesia (25. 736).
- Maudslay, Dr Alfred*: Frontlet of shell mounted on cloth, Samoa (25. 561).
- Okey, Professor T.*: Large wickerwork bed-bug trap, England (25. 81); fish-hook, New Zealand (25. 445).
- Parsons, Dr E. G.*: Prayer sticks, Zuni Indians, New Mexico (25. 92—96).
- Partridge, Mr F.*: Pottery tortoise, Tang Dynasty, China (25. 476).
- Porter, Mr N. T.*: Specimen of "biltong," Africa (25. 439).
- Poits, Mr F. A.*: Whale harpoon and cedar bark scraper, N.W. coast of America (25. 333—334).
- Prime, Mrs*: Wooden butter stamp and mould, Cambridge (25. 435—436).
- Pryor, Mr W. G.*: Axes and bronze fragments, Bronze Age, Cumberlow Green, Herts. (25. 137—139).
- Ramsden, Mr J. St M.*: Ground stone axe, Kenya Colony (25. 136).
- Ramsden, Sir John*: Two cinerary urns, Bronze Age, Bamscar, Cumberland (25. 472—473).
- Routledge, Mr W.*: Turtle-shell ornament, Easter Island (25. 260).
- Sandwich, The Earl of*: Three stone pounders, adze-head and conch-shell trumpet, Society Islands; stone pounder, Marquesas (25. 85—91).
- Seeley, Mr Nigel*: Flint arrowhead, Northumberland (25. 734).
- Seltman, Mr C. T.*: Bronze bowl, La Tène Period, Rhone, France (25. 886).
- Spear, Dr F. G.*: Ground stone axe, Yakusu, Belgian Congo (25. 316).
- Stopford, Mr*: Palm leaf cloth, Babunda, Congo (25. 459).
- Swayne, Mr J. C.*: Specimens of basket work, Sarawak (25. 820—829).
- Tapp, Dr W. M.*: The Hartley Collection; a collection of stone implements from Greece, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, Africa and New Zealand; Hammer-stones, tools, and a very large number of pygmy implements from Ceylon; Palaeolithic and Neolithic implements from Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Berkshire, Kent and Surrey (25. 1—60).
- Theobald, Mr A. E.*: An important collection of stone implements, Tunisia (25. 738—739).
- Wellings, Mr F. E.*: Stone implements, Mexico (25. 872—873).
- Whitcomb Green, Mr*: Coup de Poing, Dunbridge, Hants. (25. 730).
- Whitehouse, Mr F. W.*: Two spearheads and two glass arrowheads, Australia; slingstone, New Caledonia; three stone arrowheads, W. of N. America (25. 449—452).
- Wollaston, Dr A. F. R.*: Tobacco-pipe, roll of tobacco and stone implements, Dutch New Guinea (25. 468—471).

## DEPOSITS

*Vaughan-Jones, Miss*: Large halberd, Bronze Age; and stone implement, Ballina, Ireland (25. d.20—21).

*Hornell, Mr J.*: Ethnological specimens from Marquesas, Chiriqui, Central America, Madeira and Fiji (25. d.3—19).

*Jenkinson, Miss*: Two wooden drums and sticks, W. Africa (25. d.1—2).

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## **APPENDIX II**

### **Library Report for 1925**

During the year gifts of books and pamphlets have been received from the following : Dr A. C. Haddon (198 books and numerous pamphlets), Rev. W. A. Crabtree, Messrs J. Pritchard, R. Griffin, C. W. Previt -Orton, T. Jesson, R Morton Nance, M. C. Burkitt, W. Rye, G. Ruck, R. W. Gibbin, P. H. Emerson, Dr W. M. Palmer, Dr Tapp, Prof. W. A. Norton, Miss M. A. Murray (photographs), Lady Hope, Lady Stephen, Miss B. S. Phillpotts, the Master of Jesus, the Curator, the Librarian, the Union of S. Africa, the S. W. Africa Pavilion, Wembley.

The Librarian has pleasure in recording the fact that the Library is becoming better known to students and is being increasingly used by them.

An addition of much interest during this year has been the portrait of Dr Haddon, painted by Mr P. A. de Laszlo and presented by him to the Museum. This has been hung in one of the rooms forming part of the Library, and it is to be hoped that when the real Library is at last built the portrait may find a permanent home therein.

**ETHEL S. FEGAN, *Hon. Librarian.***

**17 February 1926.**