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MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

The Museum has suffered a great loss by the death of Dr J. W. L. Glaisher, F.R.S., Fellow of Trinity College, who was for a number of years Chairman of the Museum Committee and always a very generous friend to the Museum.

Year 1929

The Curator has arranged in wall-cases in the Maudslay Hall a collection of Hungarian pottery, bronzes, etc., the greater part of which was dug up by him in collaboration with the Magyar Nemzeti Muzeum, Budapest, in 1927 and 1928; a continuous series of sherds from one site was arranged in two of the cases to show the character of the pottery in the successive strata. In an adjoining case have been arranged some of the more important pots and sherds from the excavations carried out at Niezwiska, Poland, in 1926, by Mr R. W. Hutchinson, on behalf of this Museum, in collaboration with the University of Lwów. A new table-case with drawers below has been constructed in the Maudslay Hall to contain part of the Anglo-Saxon collections, which were much overcrowded in the existing cases; the grave-furniture from the cemetery at Mildenhall, Suffolk, excavated by Mr T. C. Lethbridge for the Cambridge Antiquarian Society in 1928 and 1929, has been arranged in this case by Miss O'Reilly, and other Anglo-Saxon specimens have been placed in the drawers. All the pottery in the wall-cases in the Maudslay Hall has been dusted and the shelves cleaned.

In the Babington Hall the Curator has continued the re-arrangement of the African collections and arranged a temporary show of African masks.

Mr Bird has completed the arrangement and continued the labelling of the Primitive Currency collection, which has been increased during the year by several important specimens.

In the Andrews Gallery the Curator has put on view further American Indian specimens, six hanging wall-cases to contain them having been made in the Museum.

In the Bevan Hall, Dr Haddon, Honorary Keeper of the New Guinea Collection, has begun the re-arrangement of the collection from the Torres Straits; five cases have been made in the Museum for the display of extra specimens.

Col. F. J. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Australian Collections, has completed the arrangement and labelling of the collections under his care and has prepared the catalogue for publication.

The Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, Mr M. C. Burkitt, reports continued activity in his department. The work, however, is much hampered by lack of space. While the accessions have been somewhat less numerous than usual, there have been several very important additions to the collections. Among these may be specially mentioned the gift of polished stone chisels from Upper Burma, the complete results of Mr Wayland's excavation of the Magosi Cave, Uganda, and a series of Lower Palaeolithic tools from Wadi Gaza, Palestine. A show-case in the Andrews Gallery has been re-arranged to permit certain teaching series to be exhibited.

The Museum continues to receive important gifts. During the autumn the results of the excavations of Petra financed by the Hon. Henry Mond, M.P., were presented to the Museum;

Miss Conway, who was one of the excavators, worked for some months at the Museum, cataloguing and arranging the collection and putting a series on view in the Maudslay Hall. Space in the Iveyser Hall was allotted for several months to Miss Dorothy Garrod to enable her to work at her large collections of stone implements, the results of her recent excavations in Palestine and Kurdistan.

Mr Ralph Griffin, F.S.A., Honorary Keeper of the Collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports:

"The collection of rubbings of monumental brasses has received a number of gifts which have added very materially to its completeness. Mr G. L. Nussey of Boston, formerly of Clare College, has given freely from his own Collection, mainly from Lincolnshire. Mr H. K. St J. Sanderson of Bedford, formerly of Trinity College, has given rubbings of brasses in Bedfordshire. He wrote a complete account of brasses in that county for the Transactions of the Monumental Brass Society, and his expert co-operation has been most valuable. Mr Ruck, Mr Humphries and Mr Missen have continued their efforts on our behalf so that the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk are now well nigh complete. Mr Ruck started the Norfolk collection as an undergraduate by spending nearly a month in that county, and it is gratifying that this excellent start has enabled the county now to be spoken of as nearly finished. Of undergraduates now up, Mr Langham of Trinity Hall has been able to give us assistance, especially in completing Suffolk. Many sporadic additions from various counties have

been received, reducing our wants list to much smaller proportions. Mr E. G. Benson, who has been so valuable in helping in the past, has continued his admirable efforts, and Gloucestershire is being systematically dealt with by him with assistance of other of our friends. Mr Bushnell, who has come back for long leave from South America, has devoted some of his leisure to showing that he has in no way become lukewarm in his support of the Museum, affording us a notable example of loyal Cambridge spirit."

A marked increase in the number of visitors to the Museum during the year and the visits made by classes from local schools and members of local societies illustrate the importance of the Museum to the Borough and neighbourhood.

LIBRARY. Miss Fegan returned from Africa and resumed her post of Honorary Librarian early in the year. During her absence the work of the Library was carried on by Mrs Quiggin, to whom the Museum is much indebted. Thanks are due to the following for gifts¹ of books or pamphlets: Mr Bird, Miss Burstall, Mr P. Buxton, Mr S. Cowles, Mr K. Griffin, the Rev. C. L. D. Griffith, Dr Haddon, Mr T. C. Hodson, Lady Hope, the Lord Abbot of Montserrat, Dr W. M. Palmer, Dr F. Sarasin, Mr Schmiedehelm, Mr T. A. G. Strickland, Sir G. Walker and the Curator; also the Bursar of Trinity Hall, the British Chamber of Commerce in the Netherlands East Indies, the Glasgow Archaeological Society and the Sedgwick Museum. Dr Cobbett and Mrs Pollock have presented water-colour sketches for our collection of Local Prints and Drawings.

ACCOUNTS. See *Cambridge University Reporter*, 18 November 1929, p. 153, under the heading of Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology.

ELLIS H. MINNS, *Chairman*.

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H. F. BIRD.

APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1929

- Archer, Col.*: Roman third brass coins and two tradesmen's tokens, Ely, Cambs. (29. 281; 524).
- Baldry, Mr H.*: Ethnographical specimens (29. 151—153).
- Beattie, Mr W.*: Flint scraper, Neolithic, Suffolk (29. 136).
- Beveridge, Mrs.*: Feather poncho and head-dress from an early grave, Nasca, Peru (29. 64—65).
- British Museum Excavations at Ur, Mesopotamia*: Pottery jars and bowls, numerous decorated sherds, worked flints, obsidian and flint flakes, beads, etc., Ur (29. 501—515).
- British School of Archaeology in Egypt*: Coups de poing, tools, flakes, and Neolithic picks, Wadi Gaza, Palestine (29. 144—148).
- British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem*: Coups de poing, scrapers, points and flakes, Palestine (29. 126—128).
- Buxton, Mr D.*: Pottery fragments, Neolithic, Tell Ratlieff, Bulgaria (29. 366).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society*: Bronze bracelet, La Tene Period, Shepherd's Fen, Cambs. (29. 185); bronze skilnet and two fragmentary bronze bowls, La Tene Period, Lakenheath, Suffolk; palstave, Middle Bronze Age, dredged from R. Wissey, near Stoke Ferry, Norfolk (29. 284—286); spearhead, Late Bronze Age, and numerous pottery fragments, various periods, R. Wissey, Norfolk (29. 493—496); rapier, Middle Bronze Age, Cambridgeshire; chipped flint axe, Neolithic, Stapleford, Cambs.; glass beads, various periods, Croydon, Cambs. (29. 517—521).
- Cambridge Expedition to East Greenland*: Archaeological collection, including stone bowls and kettles, harpoon-heads, model baler, snow knife and numerous implements and fragments of bone, wood and antler, excavated from Eskimo huts in E. Greenland, 1929 (29. 251—275; 287—296).
- Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in co-operation with University of Lwow, Poland*: Large archaeological series, including whole pots, very numerous pottery fragments, animal bones, flints, querns, fragments of walling, etc., Neolithic, excavated at Niezwiska, Powiat of Horodnica, Galicia, S.E. Poland, in 1926; pottery fragments, etc., Early Iron Age and later periods, from upper strata of the same site (29. 301—365).
- Cazalet, Mr V.*: Two specimens of iron currency, Mende, W. Africa (29. 424).
- Clarke, The late Rev. J. G.*: Denarius of Plotina, Lode, Cambs. (29. 499).
- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.*: Ethnographical collection, Crow Indians; specimens from Cheyenne, Arikara and Nez Percé Indians; pottery jugs and bowls, border of Arizona, New Mexico, U.S.A. (29. 1—50); finger bone necklace, Crow Indians, U.S.A.; tapestry bands and textile fragments, Peru (29. 59—63); numerous pottery fragments, Bronze Age, La Fere Champenoise, France (29. 82—83); two stone axe hammers, chipped, polished and ground axes, daggers, chisels, gouges and other tools, Neolithic, Denmark (29. 119—125); three painted pebbles, Azilian, France (29. 135); Bartolozzi print of native of Society Islands (29. 174); pottery cup, bronze nails and ornaments, beads, and moulds for casting bronze objects, Bronze Age, Velemszentvid, Hungary; bronze armllet, Egyhazas-Raddcs, Hungary; stone axe, Neolithic, and part of brooch, Iron Age, Vas Megye, Hungary; stone axes, Neolithic, Nagy Surany, Hungary; sherd of large decorated pot, La Tene Period, Temes Megye, Hungary; five specimens of *Aes Grave*, Italy (29. 376—400; 489); bronze currency bowl, Abor, N. Assam; coral net sinker, Ruk, Micronesia; stone pounder, Marshall Islands (29. 410—412).
- Conybeare, Rev. E.*: Skull of wolf with flint arrowhead in situ; chipped flint axe, Neolithic; end-scraper, stone mace-head and pot boiler, Barrington, Cambs.; fine jadeite axe, Foxton, Cambs. (29. 404—409).
- Cook, Mr J.*: Silver penny of Edward II, Burwell, Cambs. (29. 373).
- Cowles, Mr S.*: Iron rushlight holder, XVIII Century, Cambridge (29. 372).
- Dickson, Mrs.*: Upper part of gold and ivory *dorje*, Tibet (29. 276); two gold nail cases and carved gourd cage for crickets, China; carved wooden staff and top of post, Africa; small spinning-wheel, Europe (29. 451—457).
- Earthy, Miss.*: Bellows, and bark-cloth beater, Gazaland, Portuguese East Africa (29. 249—250).
- Egypt Exploration Society*: Bronze axe and adze, polychrome tile, faience rosettes and studs, and two strings of faience beads and amulets from excavations at El-Amarnah, Egypt, 1928—29 (29. 164—174).
- Fegan, Miss.*: Clay doll, cup and pipe bowls, decorated

calabash and gourd, Bida glass bracelets and rings, Lantana beads, and Hour-sifter, Nigeria; two "Kissi pennies"; French Guinea; wooden spoon, bast and palm-leaf bags and palm-leaf house broom, Sierra Leone (29. 234—249).

Fowler, Major G. : Winged spearhead inlaid with silver, Viking Period; pottery dish, Mediaeval; pot, Roman Period; Babylon ware cup, XVII Century, Ely, Cambs. (29. 283; 371; 522—523).

Friend of the Museum*: Fine turtle-shell and tridacna-shell pendant and other ornaments, Solomon Islands; pudding knife, Banks Islands (29. 569—574).

Glaisher, J. W. L., the executor of the late*: Archaeological collection, including specimens of French prisoners' work; Romano-British pottery, English pottery and tiles; whistling-pot, Peru; pottery figure, Pueblo area, U.S.A. ; collection of prints, engravings, posters, etc., dealing with the early history of aeronautics (29. 457—475; 526—563).

Green, Capt.: Nine polished stone chisels. Upper Burma (29. 374).

Haddon, Dr A. C.: Worked flints, cores and flakes, Cornwall, Wales and Suffolk (29. 70—75); choppers, hammer stones, worked flints and flakes, Ireland; two coups de poing, cores, flakes, scrapers and hammer stones, Wiltshire; pygmy flakes, chips and ostrich-egg shell beads, S. Rhodesia (29. 93—100); flakes, pottery fragments, etc., Felixstowe, Suffolk (29. 150).

Harrison, Dr H. S. : Specimen of beetle-leg currency, Mussau Island, St Matthias, Bismarck Archipelago (29. 425).

Hencken, Mr H. O'N.: Pottery fragments, Roman Period, Baitsbite, Cambs. (29. 368—369).

Higgins, Dr: Flint flakes and worked stone, Willingham, Cambs. (29. 140).

Hillier, Mr J.V.: Gilded wooden figure, Mediaeval, Ely, Cambs. (29. 282).

Hunybun, Mrs: Belgic ware plate, part of large decorated beaker, jug and other fragments of Castor ware, fragments of terra sigillata including part of mortarium, and numerous other pots/sherds, Roman Period, Godmanchester, Hunts. (29. 192—200).

Hutchinson, Mr R. IV.: Pottery fragments, Troy I—II types, Therme, Lesbos (29. 182—184).

Jackson, Mr H.: Clay tile with Buddhist relief and inscription, Burma (29. 277).

De Ledesma, Mr A.: Three jade implements, New Zealand and New Caledonia (29. 401—403).

Le May, Mr R. S.: Two specimens of tical currency; specimens of "leaf" and "shell" money, Siam (29. 76—78).

Lethbridge, Mr T. C.: Pottery bowl and bottle, Roman Period, dredged from R. Wissey near Stoke Ferry, Norfolk (29. 497—498).

Lister, The late Mr J. J.: Club, Samoa; circular basket, Tonga; model of double canoe, Fiji; specimens of Kabyle jewellery, Algeria (29. 188—191).

Macfadyen, Mr J.V. F.: Chipped quartzite tools, Somaliland (29. 141—143).

McIlwraith, Mr T.: Fragmentary wooden chest, Bella Coola, N.W. Coast of America (29. 413).

Marr, Professor: Three clay tobacco-pipes, XVII Century, Hull, Yorkshire (29. 79).

Marten, Dr: Wooden paddle and club, Maori, New Zealand (29. 491—492).

Mason, Miss: Bronze key, XV Century, Burwell, Cambs. (29. 370).

Minns, Professor: Pottery bowl, I Century, a.d., Old Stansted, Essex (29. 127).

Mond, The Hon. H.: Extensive and important archaeological series, including tomb-groups, abundant pottery of a wide variety of types, alabaster vessels, lamps, figurines, glass, coins, beads, bones, flint-flakes, etc., the result of excavations carried out by the Mond expedition at Petra, Transjordan, in 1929 (29. 576—889).

Murjitt, Mr F. W.: Pottery spindle whorl with incised ornament; Guilden Morden, Cambs. (29. 500).

Museum of Classical Archaeology: Stone chisel in antler haft, etc., Lake of Thun, Switzerland (29. 149).

Oppenheimer, Mr Henry, through the National Art Collection Fund*: Fine old copper currency shield with raven design, Haida Indians, Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia (29. 154).

Oylcr, Mr E.: Bark-cloth garment, Bolivia (29. 181); ethnological collection, Sukin and Lengua tribes, Paraguayan Chaco, S. America; bows and arrows, bark-cloth shirt and mask, Bolivia; bolas, Paraguay (29. 201—233).

Parrington, Mr F.: Cores, core-scrapers, etc., Kelling, Norfolk (29. 139).

Parry-Jones, Rev. R.: Collection of baskets, U.S.A. (29. 414—422).

Porter, Mr N. T.: Coups de poing and flakes, Mildenhall, Suffolk; axes, scrapers, arrowhead, pygmy tool and flakes, Neolithic, Icklingham, Suffolk (29.85—92); bronze ornaments and coins. Roman Period, Lakenieath, Suffolk; bronze seal, Mediaeval, Icklingham, Suffolk (29. 278—280).

Preston, Mr J.: Flint spearhead, Neolithic, Denmark; scrapers and flakes, Neolithic, Broom Park, Wiltshire (29. 137—138).

Rogers, Mr F. : Man's feathered circlet, Acholi (29. 84); woman's apron, lip ornaments and clay for hair-dressing, Karamojo; quiver and arrows, Madi; axe, Banyoro, all in Uganda (29. 564—568).

Rogers, Dr G. F.: Silver-gilt cast of gold ring, Malta; tortoise shell and silver ring, Ream, Indo China (29. 179—180).

Rowden, Mr A.: Glass beads, Triangle, Yorkshire (29.525).

Ryder, Mr C. F.: Chipped flint axe, Neolithic, Suffolk (29. 367).

Snell, Miss F.: Weaving-shuttle and three spare bobbins, Burnley, Lancs. (29. 175).

Stephenson, Miss: "Clactonian" flakes, Mildenhall; coup de poing and chipped flints, Kennett, Cambs.; ground axe and chisel, S waff ham, Cambs.; ground and polished axes and scrapers, Burwell, Cambs. (29. 297—300).

Strickland, Mr T. A. G.: Four specimens of tical currency and two ceremonial court-swords, Siam (29. 423; 490).

Talbot, Mr P. Amaury: String of beads, formerly used as currency, Nigeria (29. 575).

Thompson, Mr E.: Heads of pottery figurines, archaic, Toltec and Aztec types, Mexico (29. 66—69).

Trout, Miss: Plaited "Ass of God" and specimen of pyramidal plaiting, made for Palm Sunday celebrations, Syracuse, Sicily (29. 80—81).

De Tuyl, The Baroness: Witch-doctor's "bones," Rhodesia (29. 275).

Unwin, Mr J. D.: Ethnological series, including shields, swords, chalices, censers and crosses, wooden boxes, men's and women's clothes, ornaments, etc., Abyssinia (29. 426—450).

Victoria Memorial Museum, Otaxca: Harpoonheads, stone arrowheads and knives, Cape Dorset, Arctic America; two harpoonheads, two bone needles, Mansell Island, Arctic America (29. 51—57).

Watt, Mr J. C.: Wooden bowls and horn spoons, N.W. Coast of America; two wooden boxes, Iceland (29. 155—162).

Wayland, Mr E.: Archaeological series, including stone tools, flakes, etc., the result of his excavations in Magosi cave, Uganda (29. 129—134).

West-Knight, Mraxd Miss: Coups de poing, Suffolk, Kent, Middlesex and Hants; perforated axe-hammer, chisels, pick and axes. Neolithic, Suffolk, Kent and Sussex; flint axe, Neolithic, Denmark (29. 101—118).

Wetherell, Major: Axeheads, hafted axes and other stone implements, Queensland and New South Wales, Australia; unfinished axe, Sandwich Islands; axeheads, New Guinea (29. 476—488).

Woolston, Mr S.: Rapier, Middle Bronze Age, Cambridgeshire (29. 185).

Zammit, Professor: Pottery fragments, Stone and Bronze Ages, Malta (29. 176—177).

DEPOSITS

Campbell, Mrs: Etched cornelian bead, Coimbatore, India (29. d. 1).

Clarke, Mr L. C. G.: Spearhead, Late Bronze Age, Stoke Ferry, Norfolk (29. d. 2).

Gawthorp, Mr A.: Clay tile with Buddhist inscription and intaglio design, N. India (29. d. 26).

Ouse Drainage Board: Sword, Late Bronze Age, dredged from It. Ouse near Wilton, Norfolk (29. d. 25).

Woolley, Mr J. B.: Ethnographical specimens, Brunei, Sarawak and Borneo (29. d. 3—24).