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During the year the Museum has lost two of the outstanding personalities who have furthered its progress from its very beginning. The Baroness Anatole von Hugel was not only the wife of the first Curator, but herself did much to collect the money for the present building, of which she laid the foundation-stone in 1910. Dr Alfred Percival Maudslay, by presenting his famous casts of Central American sculptures to the University, gave the final impulse to the movement for building a real Museum, in which his interest never slackened: to him we further owe gifts of objects from Fiji and various parts of the world; and lastly a bequest of £500 which is in process of being paid over by the executors.

In the Maudslay Hall a new case has been constructed to contain the collection of metal objects of the Bronze Age from Europe and Asia like that constructed last year to hold metal objects of the British Bronze Age. In one side of the desk-case Miss O'Reilly has arranged series from France, Italy and Scandinavia, and in the other a series from Hungary, a few objects from other parts of Eastern Europe, and specimens from China, Korea and Japan. The remaining specimens in the collection have been arranged in the drawers below. The wall-case at the south end of the hall, which formerly contained the foreign bronzes, has been repainted and fitted with glass shelves; in the first section and part of the second Professor A. B. Cook has kindly arranged a teaching series of classical Greek pottery, forming part of the Beldam collection; the remaining sections have been filled with pottery from Malta, with part of the Bronze Age and Iron Age material excavated in Minorca in recent years by Dr Margaret Murray, and with a temporary exhibition of the pottery from S. Arabia presented by Mr Bertram Thomas. The collection of French prisoners' work presented by Dr Guillemard has been arranged in the wall-case at the south-east corner of the hall; and the Anglo-Saxon objects from Burwell have been placed in a new case.

Mr Bird has continued the labelling of the collection of Primitive Currency; its steady growth has necessitated the provision of a new case, which has been placed against the side-door of the Curator's office beside the door of the Babington Hall; in this has been exhibited the series of ancient and modern European currency.

In the Babington Hall Mr Sayce has continued his arrangement of objects from South Africa. The large collection of stone implements and pottery from Kenya presented by Dr L. S. B. Leakey has been set out by Mr H. D. Codrington in the second of the large desk-cases in the centre of the hall.

The Curator has partly re-organized the Eskimo collections exhibited in the Andrews Gallery, in order to make room for several important specimens acquired during the year. In the projecting case on the right of the door he has placed on show a series of stone implements from British Columbia and pottery and sherds from the U.S.A., including some decorated pots excavated by him in New Mexico in 1923, which have recently been very skilfully restored.

In a hanging case fixed on the staircase-wall outside the Andrews Gallery Mr H. H. Brindley has arranged the collection of models of killicks or primitive anchors made and presented in recent years by Mr R. Morton Nance.

Dr A. C. Haddon, Honorary Keeper of the New Guinea collections, reports: "The arrangement of specimens from New Guinea in the wall-cases in the Andrews Gallery has been completed as far as possible. The Curator secured the efficient services of Miss A. Nicol Smith to assist me in cleaning, arranging and cataloguing the large collection of specimens from Papua in the attic. The specimens are now available for study; a certain number of them may be considered as duplicates that can be exchanged."

Colonel F. J. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Australian collections, reports that "The work on the Fiji collections has progressed satisfactorily during the year and is still going on well, but much remains to be done. All the collections have been systematically re-examined. Nine showcases have been arranged and the exhibits suitably mounted; approximately 1000 articles have been registered, numbered and entered in the card-index. Mrs B. M. Lock has devoted a large amount of her time to this work, and her personal knowledge of individual specimens and of the late Baron von Hügel's notes on them has been invaluable. Mr A. Brewster of Torquay, for many years resident in Fiji, where he held Government administrative appointments, has contributed valuable information regarding the description and purpose of certain objects."

Mr C. B. Humphreys, Honorary Keeper of the Melanesian collection, has now gone right through all the objects in the two store cupboards of Melanesian and Polynesian material culture in the Bevan Hall. Every object not at present exhibited, with the exception of a few duplicates which have been laid on a shelf by themselves for further consideration, has been catalogued and may now be easily found, by referring to the lists placed on each shelf.

With this preliminary work completed the rearrangement of the show-cases may be proceeded with next year. A new table-case with drawers below has been made to contain the collection of Tongan clubs.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Age collections, reports that the normal routine has been continued and a number of new specimens duly entered. Among the gifts received during 1931 should be specially mentioned a series of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic industries from the excavations at Mount Carmel, presented by the British School of Archaeology at Jerusalem; a series of stone implements from Somaliland presented by Mr C. Barrington Brown, described and in part illustrated in *Man* for August 1931; and lastly a splendid collection of material of Palaeolithic and Neolithic date, presented by Dr Leakey, many of the specimens being illustrated in his book on the Stone Age cultures of Kenya.

Mr Ralph Griffin, F.S.A., Honorary Keeper of the collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports that it continues in good order, and has received some notable additions during the year, mainly from Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and North Wales. Attention has been given to the repair of some of the older rubbings and to the protection of those on tissue paper.

Mr T. A. G. Strickland, Honorary Photographer, has continued to place his special technical skill at the service of the Museum.

A decided 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. Thanks are due to the following for gifts of books and pamphlets: Dr F. J. Allen, Mr E. A. B. Barnard, Mr H. H. Brindley, Mr J. H. Bullock, Mr M. C. Burkitt, Dr L. Cobbett, Mr S. Cowles, Mr H. E. Dixon, Mrs H. Ellis, Mr Ralph Griffin, Dr Haddon, Col. F. J. Hayter, Mr C. B. Humphreys, Mrs Lethem, Dr W. M. Palmer, Sir John Ramsden, Dr Fritz Roeder, Mr G. M. G. Woodgate, the Central Publication Department of the Government of India, the Director of the Geological Survey of Uganda, and the Curator.

Special mention must be made of two important gifts, the first from Dr Haddon, who handed over his collection of more than 100 books and pamphlets dealing with India and Ceylon, and the second from the Curator, who presented some 40 volumes dealing with Africa.

ACCOUNTS. See *Cambridge University Reporter*, 20 November 1931, p. Ill, under the heading " Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology."

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1931

Albany Museum, received in exchange: Potsherds, Cape Province, South Africa (31. 278—283).

Allen, Dr F. J.: Five handmade wooden spoons, Carmarthen, Wales (31. 300).

Bevan, Mr J. O.: Ethnological specimens, Somali and other tribes, North and South Jubaland, East Africa (31. 108—146).

Binnall, Rev. R.: Flint burin, Fairlight, Sussex (31. 348).

Booth, Mr A. J.: Model of canoe, Sese Islands, Lake Victoria, East Africa (31. 169).

British Arctic Air Route Expedition: Ethnological specimens, including clothing, dog-harness, models, etc., Angmagsalik Eskimo, Greenland (31. 1151—1172).

British Museum Excavations at Ur: Large series of beads of faience, quartz, cornelian, lapis lazuli, and other materials, Ur, Mesopotamia (31. 701—750).

British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem: Series of Hint implements, bone and bora tools and beads, Mesolithic, Mugliarat el Kebara, Mount Carmel (31. 1117—1150; 1257—1264); series of flint and bone implements, Mesolithic and Upper Palaeolithic, Mugharat el Wad, Mount Carmel (31. 1243—1256).

Broughton, Miss: Chief's basket, Itaga, New Hebrides (31. 776).

Brown, Mr C. Barrington: Stone grinder and fragmentary axes, Peru (31. 25—27); leather-covered ball, Rio Bamba,

- Ecuador (31. 55); flint arrowheads and flakes, Bussage, Gloucestershire (31. 171); bronze tool, Colombia, and pottery figurine, Peru (31. 470—471).
- Bushnell, Mr G. H. S., with Dr G. Sheppard and Mr R. Wright-Darker:* Archaeological collection, including bronze, stone and obsidian implements, beads, pottery, figurines, whistles, etc., fragmentary pots and sherds, from Guapán, Pacoche, Guangala, Rio Real and other sites, Ecuador (31. 1-6; 9—24; 51—100 ; 476—493; 1051—1075).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society:* Iron sword and dagger, Mediaeval, Littleport, Cambs. (31. 253—254); cinerary urn, Bronze Age, West Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk (31. 275); iron sword, Anglo-Saxon Period, Jude's Ferry, Mildenhall (31. 343) ; hoard of tools, weapons and rough metal, Late Bronze Age, Green End Road, Cambridge (31. 351—400); collection of local tradesmen's tokens, XVII Century (31. 401—444) ; iron scramasax, Anglo-Saxon, Chesterton (31. 448) ; decorated Samian bowl, Roman Period, Suffolk (31. 897); socketed axe, Late Bronze Age, Wilton Bridge, Norfolk (31. 899).
- Cardinally Mr A. W.:* Four perforated stone objects, Warobong, Kwahu district, Gold Coast (31. 151).
- Cheeseman, Miss E. L.:* Ethnological series, Big Nambas tribe, Malekula, New Hebrides; other ethnological specimens, Southwest Bay, Malekula, Eromanga, Santo, Ambrym and Tanna, New Hebrides (31. 301—340).
- Chicago, Museum of:* Cast of stone axe, Acheulean, Warren Hill, Suffolk (31. 450).
- Christian, Dr Viktor:* Four bronze brooches, Hallstatt, Certosa and La T6ne Periods, Carinthia (31. 267—270).
- Clark, Mr J. G. D.:* Chipped flints, Two Mile Bottom, Thetford, Norfolk (31. 173) ; potsherds, flint implements, flakes and bones, from a settlement site, Beaker Period, Burnt Fen, Cambs. (31. 230—250).
- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.:* Stone and jade pendants, Costa Rica; pottery, stone tools and skulls, Bolivia (31. 30—51); pottery bowl and fragments, Roman Period, River Ouse near Littleport, Cambs. (31. 197—199); silver emergency money, XVI Century, Pontefract, Yorkshire (31. 260); specimens of *Aes grave*, Italy (31. 203 ; 788); three clay tablets, Sumerian, Mesopotamia (31. 271—273); pottery bowl and fragments of basketry and textiles, Kechippaun, New Mexico (31. 463—405); specimen of pre-Aythian bullet-money, Siam (31. 793); discoidal flint knife, Burnt Fen, Cambs. (31. 900) ; series of pottery, flint and bone tools, beads, etc., Predynastic (Badarian, Tasian and Amratian), excavated by the Brunton expedition, Matmar, Egypt (31. 901—964); pot, Kyoyo, Kenya Colony (31. 1035).
- Collier, Mr I. C. S.:* Four specimens of salt currency, Abyssinia (31. 170).
- Conybeare, Mrs:* Two polished stone axes, glass bead and carved stone pipe-bowl, Barrington, Cambs.; stone club, North America (31. 890—894).
- Cowles, Mr S.:* Handmade brass pins, XVIII Century, Grantham, Lines. (31. 299).
- Darwin, Lady:* Carved wooden figure, Easter Island (31. 341).
- Deacon, the late Mr A. B., through Miss Cheeseman:* Human mask used as knee-pad in ceremonial dance, Southwest Bay, Malekula, New Hebrides (31. 777).
- Dublunge Mr A.:* Chert arrowhead, Sahara, South Algeria (31. 787).
- Duigan, Mrs H. McL.:* Zulu walking-stick with carved handle, Natal (31. 107).
- Earthy, Miss Dora:* Ethnological specimens, Portuguese East Africa (31. 152—159).
- Egypt Exploration Society :* Potsherds, fragments of faience, beads, etc., Tell el Amafna, Egypt (31. 1101—1116).
- Evans, Mr I. H. N. :* Two partially polished stones, Queensland (31.342); blackthorn pins, Suffolk, and model of gypsy tent, Berkshire (31. 895—896).
- Evans-Pritchard, Mr E. E.:* Ethnological series, including weapons, ornaments, clothing, cattle-hobble, giraffe-trap, vessels, head-rests, quern, etc., Nuer Tribe, Sudan (31. 101—106; 1176—1224).
- Fegan, Miss E. S.:* Hausa sandals and tobacco-pouch, Katsina; bamboo rattle, Gamba, N. Nigeria (31. 781—783).
- Fordham, Mr A. R.:* Slingstone of aragonite, Tanna, New Hebrides (31. 229).
- Fowler, Major Gordon:* Ground stone axe, Mildenhall Fen, Suffolk; polished stone axe and jug, XVI Century, Littleport, Cambs.; two jugs, XVII Century, Brandon, Norfolk (31. 255—259); potsherds, Roman Period, various sites, Cambs.; glass "linen-smoother," Yorkshire (31. 293—298); jet beads
- and bronze pin, Bronze Age, Southey Fen, Norfolk (31. 898).
- Fox, Dr C. E., through Dr Haddon:* Four canoe models, San Cristoval, Santa Cruz, Anuda and Sikiana Islands (31. 797—800).
- Gadow, Mrs Hans:* Pottery vessels and gourd, Uganda (31. 784—786).
- Gardner, Rev. Father:* Granite objects, S. Rhodesia (31. 200).
- Guillemard, Dr F. H. H.:* Extensive collection of objects of carved bone and straw marquetry, made by French prisoners confined during the Napoleonic Wars at Norman Cross, Hunts. (31. 1265—1311).
- Haddon, Dr A. C.:* Extensive collection of decorated bamboo tobacco-pipes, Papua (31. 801—889).
- Hingston, Mr G.:* Fleams for bleeding oxen and goats, Nandi Tribe, Eldoret, Kenya Colony (31. 161—162).
- Jennings, Mr J.:* Leaden Communion token, XVIII Century, London (31. 261).
- Johnson, Mr J.:* Two brass bell-pulls, XIX Century, Cambridge (31. 264).
- Landman, Dr G.:* Perforated stone axe, Meilby village, Helsingfors, Finland (31. 449).
- Leakey, Dr L. S. B.:* Extensive and valuable archaeological collection of Palaeolithic and Neolithic date, Kenya Colony (31. 501—503; 505—700; 751—775; 976—1034; 1036-1037).
- Lechmere-Oertel, Mr F. O.:* Painted roll representing story of the Queen of Sheba, Abyssinia (31. 160).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.:* Flint chips, Aldreth, Cambs. (31. 347).
- Manley, Mr V. S.:* Stone amulet, Abbas Ridge, near Gaza, Palestine (31. 266).
- Maudslay, the late Dr A. P.:* Ethnological specimens, including clubs, whale-tooth necklaces and ornaments, wooden dishes and "cannibal forks," etc., Fiji; carved dubs, combs and dishes, Tonga; carved club, Polynesia (31. 201—225).
- Mims, Professor:* Two specimens of bronze *ching* or bridge-money, China; two bank-notes, Formosan Republic (31. 794—796).
- Moir, Mr J. Reid:* Flints from brown boulder-clay, Heacham valley and Hunstanton, Norfolk ; coups de poing, Combe Capelle type, Ipswich (31. 345—346); flint flakes, cores, etc., Magdalenian, Ipswich district (31. 791—792).
- Moule, Rev. A. C.:* Bronze stamp in shape of Maltese cross, Pao-16u, Yellow River, China (31. 251).
- Murray, Professor E. G. I.:* Bead ornaments, beaded leather bag and grass anklet, South Africa (31. 163—168).
- Nance, Mr R. Morton :* Models of hillocks, Ireland, Norway, Brazil, Sumatra, Sulu Islands and Gorgona Island (32. 284—292).
- Peck, Mr E. S.:* Two silver coins, Anglo-Saxon Period, minted at Cambridge (31. 789—790).
- Porter, Mr N. T.:* Tradesman's token, XVII Century, Norwich (31. 265) ; flint thumb-scraper, Icklingham, Suffolk (31. 350).
- Raphael, Mr Oscar:* Flint end-scraper, Vedboek, Denmark (31. 349).
- Rogers, Dr G. F.:* Pottery bowls and jugs, Early and Middle Bronze Age, Cyprus (31. 472—475).
- Royal Geographical Society:* Stone implements, weapons of wood and bone and teeth and shell necklaces, Bolivia, Brazil and Peru (31. 451—462).
- Salaman, Dr R.:* Three dried potatoes, from prehistoric sites, Peru (31. 56).
- Schwaiger, Mr Imre :* Stone figures and pottery figurines, Muttura, India (31. 191).
- Seligman, Professor C. G.:* Slate dagger, Korea (31. 274).
- Sheppard, Dr G.:* Gold-plated nose-ring and copper needle, Rio Real, Ecuador (31. 7—8).
- Somerset Archaeological Society :* Part of iron currency bar, Early Iron Age, Ham Hill, Somerset (31. 445).
- Souton, Mr F.:* Bronze buckle, XVII Century, Cambridge (31. 446).
- Strickland, Mrs:* Pottery bowl, Guatemala (31. 52); two women's skirts, *huipil*, Guatemala; dancing-girl's brocade knickers and coloured cloth sashes, Oriental (31. 494—499).
- Styles, Mr George:* Brass regimental badge, Cambridgeshire Yeomanry, found at Sutton, Beds. (31. 447).
- Thatcher, Mr Ivan :* Beaker, Bronze Age, Runcton Holme, Norfolk (31. 344).
- Thomas, Mr Bertram:* Pottery bowls and materials for

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making them, South Arabia (31. 176—190); flint arrowhead and leaf-shaped blade, South Arabia (31. 276—277).

Waters, Mrs G. F.: Two work-baskets containing pieces of tapestry, wool, etc., found with mummies in burial-houses, Canta, Peru (31. 28—29).

Wayland, Mr C. E.: Stone tool, lower Kenya Chellean culture, Koru, Kenya Colony (31. 504).

Wilman, Miss: Coups de poing and other stone tools, Klippias Pan, South Africa (31. 172).

Wisbech Museum: Leather chain and piece of cloth, Fernando Po (31. 1225).

Wollaston, Mrs: Ivory toggle and thimble-holder, Eskimo, Arctic America (31. 54—55).

Wood, Mr C.: Bronze belt-plate, Anglo-Saxon Period, Eriswell, Suffolk (31. 252).

Woodward, Mr A. M.: Stone objects, Gulf of Corinth, Greece (31. 175).

DEPOSITS

Leakey, Dr L. S. B.: Pot, human skull, bones, etc., Sergoit, Kenya Colony (31. d. 5).

Matthews, the late Captain: Stone axe and bronze palstave, Cams. (31. d. 3—4).

Winship, Mr A.: Hoard of weapons, tools and rough metal, Late Bronze Age, Cambridge (31. d. 1. A—Y).