University of Cambridge

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the
Museum of Archaeology and of Ethnology and its Library, 1937

Resignation of the Curator. During the year under review, Mr Louis C. G. Clarke was appointed
Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum and accordingly resigned the Curatorship. The Faculty Board of

10 June 1938.

Archaeology and Anthropology desire above all things in their Report to express their gratitude to Mr
Clarke for the fifteen years he gave to the Museum as Curator. It is very largely due to his exceptionally
wide knowledge and his enthusiasm that the Museum is now in the front rank as an institution of research
and education. By personal gifts he filled up gaps in the Museum, both by specimens of special interest
and value and by collections from many parts of the world, especially those illustrating the prehistory of
Hungary, the archaeology of China, and the ethnography and archaeology of America and of the Eskimo.
Some of these were the results of his own excavations, others were the outcome of excavations and
expeditions which he initiated and financed. Nor is it merely these collections which we owe to his
generosity, but extra assistance in the Museum and in dealing with books and photographs, to both of
which collections he made generous additions himself, as well as cases for the exhibition of objects. And
beside his exceptional gift for Museum arrangement, his personality made such an appeal that he was
able to enlist in the service of the Museum expert knowledge and personal labour as well as contributions
in material from many benefactors. The Faculty Board wish him all success in his new post. During the
last quarter of the year the routine work of the Museum was efficiently carried on by Miss O'Reilly to
whom the Board are grateful. The new Curator, Mr T. T. Paterson, Fellow of Trinity College, took office
on the first day of 1938. The Board wish to congratulate him and to assure him of their support

The whole of the American archaeological collection was rearranged by Mr Clarke during the last
few months before his retirement. The wall-cases in the Andrews Gallery now contain a series
representing the chief varieties of American pottery, except that of the Maya area; the collections from
Ecuador, mainly the result of Mr G. H. S. Bushnell's excavations, and from the Pueblo area of the South-
Western United States are the best in this country. Two table-cases have been presented by Mr Clarke,
one to contain a series of sherds and small objects from his excavations at Kechipau and from other sites
in New Mexico, the other to show a collection illustrating the Basket-makers' Culture of Texas and other
material from the South-Western States. The archaeological material from South and Central America,
the West Indies, and the United States contained in two other table-cases has been entirely re-sorted and
rearranged, the specimens in the exhibition drawers being now properly mounted and labelled. Some of
the stone implements have been put into store, setting free a number of drawers which can be used to hold
small objects in the Eskimo collections which are increasing so rapidly. An archaeological series from
British Columbia has been put on view in a window-case, and hanging cases have been made in the
Museum to hold objects of special interest, such as the modern loom from Ecuador and the Peruvian
textile necklace.

One of the most important collections which Mr Clarke has given to the Museum in recent years is
the material collected by Dr E. J. Lindgren among the Reindeer Tungus in North-West Manchuria. Part
of this was set out two years ago in the lower hall; a further selection has now been arranged in two wall-
cases on the staircase leading to the second floor; photographs showing many of the specimens in actual
use give an additional interest to this exhibit. A small Lapp collection also made by Dr Lindgren is shown
on the lower staircase.

The Romano-British and Iron Age pottery in the wall-cases in the Maudslay Hall has been
rearranged to allow the whole of the material so far excavated from the Guilden Morden cemetery and
the pottery from the 1820 excavations at the neighbouring cemetery of Litlington to be exhibited in
adjacent cases. It has recently been possible to identify a number of grave-groups from the latter
cemetery by means of a contemporary MS. notebook presented by the Cambridgeshire and
Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society. A small table-case has been made to hold the contents of one of
the Bronze Age barrows excavated at Chippenham by Mr Leaf. The series of potsherds from Hungary set
out in chronological sequence has been rearranged to include a group of Neolithic sherds of an earlier
type than was previously represented. Some new specimens have been added to the exhibition of
shouldered axes from various parts of Asia and the Pacific, and the stone implements from Indonesia
shown in the drawers below have been properly mounted and labelled. Further additions have been made
to the archaeological collection from China.

Mr H. F. Bird reports that additions to the collection of Primitive Currency have again necessitated
some rearrangement. A bronze drum from Alor given by Mr Clarke and a gong and other large
specimens collected by Dr C. von Führer-Haimendorf in Assam have been placed on the wall above the
cases.
Dr A. C. Haddon, Honorary Keeper of the New Guinea and Indonesian Collections, reports the addition of several interesting specimens, but of no noteworthy collections. A memo is being prepared on the tobacco-pipes of New Guinea, so far as possible based on the specimens in the museum. A few pipes of hitherto unknown types have been presented by officers of the Papuan administration. The large collection of textile fabrics from Sarawak, of which a descriptive catalogue by A. C. Haddon and Laura E. Start was published by the University Press in 1936, has at last been suitably displayed in a novel cabinet designed and presented by Mr Clarke.

Mr C. B. Humphreys, Honorary Keeper of the Melanesian Collections, has little save routine progress in the arrangement of the collection to report. Several cases, particularly of the Solomon Island group, were slightly altered, the objects being removed to allow the cases in question to be freshly painted. A few new objects have been displayed in place of others but the general appearance of the cases is practically unchanged. The New Britain cases have been enriched by a fine example of a deformed skull presented by Lord Moyne after his cruise in the South Pacific last year. A general inspection of labels has been made, and many improvements in accuracy have been effected. As usual, the Museum is indebted to visiting authorities for important suggestions of this sort, in particular to Mr Gilbert Archev, Director of the War Memorial Museum at Auckland, New Zealand, and to Dr Peter Buck of the Bishop Museum, Honolulu. This exchange of opinions and suggestions is an important part of Museum activity.

Colonel F. J. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Australian and Fiji Collections, reports that the collections in his care have received the necessary attention during the year and are in good order and condition. A draft catalogue with proposed illustrations of exhibits forming the Fijian collections in this Museum was submitted by Colonel Hayter to the Curator.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, reports that work in his department has continued normally throughout the year. Dr J. G. D. Clark has completed the arrangement of a showcase in the Andrews Gallery to illustrate post-Pleistocene Stone Age cultures in western Europe. The Uganda collection presented by Mr T. P. O'Brien has been arranged in exhibition drawers and incorporated with allied material previously given to the Museum by Mr Wayland. Valuable additions to the Indian collection have been made by Mr Drummond, and the late Palaeolithic series has been enriched by a gift from Mr Noone of a large number of specimens from the Les Eyzies district, Dordogne, France. Mr Paterson's gift of a series of Clacton industries from Barnham, Suffolk, is particularly important; the specimens have been figured in his paper on the site which appeared in a recent number of the Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society.

HADDON LIBRARY. The new Library continues to be greatly appreciated by both staff and students and is in constant use. The accommodation is already barely sufficient for the students who are, at certain times, almost uncomfortably crowded. The provision of a gallery which holds the periodicals, of which the Library has a great number, has proved a great success and considerably simplifies the arrangement on the main floor. The cataloguing of pamphlets continues and valuable help was again given by Miss E. S. Fegan.

A large number of books and periodicals has been given to the Library during the year, for which thanks are due to the following: Dr L. Adam, the late Mr A. B. Brewster, Mr Bright, Miss Brooks, Mr M. C. Burkitt, Mr G. H. S. Bushnell, Mr R. R. Clarke, Miss E. S. Fegan, the Colonial Secretary for Fiji, Prof. J. Stanley Gardiner, the Director of the Geological Survey, Mr T. Harrisson, Dr F. Heichelheim, Prof. A. M. Hocart, Mr J. Hornell, Mrs Hughes, Prof. J. H. Hutton, Dr E. J. Lindgren, Mr J. A. Lines, Mr H. Loewe, Dr J. P. Mills, Prof. E. H. Minns, Dr Margaret Murray, Mr L. F. Newman, Mr-K. Nichul, Mr H. D. Noone, Miss M. O'Reilly, Mrs Quiggin, Dr F. R. Cowper Reed, Dr G. F. Rogers, Dr F. Tischler, Mr J. C. Trevor, and the Librarian. In addition large numbers of books, periodicals and pamphlets have again been given by Dr A. C. Haddon and Mr Clarke, and a most interesting collection of books from the library of the late Aubrey Attwater of Pembroke College was given by the courtesy of his Executor.

HADDON PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION. This continues to increase in numbers satisfactorily and several good collections have been given, although*, owing to lack of funds, it has not been possible to have all the photographs mounted. Mr Clarke has continued to shew his interest in the photographs and through his kindness an interesting series of Bushmen, photographed by Mr J. W. Mogg, has been acquired, and another of Austrian Inn Signs taken by Mr P. J. H. Unna, and two very fine collections of Eskimo and North American Indians from the National Museum of Canada and the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. Photographs have also been given by Dr D. Jenness from Java, Dr G. Montell from Manchuria and China, Mrs Quiggin of Todas, Dr G. F. Rogers from South America and the East Indies, and Mr G. K. Roth from Fiji.
Mr Ralph Griffin, Honorary Keeper of the Collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports as follows:

“The death of Mr Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., on 29 July 1937 is a principal happening when we look back on the important things of the year. He it was who practically completed the collection of works in the Library necessary for the study of Monumental Brasques. He was ever ready to give us rubbings of importance and to help us with advice. His loss is a serious one to us. He had long been helping with the study of the brasses from Mawgan in Pyder, Cornwall, in conjunction with those at Wardour Castle, to which Lord Arundell has been good enough to give us access. The general work necessary to keep the collection of rubbings in good state has been going on as usual and I have nothing special to report on that head.”

ACCOUNTS. See the University Accounts (5 November 1937), p. 121, under the heading ‘Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology’.

Ellis H. Minns, Chairman
D. S. Robertson, M. C. Burkill.
J. H. Hutton, J. H. Driberg.
G. D. Clark, T. C. Lethbridge.
Ernest B. Haddon, D. M. Hoare.

APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1937

Adams, Captain W.: Ivory needle-case, skin-softener and other tools, Eskimo, Arctic America (37. 292—295).
Atten, Miss Edith: Woven cotton robe, West Africa (37. 444).
Brook, Mr. F. B.: Clay brick stamped with cartouche of Rameses II, Pithom, Egypt (37. 450).
Burkitt, Mr. M. C.: Clactonian flakes, blades, etc., Three Hills, Mildenhall, Suffolk (37. 533).
Bushnell, Mr. G. H. S.: Important archaeological collection, including potsherds, pottery stamps, beads, pendants and 1 amulets of shell and stone, burning, clay ear-plugs, copper needle, pins, ring and fish-hook, and shell spoon, La Libertad; modern Iom, Muey, Ecuador (37. 366—375; I 808—646).
Cambridge Antiquarian Society: Potsherds, tiles, of dressed clunch, fragments of stained window-glass and lead framing, Romano-British and Mediaeval, excavated for the 1 Society by Mr T. C. Lethbridge at Burwell Castle, Cambs. (87. 26—44); series of grave-groups from the 1935—37 I excavations at the Early Iron Age and Romano-British cemetery, Guilden Morden, Cambs. (37. 51—84).
Cheesman Miss E.: Ethnological specimens, including 1 pottery bowls, wooden bowls and mopoon, limegourd and (tick, woman’s fishing net, barkcloth skirt, palm-leaf bag, and atone axes, Lake Sentani and Torricelli Mt. Districts, North Netherland New Guinea (37. 301—316).
Clarke, Mr L. C. G.: Extensive archaeological collection excavated in 1931—32 by Dr M. A. Murray from two Megalithic sites, Trapaoc and Sa Torretta, Minorca (37. 297).—1401—1530), enameled armorial pendant, Mediaeval, Ely (37. 275); two models of kayaks, Eskimo (37. 299—300); twelve small jade animal figurines, China; double sake cotton funeral cloth; Bali; silk cloth and bamboo receptacle, Sumatra; horn spoon, Timor; polychrome pot and woven necklace, Peru; series of bronze weapons, including halberds, axes and spearheads, China (37. 326—350); 1 ethnological specimens collected by the Rev. J. D. Bodger, Dogurma, Central Mountain Range, Dogura, south-east Papua 87. 401—
Congo (37. 474—475); crossbow of late type, England (37. 550); important archaeological collection, 1 including specimens of basketwork, sandals, and matting; stone, bone and horn tools, gourds, edible seeds, etc. belonging to the Basket-makers’ Culture, from a rock shelter, Bee Cave Canyon, Brewer; Texas; potsherds, Pueblo site.

Otero Co., New Mexico, U.S.A.; gold flask and fluted armlet, Peru; seven miniature baskets, American Indian, U.S.A. (37. 701—761); ethnological specimens, including wooden vessels, child’s cradle, sheep-skin and reindeer-skin bags, woman’s knife and belt, and antler needle-case, collected by Dr E. J. Lindgren among the Karesuando Lapps, North Sweden (37. 851—867); two extensive ethnological collections, the one made by Dr C. von Hürner-Haimendorf among the Konyak Nagas, Assam, the other by Dr Otto Samson among various tribes in Mavurbhanj State (37. 976—1093; 1093—1316).
Collin, Mr R. Turner: Hammock of woven grass, British Guiana (37. 297).
Cowles, Mr. S.: Vessel made from skin of armadillo, South America (37. 296).
Craster, Colonel J. E. E.: Shale club for fishing fish, Northumberland (37. 1387).
Deer, Mr W. A.: Wooden mask, Angmagssالik, East Greenland (37. 276).
Dogger, Mr. C.: Potsherds, Romano-British, Newmarket Road, Cambridge (37. 20).
Durham, Miss Edith: Silver necklace and other ornaments, Montenegro, Albania, and Yugoslavia (37. 170—173).
Egypt Exploration Society: Sculptured figures and fragments of sculpture in quartzite and limestone, wall-tiles, pieces of glazed inlay, faience finger-rings, fragments of pottery and alabaster vessels, and bronze needle, spatula and gouge, Tell-el-Amarna (37. 876—904).
Fosbrooke, Mr. H. A.: Ethnological specimens, including club, wooden milk-jar with net for suspension, sandals of old and new types, bead ornaments, and ostrich feather and lion-skin headdresses, various tribes, Northern and Lake Provinces, Tangoanya (37. 965—975).
Gordon, Colonel: Microlithic tools, flakes, etc., of quartzite and chalkstone, Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad, and Central Provinces, India (37. 1396—1400).
Haddon, Dr A. C.: Hanging shrine of straw, South Germany (37. 272); shield, Kenyah, Sarawak (37. 776).
Harrison, Mr Tom: Ethnological collection, including numerous stone and shell axeheads, specimens of basketry, mats, headdresses, bark belts, pen is-warpper, and nut rattles, Santo, Oba, Malekula, and other islands, New Hebrides; arrows and feather money, Gaua, Banks Islands; two palm-leaf hats, Borneo; ethnological specimens, including hats, wooden carving, model of canoe, blowpipe and case for darts, etc., Kenyah and other tribes, Sarawak; necklace of monkey teeth, Paraguay (37. 176—225).

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Howell, Mr P. P.: Ethnological collection, including spears, shields, pottery vessels and slings for suspension, decorated gourds, baskets, tobacco-pipes, hoes and other tools, goat-skin headdress, hippopotamus-hide sandals, musical instruments, and model of an abate canoe, Shilluk, Upper Nile Province, Sudan (37. 926—958).

Hutton, Professor J. B.: Two St Brigid’s crosses of straw, Co. Mayo, Ireland (37. 271).

Leaf, Mr C. S.: Small overhanging-rim urn, Bronze Age, from a barrow, Chippenham, Wiltshire. (37. 127); jet bead, Bronze Age, Ishelam Fen, Cambs. (37. 1545).

Lethbridge, Mr T. C.: Potsherds, various periods, Barway and Chippenham, Wiltshire. (37. 16—17); five-kroner note, Greenland Isleham Fen, Cambs. (37. 1545).

Ley, Dr Bernard: Fur robe and long boots, Kamchatka (37. 290—291).

Lindgren, Dr E. J.: Ethnological specimens, including reindeer saddles and halters, birch bark vessels and boxes, tobacco bag, bear-skin nags, sewing cases, tanned leather gloves and boots, and walrus bone, collected in 1929 among the Reindeer Tungus, Bystraya River, North-West Manchuria; leather and cloth boots, silk “khadak” and specimens of Tibetan cloth, Ugra, Outer Mongolia (37. 801—827).

Long, Mr H. E.: Man’s dress, Abyssinia (37. 448).

Lumley, Mr F. S.: Musical instrument, rahab, Baluchistan (37. 871).

Mills, Professor E. H.: Elaborate brass and iron lock, (?) Germany (37. 88); doors-bone used for polishing leather, Cambridge (37. 155); bronze socketed axe, Late Bronze Age, Corwen (37. 2998); specimens of paper currency, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Poland, and Russia (37. 538—541).

Murray, Dr M. A.: Archaeological specimens, including pottery vessels and masks, flint tools and flakes, slate palette, ushabti figure, bronze ibis and mirror, and fragments of glass, Egypt and Petra; horse-trappings and hobble, fingerring and amulet, supplication cap, etc., Palestine; collection of jewellery and ornaments worn by women, Egypt and India; amulets and strike-a-light, Malta; carnelian and lapis beads, Ur (37. 601—679); series of women’s ornaments, Bengal (37. 873—875; 890—923).

Myers, Dr C. S.: Two goat-skin war coats, Sarawak (37. 777—779).

Noone, Mr H. V.: Collection of flint tools, Upper Palaeolithic, from Laugerie Haute, Combe Capelle, La Madeleine, Grotte des Eyzies, and other sites, Dordogne, France (37. 1386—1385).

Noone, Mr R. O. D.: Potsherds, stone pounders, etc., from a rock shelter near Sungei Siput, Perak (37. 547).

O’Brien, Mr T. F.: Series of stone tools, including hand-axes, choppers, pebble tools, flakes, etc., various sites, Uganda (37. 476—480; 482-486; 491—512); neolithic industries, Nsongezi and Walasi, Uganda (37. 514; 518, 531).

O’Reilly, Miss M. S.: Second brass coin of Hadrian, Shelford Mill, Cambs. (37. 18).

Owen, Archdeacon ET. E.: Series of stone implements, including hand-axes and picks, Archdeacon and Tunbridge and Levallois and Stillbay tools, from various sites, Kenya and Uganda (37. 519—529).

Paterson, Mr T. T.: Series of Clacton tools and flakes, and Archdeacon coup de poing, Barnham gravel-pit, Suffolk (37. 1—6).

Preston, Mr J.: Thanes pipe, thinned, and polished celt, Landford, Bramshaw, and Blackdown, Hants. (37. 1389).

Quiggin, Mrs: Mother-of-pearl currency fish-hook, Marshall Islands (37. 287).

Rackham, Mrs Bernard: Hatchet-shaped wooden club, Samoan; two carved wooden spoons, South Africa (37. 446—447).


Raphael, Mr Oscar: Six bronze weights, China (37. 466). Reed, Dr F. R. C.: Carved feather-box, Maori, New Zealand (37. 445).

Richards, Dr Audrey: Collection of charms from Bwembya, a Babemba village near Kasama, North-eastern Rhodesia (37. 125—135).

Roscoe, the late Rev. J.: Implements of quartz and fossil wood, Karamomo and Jinja, Uganda (37. 532).

Skeat, Mr W. W.: Ethnological specimens, including krisses, daggers, and small knives, axes, and large wooden carving of macacus monkey, Kuala Langat district, Selangor; blow-pipes, musical instrument, cord and barkcloth belts, brass balance and case, tapa beater, combs, necklaces, earplugs and nose-skewer, Orang ‘Pangun and other tribes, Malay Peninsula; churinga and boomerangs. Perth, Western Australia; three walking-sticks, Carib, Dominica, West Indies (37. 600; 847—850; 1317—1335).


Spier, Mrs: Banknote printed on grey mulberry paper, XIV century, China (37. 456).

Stewart, Miss F. M.: Two kava bowls, one in form of turtle, club and throwing-club, and large turtle-shell and bone fish-hook, Fiji (37. 321—325).

Strickland, Mrs T. A. G.: Two krises, Malay Peninsula, and a number of knives, Java and Sumatra (37. 542—546).

Stricker, Herr F.: Set of dance ornaments, and series of arrows with bamboo shafts, Savia, River Tami, Northern Netherlands New Guinea (37. 317—318).

Tebbutt, Mr C. F.: Potsherds, Romano-British, Ingolds, Lines. (37. 21); fifteen post-war emergency currency notes, France, Germany, and Belgium (37. 174).

Thatcher, Mr Eric: Potsherds, Windmill-Hill, Beaker, and Bronze Age types, and leaf-shaped arrowhead, Runcton Holme, Norfolk (37. 7—11, 25).

Thompson, Mr Eric: Series of potsherds, Mayan, San Josè, British Honduras (37. 376—399).

Thompson, Dr R. Campbell: Two fragments of pottery vessels, Parthian. Nineveh (37. 1386).

Tippett, Mr G. H.: Two brass temple lamps, prayer-wheel, brass and copper trumpet, pencase, and bronze dagger, Tibet; pencase and ink-container. Rajputana; ceremonial dagger, Chitral, Kaffiristan (37. 467—473).

Todd, Lt.-Commander: Series of potsherds, Port Mount, Tyson’s Steps, and other sites, Andaman Islands (37. 451—454); flint burin, Salisbury district, Wiltts. (37. 534); pygmy tools, Jaigarh, Bombay, India (37. 536).

Wace, Professor A. J. B.: Wooden reaping implement, dagger in sheath, and two flutes, Greece; two musical instruments, Bulgaria (37. 156—161).

Walker, the late Rev. F. G.: Archaeological collection, consisting chiefly of Romano-British remains excavated from local sites including Latham Road, Magdalene College and other sites in Cambridge, the War Ditches, Cherryninton, the pottery kilns at Homingsea, the tumuli at Bourn and Lord’s Bridge, Cambs., and Great Chesterford, Essex (37. 45—50; 91—100; 551—575; 585—600; 680—700).

Way, Mr R. E.: Series of potsherds, tiles and other building materials, from a Romano-British occupation-site, Brinkley, Cambs. (37. 1545—1550).

Westland, Mr E. J.: Chipped pebble industry, Nsongezi (37. 487); pebble tools and rolled chipped boulders, Kamarojo Plain and Kajera Valley (37. 489—490); Sangoan industry, Sango Hills, Uganda (37. 515—516).

Westland, Mr E. J. and Mr T. P. O’Brien: Series of Middle Acheulean tools, “M” horizon sites, Uganda (37. 481).

Webster, Mr Malcolm: Silver heart-shaped brooch, circa 1700 a.d., British (37. 274).

Wild, Captain Robert: Sixteen pierced quartzite pebbles and large brass weight, Kandyse, Ashanti; series of potsherds, Bihitani; wooden Daghati whistle, two terracotta pipe-bowls, and painted umbrella tops, various sites, Gold Coast (37. 101—107).

Wolf, Dr C. G.: Sarong with decoration in batik technique, Java (37. 485).

Purchased: Electrotype of bronze collar, La Tène Period, Llandyssul; the original in Bristol Museum (37. 270).

DEPOSITS.

Acker, Mr A. J.: Extensive and valuable ethnological collection, including weapons, tools, specimens of dress and armour, horse-trappings, game-traps, pottery and potter’s tools, objects of domestic use, etc., Darfur, Sudan (37. D. 1—256).