

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1957-58

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The FACULTY BOARD OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY beg leave to present to the University their Annual Report on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology for the year 1 October 1957 to 30 September 1958.

1. The Board are most grateful to the Honorary Keepers who have continued to give their support and to spend much time on the collections. Mr G.K.Roth was appointed Honorary Keeper of the Fijian Collections on 19 May and has already embarked upon a major reorganization of the collections.

2. Mr H.G.Seaby, attendant and cleaner, retired on 30 September under the regulations for the age limit.

3. *Accessions.* The chief accessions were the notable additions to the Stone Age collections, which were presented by Mr M.C.Burkitt when he retired from his University Lectureship. The gift, which represents about two-thirds of his personal collection, consists of Lower and Middle Palaeolithic and some Neolithic material; a large series of Upper Palaeolithic tools from a number of classic European sites; and a considerable collection of implements, mostly from North Africa. He has also given about a thousand lantern slides.

The Board are pleased to be able to report that they will continue to have the benefit of Mr Burkitt's services as Honorary Keeper.

4. *Crowther-Beynon Fund.* In addition to the yearly grant to the Disney Professor for local excavation, further sums were given towards Upper Palaeolithic research in Britain, excavation in Jordan, purchase of specimens, and publication.

5. *Photographic Department.* Mr Morley's services were fully used. He made 600 lantern slides, 170 new negatives, 400 enlargements, and 34 colour transparencies.

6. *Visitors.* Visitors from overseas included: Professor Beyen of Leiden University; Dr J.O. Brew of the Peabody Museum, Harvard University; Dr Desmond Clark, Curator of the Rhodes- Livingstone Museum, Rhodesia; Professor L.S.Cressman of the University of Oregon; Professor V.L.Grottanelli, Director of the National Museum and Professor of Ethnology in the University of Rome; Dr A.E.Herteig of the Hanseatic Museum, Bergen; Professor J.Humlum of Aarhus University; Dr K.G.Izikowitz, Director of the Ethnological Museum, Goteborg; Professor Feliz M.Kessing, of Stanford University, California; Mr Olaf Olsen of the National Museum, Copenhagen; Dr Ruth D.Simpson, Curator of the Southwestern Museum, Los Angeles.

7. The Curator gave a lecture on recent discoveries in South American archaeology to the Extra-mural Department of the University of Birmingham, and one of the Perry Art Lectures of the University of Bristol on the Pre-Columbian Art of South America.

8. The Curator represented the University at the 33rd International Congress of Americanists, of which he was a Vice-President, at San Jose, Costa Rica, in July. He subsequently visited the Maya sites of Copan in Honduras and Tikal in Guatemala, with the aid of air transport provided by the respective governments. He also spent several days visiting Maya sites in British Honduras as the guest of the Archaeological Commissioner, one of whose excavations was subsidized from the Crowther-Beynon Fund. During his journey he was able to visit archaeological sites in Jamaica and to confer with colleagues there.

9. *Roman Collections.* Miss Liversidge, the Honorary Keeper, reports that the special exhibition of Romano-British wall paintings, arranged for the conferences of Teachers of the Classics and the combined Classical Societies in August, attracted a large number of visitors.

Samian and glass vessels from some of the Arbury Road burials have been repaired and put on exhibition.

10. *Duckworth Laboratory (Osteological Collections).* The Director went to Jericho for three months at the end of 1957 and worked in the field on the Early and Middle Bronze Age skeletons

excavated by Dr Kathleen Kenyon in her final season at Ain es Sultan (Elisha's Well) on the site of the ancient city. He also took the opportunity of studying the remains of the same period previously found in Amman and of re-examining the Palaeolithic burials from Mount Carmel in the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem. Finally, he paid a short visit to Qumran, to consider the possibility of a future excavation of the large cemetery (c. 1500 graves) of men, women, and children at the monastery where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. The Jericho Bronze Age material, particularly the skeletons from the rich Tomb P19 (which will be reconstructed as a permanent exhibit in the British Museum), is expected to arrive shortly in the Duckworth Laboratory, where it will be restored and reported upon.

In September 1958, the Director visited the Baccinello lignite mine near Grosseto in Tuscany, where the complete skeleton of a Lower Pliocene primate, *Oreopithecus bambolii* Gervais, was found on 2 August. The discovery of this creature promises to shed valuable new light on the problem of human origins. The fragmentary remains of some four dozen additional *Oreopithecus* individuals, also from the Grosseto region, were examined by him in the Basle Natural History Museum, thanks to the willing co-operation of Dr Johannes Hürzeler, Curator of the Osteological Collections in the Museum, who has devoted ten years to their study and is responsible for the latest find.

Mr P. A. Longton resigned the post of Demonstrator in Physical Anthropology in January 1958 to take up a position in British European Airways and has been replaced by Mr D.R. Brothwell. Acknowledgement is made of Mr Longton's services to the Laboratory, of which he was in charge during the Director's absence on a sabbatical year's leave in 1957. Mr C. B. Denston, Scientific Assistant in the Laboratory, has written a report on the Bronze Age skeletal material from Staxton, East Riding of Yorkshire, and on the Mollison apparatus for determining cranial capacity by Breitingner's Technique. These are now being prepared for the press.

The Director has written the articles *s.v.* 'Asia: Anthropology' and 'Galton, Sir Francis', for the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and, on behalf of the British Council, a paper for the Academy of Sciences of Colombia, commemorating the Darwinian Year, with special reference to the significance of the remains of *Oreopithecus* for Darwin's views on the pedigree of man.

Among prominent visitors from abroad were Dr David Allbrook, Senior Lecturer in Anatomy, University College of East Africa, Makerere, Uganda; Professor Theodore McCown of the University of California; and Dr M.G. Rogoff, Forensic Pathologist to the Kenya Government.

11. *Publications.* Publications by the Museum staff or arising out of the Museum Collections, include the following:

Notes on the Obanian with special reference to antler-bone-work. *Proc. Soc. Antiq. Scotland*, 89, 91-106. J.G.D. Clark.

Radio-carbon dates and the Upper Palaeolithic in Western Europe and the Mediterranean Basin.

INQUA, Madrid 1957 Meeting. C. B. M. M^cBurney.

The Stone Age in Northern Africa. Pelican Series. C. B. M. M^cBurney.

12. *Haddon Library.* Miss Thatcher, the Librarian, reports that during the year 172 books and 36 pamphlets were given, 111 books were bought, and the library also received the current parts of some 170 periodicals by gift, exchange, or purchase. The increase in the number of books given during the year is due to Mr Burkitt's most generous gift of 90 archaeological books, a complete set of *Jahrbuch für Prahistorische und Ethnographische Kunst*, and runs of three other periodicals. Many of the books he gave are out of print, and the Board are most grateful for this very valuable addition to the library.

During the calendar year 1957, 4662 volumes were borrowed. The library was again subject to overcrowding in term-time, and the shortage of shelf-space is acute.

The Board are indebted for gifts of books and periodicals to:

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1957-58

- Annesley, Mr M.J.*: Two stools, Dinka, S. Sudan (58.227).
Bailey, Mr R.: Beaker (Type A) with human bones, and flint tools, Ely, Cambs (58.35-6).
Bendall, Major C. W.: Bronze axes and other tools, Bronze Age, Quy, Cambs (57.274-9).
Bidder, Col. H.F.: Iron tools and weapons, Anglo-Saxon cemetery, Mitcham, Surrey (58.3-29).
British School of Archaeology in Iraq: Pottery, 7th century b.c., Nimrud (58.1).
Buhner, Mr R.N.H.: Collection of domestic, personal, and ceremonial tools and gear, Highlands of New Guinea (58.40-60).
Burkin, Mr M.C.: Collection of Palaeolithic stone implements from Le Moustier, La Quina, Sergeac, Masnaigne, Les Eyzies, Tarte, and Le Placard, France, and Tapatanilla, Spain (58.174-223).
Cambridge, City of: Romano-British pottery, coins, and small finds. Arbury Road, Cambridge (58.67-118).
Cambridgeshire County Council: Weapons and ornaments, Anglo-Saxon, Fleam Dyke, Fen Ditton, Cambs (58.150-6).
Clark, Dr J. Desmond: Collection of stone tools. Old to Middle Stone Age, Kalambo Falls, N. Rhodesia (58.224-6).
Codings, Mr H. D.: Three wooden figures, Portuguese East Africa (58.249). Blow-pipe quiver and whistle, Johore, Malaya (58.250).
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Willingham: Lead vat and stone querns, Romano-British, Willingham, Cambs (58.38-9).
The Curator: Textiles, Guatemala (58.246-8).
Dawson, Mrs: Mortarium, Romano-British, Exning, Suffolk (58.229).
Elies, Dr G.L.: Seven stone axes, Naga Hills, Assam (57.178).
Emmanuel College, the Master and Fellows: Stone with Medieval mason's mark, Emmanuel College, Cambridge (57.281).
Fagan, Mr B.M.: Flint scraper, La Quina, France (58.157).
Furness, Dr A.E.: Pottery, and stone tools, Pre-Sesklo Neolithic to Bronze Age, Thessaly and Yugoslavia (57.179-93).
Gonzalez, Dr A. Rex (by exchange); Stone tools, Patagonia (58.30-4).
Gordon, Col. D.H.: Flint tools, Mohenjo-daro, Pakistan (58.123).
Grove, Mr A.T., and Johnson, Mr P.A.: Hand-axe and Neolithic pottery, Tibesti, N. Africa (57.272-3).
Haack-Prestinary, Sr.F.: Miniature pot, Costa Rica (58.121).
Hales, Mr W.M.: Flint adze, Linton, Cambs (58.131).
Hurry, Mr C.B.: Medieval glazed tile, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (58.37).
Hurst, Mr J.G.: Stamford ware pottery, Saxo-Norman, Stamford Castle, Lines (57.271).
Jenkins, Mr B.: Eight stone axes, Auckland, New Zealand (58.66).
Johnson, Mr P.A.: sec Grove, Mr A.T.
Kerridge, Mrs: Medieval pot and Bellarmine jug, Cambridge (57.177).
M^cBurney, Dr C.B.M.: Abbevillian worked flints, Caver-sham, Bucks (57.176 and 58.148-49). Mousterian stone tools, Le Moustier and La Ferrassie, France (58.61-5).
M^cBurney, Mrs: Abbevillian worked flints, Caversham, Bucks (58.146-7).
Norwich Castle Museum: Medieval buckle, Islcham, Cambs (57.194). Club and decorated obsidian spears, Admiralty Islands and New Britain (58.228).

Pembroke College, The Master and Fellows: Pottery and small finds. Middle Saxon to 17th century, Framlingham Castle, Suffolk (58.23(M2)).
Purchased: Hoard of coins and jewelry, c. a.d. 300, Romano-British, Godmanchester, Hunts (57.197-270).
Smith, the late Reverend Dr E. W.: Collection of domestic gear, tools, and weapons, Baila and neighbouring tribes, N. Rhodesia (58.132^15).
Stone, Dr Doris: Textile, Costa Rica (58.245).
Strickland, Mrs: Peasant jewelry, Albania (57.195).
Sulman, Mr R.L.: Jar containing bird bones, Romano-British, Aldreth, Cambs (58.122).
Thompson, Mr J.E.S.: Modern Maya comb, Mexico (58.2). Three bowls, British Honduras (58.119-20). Plumbate ware effigy jar and Maya bowl. Middle America (58.243-4).
Pace, Mrs: Collection of Vlach peasant clothing and ornaments, N. Greece (58.158-73).
Ward, Mr J. H.: Palstave, March, Cambs (57.196).
Wilkerson, Mr G.: Pottery, Saxo-Norman and Medieval, Chawston Manor, Beds (57.280).
Wilkerson, Mr J. W. C.: Flints and pottery. Bronze Age to Romano-British, Whiteley Hill, Barley, Herts (58.124-30).