

Annual Report on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1967-68

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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 1967 to 30 September 1968.

1. *Voluntary helpers.* The Board are again indebted to the Honorary Keepers, especially Miss Liversidge and Mrs Roth, for much valuable help. They again thank Mrs Martlew for helping the Curator with the care of the collection of brass rubbings; the inordinate public interest in brass rubbing has greatly increased the danger of theft and damage to brasses, and the value of this reference collection is correspondingly increased.

2. *Accessions.* The principal accessions were:

- (a) A large and important collection of ethnological material from the southern highlands of New Guinea made, in the face of considerable physical difficulties, by Dr A. J. and Dr A. M. Strathern with the aid of a grant from the Crowther-Beynon Fund.
- (b) An unique Neolithic wooden figure, apparently representing an hermaphrodite, excavated by Dr Coles in Somerset.
- (c) Some useful Eskimo archaeological material from West Greenland (Sarqaq and Cape Dorset), received from the National Museum of Denmark in recognition of a Crowther- Beynon Grant towards expeditions there some years ago.
- (d) A collection of archaeological material from Syria, excavated and presented by Mr E. E. D. S. Oates.

3. *Exhibits and Stores.* The immediate programme of re-arrangement of the New Guinea exhibit was completed.

The removal of human bones from the Museum to the basement of the building at present occupied by the Oriental Faculty at Sidgwick Avenue has made it possible to re-organize the archaeological store in the attic. This has been planned by Miss Cra'ster and is being done by Mr Lilley.

Dr Isabel McBryde, of the University of New England, who was in Cambridge on study leave, examined and reclassified the Australian material in store. As a result of her work, it is now in much better order.

4. *Archives.* A great many papers belonging to Baron von Hiigel, Dr Haddon, and others have been deposited in the Museum at various times, and it has not formerly been possible to sort and classify them. They have now been sorted by Dr A. M. Strathern with assistance paid for out of the unexpended balance of the von Hiigel Memorial Fund. Those items not relevant to museum material were arranged by her in a form which made them acceptable to the University Library, where they are more appropriately and conveniently stored. A large number of photographs and negatives were sorted out at the same time. This work will be of great assistance to future inquirers.

5. *Photographic Department.* Mr Morley's services during the year have included the making of 1,828 photographic prints, 731 slides, and 66 colour-transparencies. These numbers show a considerable increase since last year.

6. *Crowther-Beynon Fund.* Grants amounting to a total of £2,050 were made to the following: Professor Clark (recurrent grant for excavations in Britain); Dr M^cBumey for Palaeolithic excavation in Jersey; Mr Higgs for Palaeolithic excavation in Greece; Mr C.Flight for excavation of a Neolithic site in Ghana; Mr B.Hennessy for excavation in Jordan; Dr C.Renfrew for Neolithic excavation in Greece; and Mr J.Collis for Iron Age and Roman excavations in Hampshire.

7. *Evans Fund.* In accordance with the will of Mr Ivor H. N. Evans, an old friend of the Museum, Evans Fellowships have been established for research in ethnology, ethnography, or archaeology in Borneo, the Malay Peninsula, Thailand, and some neighbouring countries, and there is money

for purchase of museum specimens from those areas. It is hoped that the first Fellow will be appointed in the academical year 1968-69.

8. *Staff.* Dr A. M. Strathem resigned her appointment as an Assistant Curator at the end of the academical year, since her husband has an appointment at Canberra and they will shortly move there. She has accomplished an immense amount of useful work on exhibits, stores, and papers during her tenure, besides undertaking a considerable teaching load and successfully completing her Ph.D. thesis. She will be very much missed. A replacement has not yet been appointed.

The Curator has continued to serve on the Executive Committee of the Society of Antiquaries, and Miss Cra'ster was elected to the Council of the Society. The Curator represented the University at the 38th International Congress of Americanists at Stuttgart and Munich. Fie supervised the work of a British Council visitor from Mexico who spent a year in the Department. Miss Cra'ster represented the University on the Council of the Area Museums Service for south-eastern England.

9. *Publications*

Bushnell, G. H. S. *The First Americans* (Library of the Early Civilizations).

Liversidge, J. *Britain in the Roman Empire* (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1968).

Liversidge, J. Articles on Romano-British sites for the *Enciclopedia dell'Arte Italiana*.

10. *Visitors.* Among overseas visitors were: Dr Isabel McBryde, University of New England, New South Wales; Dr W.C. Sturtevant, Smithsonian Institution, Washington; Professor W. Solheim, University of Manila; Professor F. Wendorf, Southern Methodist University, Texas; Dr J. Palickova-Patkova, of Bratislava.

11. *Roman Collections.* Miss Liversidge, the Honorary Curator, reports that it has proved advisable to postpone the chapter on Roman Cambridgeshire for the *Victoria County History*.

She has completed the report for the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works on the Winterton Roman villa wall paintings.

12. *Animal bones.* The chief task this year has been the analysis of Neolithic material from Knossos, Crete; work on its relation to that from Nea Nikomedia is still in progress.

The bones excavated from Kastritsa and Asprochaliko were also examined and sorted.

The main reference collection of faunal material has now been catalogued, and the comparative series of plant and organic remains has been extended.

13. *Duckworth Laboratory.* The Acting Director, Dr D.R. Pilbeam, resigned to take up an appointment in the Anthropology Department at Yale University. Mr A. Bilsborough joined the staff as University Demonstrator in September.

During the summer, the greater part of the collection of skulls, housed in the Laboratory, the attic of the Museum, and the basement of the Arts School, was moved to the basement of the Oriental Studies building in Sidgwick Avenue, where they have been joined by the Duckworth Collection of skulls, previously stored in the Anatomy Department. While these collections will continue to be available for study, the Duckworth Laboratory now has space available for expanded teaching and research activities. Mr Denston supervised this move, and great credit is due to him for its successful achievement.

Works published during the year by persons associated with the Duckworth Laboratory were:

Lawrence, Mrs M. Obituary of Dr J.C. Trevor, *Nature*, 216 (1967), 523.

Denston, C. B. The Secondary Cremation from Talach an t-Sionnaich. Appendix. *Proc. Soc. Ant. Scot.* 98 (1964-66), 73.

Hughes, D.R. and Denston, C.B. The Human Remains from the Tooth Cave, Gower. *Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies*, 22 (1967), 285.

Hughes, D. R. and Denston, C.B. The Human Remains. Appendix in *Excavations at Shakenoak*, p. 116 (Privately printed, 1967).

14. *Haddon Library.* The Librarian, Mrs S. I. Clarke, reports that this year was the busiest so far in the Haddon Library, with nearly 500 people using the Library and 11,732 books borrowed.

New accessions consisted of 315 books bought and 100 given; 7 pamphlets bought and 86 given; 443 periodicals bought, 216 given, and 176 received in exchange for the *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society*, to whom the Board are extremely grateful.

During the Summer Vacation, the Librarians finished checking the Library and catalogued 121 books and 725 pamphlets found to be uncatalogued. In March, Miss Reddy, the Assistant Librarian, left; she was replaced by Miss Lavaysse-Chanut.

A further grant of £175 was received from the Smuts Fund for the purchase of publications dealing with the Commonwealth; the Board is again indebted to Mr M.C.Burkitt for the gift of many archaeological books and pamphlets and to Dr E.R. Leach for *The International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences*, 17 volumes. Other gifts of books, pamphlets, and periodicals were received from the following, to whom grateful thanks are extended:

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