

# University of Cambridge

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### MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

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A new case replacing two of the old and unsatisfactory cases has been constructed in the Year Maudslay Hall to contain the collection of metal objects of the Bronze Age in Britain. Below there is a double desk-case with exhibition drawers underneath; at the top is a shallow upright glass case specially made to show the three bronze shields in the collection to advantage. Miss O'Reilly has arranged in one side of the desk-case a typological series of implements and weapons from E. Anglia, as set out in the old case by Dr Cyril Fox in 1923, and in the other side selected local specimens, representative groups from local hoards and a small series from other parts of Britain.

The remaining specimens have been arranged in the drawers below according to locality. A collection of objects from the Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Mitcham, Surrey, temporarily deposited by the excavator, Colonel H. F. Bidder, has been arranged by Miss O'Reilly in a small new desk-case reserved for temporary exhibitions.

Mr Bird has continued the labelling of the collection of Primitive Currency exhibited in the passage leading from the Maudslay Hall to the Babington Hall; several new specimens have been added.

In the Babington Hall the Curator has continued the rearrangement of the African collections.

Mr Sayce has begun the arrangement of the South African section.

In the Andrews Gallery the Curator has continued the rearrangement of the American collections, to which many important additions have lately been made. In a large show-case at the north end of the gallery, which formerly contained a series from the Andaman Islands, he has arranged part of the American Indian material collected by Mr Rymill in Canada last year. Other specimens from the same source have been placed near by in two hanging wall-cases made in the Museum.

Nine other wall-cases have been made in the Museum to contain specimens from America. In a show-case at the other end of the gallery the greater part of the collection made by the late Dr Gadow in Southern Mexico, and presented to the Museum in memory of him by Lord Revelstoke, has been placed on temporary exhibition. In a small upright case in the same part of the gallery the Curator has placed a feather head-dress and poncho from Nasca, Peru; in a flat wall-case next to this he has arranged an interesting series of textiles from old Peruvian graves, and in a larger wall-case adjoining a number of fine examples of feather work, head-dresses, etc., from South America and three dried human heads from the Jivaro Indians, Ecuador.

The series from the Andaman Islands formerly exhibited in the Andrews Gallery has been arranged by Mrs Quiggin in wall-cases in the lecture-room.

During the Long Vacation Mr H. D. Collings spent some weeks in sorting and cataloguing a large number of African spears, which were then cleaned and placed on store-shelves built for the purpose in the work-room on the ground floor.

Colonel F. G. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Australian collections, has finished his catalogue of these and it was published by the University Press on November 15. The compilation of this catalogue and the arrangement of the various series of objects to correspond with it have been a long piece of work for which our deepest gratitude is due to Colonel Hayter. He has now, at the request of the Curator, passed on to the great Fiji collection, which since the death of Baron Anatole von Hügel about three years ago has unavoidably remained as it was left by him, incomplete as regards arrangement and lacking any card-index or descriptive catalogue. As Mrs Lock was for many years associated with the late Baron in work on this collection and has a personal knowledge of the subject that no one else possesses, her help has been engaged and with the full approval of the Baroness von Hügel a start has been made with labelling exhibits and getting out details for a card-index as a preparation for a definitive catalogue.

Mr C. B. Humphreys has been appointed Honorary Keeper of the Melanesian collections and began work upon them in November. His first intention is to arrange the two New Hebrides cases in the Bevan Hall, but before he can do this he finds it best to go through all the Melanesian objects so as not to miss any important pieces; this cataloguing of specimens which have never received serial numbers must precede the more visible work of arranging particular cases. A new case has been ordered for the west side of the Bevan Hall to hold the rich series of Tongan clubs.

The Honorary Keeper of the Stone Age collections, Mr M. C. Burkitt, reports that the European material has been completely rearranged. For some time past great alterations had become necessary—partly as a result of the new acquisitions which have accumulated during the ten years since the collections were systematically set out, and partly to satisfy the teaching requirements necessitated by the increased attention paid in both teaching and examining to the

practical work. The advent of a large new case has made this rearrangement possible. The specimens exhibited on open shelves in the prehistoric room had become extremely dirty; they have now been carefully washed and accommodated in drawers, their old places being taken by larger, more easily cleaned, artifacts. For this great work with pail and sponge the keeper would like to render his thanks to his wife and her helpers. The new arrangement has been made on typological lines in the show-cases and geographically in the glass-topped drawers. One small show-case is devoted to the various kinds of flint fracture and two larger ones illustrate nearly all the different types of stone implements from Eolithic to Early Metal Age. The show-case exhibiting prehistoric pottery remains unchanged, but all the other pottery in the keeper's charge has now been grouped together in the drawers. It may be well to mention that even now there is below it no more than enough space to house certain collections which have been promised for the near future. Besides arranging the European material the keeper has also been able to effect certain improvements in the accommodation and exhibition of the African collections. Among the more important of last year's acquisitions must be mentioned a valuable typological series of Mousterian implements from Combe Capelle presented by the late Dr Ami of the Canadian School of Prehistory just before his death ; a fine collection from the Ipswich district, the generous gift of Mr Reid Moir; and a small but very interesting series of specimens from Somaliland presented by Mr Barrington Brown.

Mr Ralph Griffin, F.S.A., Honorary Keeper of the Collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports: "The work necessitated by our large collection of rubbings has gone on uneventfully during the past year. A good deal of attention has been given to the task of preserving the rubbings in a form most suitable for a Museum in which Solander cases furnished at lavish expense cannot be provided. But there is every reason to think that with the precautions now taken the rubbings will continue in excellent state. It would be unwise to jeopardise unique rubbings by any lack of pains taken for their preservation. One of these is the only known rubbing of the lost brass of Elena de Freville (1380) from Little Shelford church; with the help of a beautiful photograph by Mr Strickland this has been reproduced by Sir Emery Walker to illustrate a little tractate that I have written on the subject. With the assistance of many kind helpers I am able to report that the counties of Dorset, Gloucester, Hereford and Monmouth are complete and Mr G. L. Nussey of Clare College has enabled us nearly to complete the important county of Lincoln. The Home Counties, however, are not yet sufficiently represented and it is to these that attention must now be systematically devoted. Special thanks are due to Mr Buck, Air Benson and Air Langham for their valuable help. Thanks are also due to the Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum who has caused rubbings of those brasses in that Museum of which we had not already rubbings to be made and sent to us. Mr R. H. Pearson, who devotes special attention to palimpsest fragments of foreign origin, has sent us some valuable specimens. Mr Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., Gonville and Caius College, continues to help us in many ways and without his aid we should often be in difficulties. We should be glad of help from any undergraduates who take an interest in this branch of archaeology."

Mr T. A. G. Strickland, Honorary Photographer, has continued his most valuable services in photographing such objects as required special technical skill.

The Board wish to express their thanks to Miss E. S. Fegan of Girton College for the great services she rendered as Honorary Librarian from May 1920 till June 1930 ; to her is due the logical arrangement of the library and the careful catalogue. Her place as Librarian has been taken by Miss M. M. O'Reilly. Further, they are unwilling to pass without mention the retirement of C. E. Andrews after thirty years' service as attendant.

A further 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 or pamphlets: Dr Allen, Mr. M. C. Burkitt, Rev. G. A. Chase, Mrs H. Cope, Mr S. Cowles, Mr A. O. Curle, Miss Fegan, Dr Haddon, Colonel Hayter, Mr T. C. Hodson, Mr F. O. Leehmere-Oertel, Professor Minns, Captain G. Lane-Fox Pitt-Rivers, Miss K. Smith, Mrs Turner and the Curator; also to the Burlington Fine Arts Club and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

ACCOUNTS. See *Cambridge University Reporter*, 14 November 1930, p. 153, under the heading " Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology."

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## APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1930

- Ami, Dr.*: Specimens of Mousterian industry, Beds I—V, Combe Capelle, Dordogne, France (80. 1577—1581).
- Archer, Col.*: Two tradesmen's tokens, XVIII Century, Norwich and Coventry (30. 397).
- Bateson, Mr G.*: Extensive and valuable ethnographical collection, Sepik district, New Guinea, New Britain and adjacent islands (30. 160—375; 401—484; 487—550; 1644—1691).
- British School of Archaeology in Egypt*: Series of flints and potsherds, Neolithic and Copper Age, Wadi Ghuzzeh and Shellal, S. Palestine (30. 1538—1545).
- British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem*: Flints and pygmy tools, Palaeolithic and Mesolithic, Schukba, Palestine (30. 21—28).
- Brown, Mr C. Barrington*: Pottery, flint and chert implements, flakes and cores, Somaliland (30. 1528—1537).
- Burkitt, Mr M. C.*: Flints, Hunmanby, Yorkshire (30. 1131).
- Bushnell, Mr G. H. S.*: Stone axes and pottery fragments, Ecuador (30. 51—56).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society*: Flint implements, West Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk (30. 28); small bowl, Roman Period, Bottisham, Cambs. (30. 66); cinerary urn, Middle Bronze Age, Downham, Cambs. (30. 389); bronze penannular brooch, Norfolk (30. 643).
- Cammiade, Mr L. A.*: Stone implements, Madras Presidency, India (30. 77—90).
- Campbell, Mrs F. H. S.*: Etched carnelian bead, Coimbatore, India (30. 1642). Transferred from loan deposit.
- Chinnery, Mr E. W. P.*: Ethnological series, Sepik district, Mandated Territory New Guinea (30. 100—120); specimen of tridacnashell currency, Tanga Island, and fibre currency, N.W. Islands (30. 485—486).
- Clark, Mr J. G. D.*: Flint tools and flakes, Reach and Swaffham Prior, Cambs. (30. 36).
- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.*: Chipped and polished axe, Neolithic, Burnt Fen, Suffolk (30. 73); bronze Karen drum, *kyee-zee*, S.E. Burma; pre-Ayuthian tical, specimen of lat money and porcelain gambling tokens, Siam (30. 379—386); wooden bowl, butter ladle and butter box, Lapland; arrow, New Hebrides; currency girdle, Bismarck Archipelago; two necklaces, Caroline Islands; two spears, Southern Sudan; women's headdress and ornaments, Herero, South-west Africa; two knives, Togoland (30. 626—642); extensive and valuable ethnological collection made by Mr R. Rymill among Bungay, Cree (Plains), Dakota, Sarsi, Assiniboine, North Blackfoot and Piegan Indians, Canada (30. 651—1115); portions of proto-Solutrean "laurel-leaf" and flakes, Budös-pest, Hungary (30. 1565); bronze axe, Luristan, Persia (30. 1643).
- Collings Dr D. W.*: Two floor tiles, Mediaeval, Southwold Church, Suffolk (30. 49).
- Cooper, Mr J. Forster*: Flint knife, Bottisham, Cambs. (30. 76).
- Courtney-Pratt, Mr.*: Stone implements, Tasmania (30. 1517—1522).
- Cowles, Mr S.*: Pottery cider-jug, XIX Century, Fremington, Devon (30. 388); glass linen-smoother, Cambridge (30. 1589).
- Crawford, Mr O. G. S.*: Potsherds and flint implements, Habeiba and Azrak, Transjordan (30. 91—99).
- Duckworth, Dr W. L. H.*: Glass bottle covered with basketry, two whalebone daggers and carved fish, N.W. Coast of America; two horn spoons, Iceland (30. 1132—1135).
- Evans, Mr I. H. N.*: Rough axes and flakes, Patjitan, S. Java (30. 27).
- Elliott, Mr C.*: Obsidian spearhead, Easter Island (30. 400).
- Gadow, Mrs.*: Sling, Morocco (30. 394).
- Garrod, Miss*: Representative collection of flint implements excavated in S. Kurdistan (30. 1—19).
- Gourlay, Mr B.*: Cora grinder and vessel made from cow's udder, Chili; two bolas stones, Tierra del Fuego (30. 57—59).
- Greg, Mrs.*: Three wooden runic calendars, Scandinavia (30. 376—378).
- Grove, Dr W. R.*: Pot, Roman Period, Haddenham, Cambs. (30. 1638).
- Hutchinson, Mr R. W.*: Chipped flint tools, Transjordan (30. 32—33); Potsherds, Troy I—II types, Thermi, Lesbos (30. 72).
- Haddon, Dr A. C.*: Potsherds and beads, Mycenae (30. 63-64).
- Holt, Mr J.*: Flint chisel, Lillington, Cambs.; stone axe, Cambridge; adze, New Zealand; tradesman's token, Hitchin, Herts. (30. 67—70).
- Hopkins, Miss J.*: Bronze seal-box, Roman Period, Girton, Cambs. (30. 1639).
- Humphreys, Mr C. B.*: Ethnological collection, including stools, headrests, gongs and drums, wooden and clay bowls, baskets, nets, men's and women's ornaments, Sepik district, New Guinea (30. 551—618).
- Kirkpatrick-Wilson, Mr T.*: Discoidal flint knife, Altarnun, Cornwall (30. 1661).
- Leaf, Mr C.*: Flint scraper, Flagheath, Norfolk (30. 33); trimmed flake, Travellers' Rest pit, Cambridge (30. 74).
- Leclimere-Oertel, Mr F. O.*: Extensive collection including ethnological series from Assam, Burma, Ceylon and Tibet; clay stupas and other objects excavated at Garaath, near Benares, India; copper axes and spearheads, Bithur, N.W. Provinces, India; stone axes, Bonda district, India; numerous figures of deities, charms, swords, ornaments, etc., India (30. 1247—1513; 1590—1637).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.*: Pygmy implements and flakes, Pembroke (30. 1506).
- Lowerison, Mr B.*: Two Solutrean "laurel-leaves," Heacham, Norfolk; coup de poing, Titchwell, Norfolk (30. 29—31); fragment of beaker, Houghton, Hunts. (30. 65).
- Mamen, Mr O.*: Pipe made from sheep's leg-bone, Sui Yuan, N. China (30. 395).
- Markillie, Mr J. F.*: Tical, pre-Ayuthian, Siam (30. 396).
- Mims, Professor*: Models of Japanese gold and silver coins (30. 1692—1721).
- Moir, Mr J. Reid*: Chipped flints, Norfolk (30. 26); flakes, Cromer beach, Norfolk (30. 50; 1130; 1515); burins, scrapers, etc., Ipswich (30. 1562); flint tools, Ipswich (30. 1582—1587).
- Munro, Dr N. G.*: Stone axes, grinding and rubbing stones and flakes, Japan; large slingstone, Caroline Islands (30. 39—48).
- Murray, Mr E. G. W.*: Chipped flints, scrapers and flakes, Suffolk and Warwickshire (30. 645—650); coups de poing and flakes, Caversham, Berks. (30. 1564).
- Nicholson, Miss*: Scrapers, arrowheads, fabricators, etc., North Elmham, Norfolk (30. 1863).
- Nuttall, Mrs Z.*: Small jade axe and four labrets, Alaska, Arctic America (30. 60—62).
- Palmer, Mr H. R.*: Brass pipe-bowl and two wooden figures, Munshi Province, N. Nigeria (30. 619—620).
- Parsons, Miss C.*: Tradesmen's tokens, Chatteris, Cambs. and Louth, Lincolnshire (30. 387).
- Porter, Mr N. T.*: Scrapers, flint flakes and cores, Cambridgeshire (30. 1523—1526).
- Preston, Mr J.*: Worked flints, Landford, Wilts. (30. 20).
- Raphael, Mr O.*: Fragments of Yin pottery, Chou dynasty, China (30. 24); bronze arrowheads, N. China and N. Corea (30. 623—625).
- Revelstoke, the Lord, in memory of the late Dr Hans Gadow, F.R.S.*: Archaeological and ethnological collection made by the late Dr Gadow, including gourd and pottery vessels, painted wooden bowls, clay heads and figurines, textiles and embroideries, stone and copper axes and other tools, stone and jade beads and pendants, etc., Southern Mexico (30. 1136—1245).
- Schofield, Miss I.*: Coups de poing, scrapers and flakes, S. Africa (30. 37—38).
- Spencer, Col. L.*: Two ceremonial fly-whisks, chowree, Bhurtapore, India (30. 1640—1641).
- Tebbutt, Mr C. F.*: Glazed pottery head, XVII Century, Huntingdonshire (30. 71).
- Temperley, Professor*: Glass beads, Lhasa, Tibet (30. 25).
- Thurston, Mr J. A.*: Ethnological specimens, New Britain, Admiralty Islands, Tambrunga and Sepik district, New Guinea (30. 121—153).
- University of Kyoto*: Small teapot, excavated at Wu Shun, Manchuria (30. 622).
- Vince-Gibbs, Miss*: Iron key, XV Century, Ely (30. 1588).

## DEPOSITS

- Bidder, Col. H.F.*: Objects from a cemetery of the Anglo-Saxon period, Mitcham, Surrey (30. d. 47—90).
- Lindgren, Miss*: Ethnological collection, Outer Mongolia and North-west Manchuria (30. d. 1—46).