

University of Cambridge

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and of Ethnology and the Haddon Library, 1938

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The FACULTY BOARD OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY beg leave to present to the University their Report on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and the Haddon Library.

During the year a complete replanning of the storage arrangements of the Museum has been carried out, in order to relieve the pressure on space intended for exhibition, to concentrate in the appropriate galleries units of related cultures, and greatly to increase the storage space. At the same time a scheme has been initiated for placing all specimens under cover of some kind so as to reduce the damage from dust.

In the army hut beyond the Keyser Hall, the stores have been completely reorganized. The Assistant Curator has examined all the Roman and Medieval pottery accumulated in the hut, rejected useless sherds, and boxed and labelled the rest. This made enough room to hold the large Uganda boat and the Irish dug-out that hitherto lay on the floor of the Keyser Hall. The large canoe from New Guinea which lay beside them has been suspended in metal slings from the roof of the Keyser Hall.

In the Keyser Hall, between the windows on the west side, two large blocks of exhibition panels enclosing store-cupboards have been made out of the show-cases formerly in the old lecture-room. This has increased the exhibition space in the Museum by over six hundred square feet. In part of these new cases Dr Haddon, assisted by Mr Andrew Croft, has set out a temporary exhibition of the Borneo Collections. The collection of monumental brass rubbings in the same hall has been moved to the north end.

The back entrance hall has been lined with show cases made up out of old materials. It is intended that the water transport collection shall be housed in it. The door leading from it into the old lecture-room has been filled in and an old door re-opened from the lecture-room into the room between the back entrance and the work-room. This room, now to be called the unpacking-room, has been cleaned out. In it are kept European ethnological specimens, and various pottery collections. Its main use is to be for unpacking specimens, which are then taken through the newly-opened doorway into the old lecture-room.

This room has been converted into the main store-room by building deep cupboards reaching to the roof along the west side. The upper tier is reached by steps leading to a gangway running the entire length of the cupboards, each of which is lighted separately and closed in by sliding doors. The lower cupboards have folding doors. The facing is of pressed pulp with a smooth surface upon which dust does not gain hold and which does not require painting. On the east wall a cupboard eleven feet high with vertical partitions has been built to hold spears, each of which will be fastened upright with spring clips. In the upper cupboards are kept the Asiatic and American collections. In the lower cupboards on the west side have been housed the New Guinea Collections (brought down from the attic) and the first Skeat Malay Collection. The second Skeat Collection is at present stored in one of the new cupboards in the Keyser Hall.

The attic has been cleared out, except for the stock of Cambridge Antiquarian Society publications, and room has been found there for three Research Students. The Honorary Keepers of the Australian and Fiji and Melanesian Collections and one Research Student have been accommodated in the upstairs room between the Bevan Hall and the attic.

A great part of the Stone Age Collections has been removed by the Honorary Keeper to two cupboards on the west side of the new store-room and is there kept in tiers of labelled box-drawers. This sets free more space for teaching-exhibitions of the Stone Age Collections in the Andrews Gallery.

By these new arrangements only African material is now kept in the Babington Hall, Oceanic Collections in the Bevan Hall, European ethnological collections in the unpacking-room, and New Guinea, Asiatic, American, and Stone Age Collections in the Andrews Gallery and the store-room.

With the aid of a new list of specimens received from Mr Skeat his collections have been re-arranged in readiness for cataloguing and entering in the Museum registers. The Thomas Collection (Nigeria), kept on shelves at the end of the Babington Hall, and the pottery in the wall cases of the Maudslay Hall have been cleaned. In the latter hall a new screen case for the Hungarian and French bronzes has been set up, liberating part of a table case for a better display of the local Bronze Age material. A new case has been placed against a pillar on the east side to hold the Beacon Hill Barrow finds. An exhibition of Eskimo seal and walrus hunting implements

has been set up above the cases at the north end of the Andrews Gallery. The Oceanic Collections stored in the Bevan Hall have been re-arranged so that duplicate specimens of the same kind are now concentrated on specific shelves.

During the meeting of the British Association in Cambridge a special exhibition of Dr Thomson's Arnhem Land Ethnological Collection, Dr Garrod's Palaeolithic finds from Eastern Europe, and deformed Anglo-Saxon crania from our own collection and that of the Anatomy Department was set out in one of the lecture-rooms.

Dr A. C. Haddon, Honorary Keeper of the New Guinea and Indonesian Collections, reports that they are in good order and that he has set out, with the assistance of Mr Andrew Croft, a temporary exhibition of the Borneo collections in the Keyser Hall.

Colonel F. J. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Australian and Fiji Collections, reports that they are in good order and condition. Several Australian objects, the gift of Dr G. Horne, have been installed in the Bevan Hall.

Mr C. B. Humphreys, Honorary Keeper of the Melanesian Collections, has little beside routine work to report. The meeting of the British Association in Cambridge made necessary a careful examination of labels, and a good number of corrections were made. Now that this and the cleaning and dusting of objects have been completed it may be claimed that the Melanesian Collections have never appeared to better advantage. The substitution of printed labels for those written by hand, and the re-arrangement of certain cases—the Banks, Torres Groups, and Tikopia for example—will provide much work for the future. The removal of the locked doors between the Andrews and Bevan Halls has been a distinct gain to the Pacific Collections by making them more accessible.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Age Collections, reports that the re-arrangement of parts of the collection consequent on the construction of the new storage cupboards is now complete, and the result is in every way satisfactory. An interesting collection of stone tools and flakes from Northern Rhodesia has been given to the Museum by Mr F. B. Macrae, a former student in the Faculty.

Mr H. F. Bird, Honorary Keeper of the Currency Collections, reports that owing to the scarcity of space he has had to arrange two temporary cases for new acquisitions from the Solomon Islands, the Bismarck Archipelago, the Caroline Islands, Santa Cruz, China, and Africa.

Mr L. C. G. Clarke, Honorary Keeper of the American Collections, has presented pottery from the Lake Titicaca expedition. He reports that the collections are in good order and have been augmented by a fine series of archaeological objects from Ecuador presented by Mr Bushnell.

Mr R. Griffin, Honorary Keeper of the Monumental Brass Rubbings, Mr H. H. Brindley, Honorary Keeper of the Water Transport Collections, and Mr T. C. Lethbridge, Honorary Keeper of the Anglo-Saxon Antiquities, have all continued their valuable care of these collections, arranging, labelling, and cataloguing.

Classes from local schools and members of local societies are showing increasing interest in the Museum.

HADDON LIBRARY. The Library continues to be largely used by the students, and at their request the experiment was made of keeping it open until 7 o'clock during term. Although not very many avail themselves of this extra period sufficient use is made of it to justify its continuance for the present. Accommodation for students working in the Library is at times severely strained and the lecture-room has to be used by the overflow. During the year all the books and pamphlets in the Europe section were gone through and re-arranged, and they are now, in consequence, more easily available.

A large number of books and periodicals has been given to the Library during the year, and thanks are due to the following:

Mr J. P. Astbury, Mr G. Bateson, Mr H. H. Brindley, the Trustees of the British Museum, Mr J. H. Bullock, the Director of the Musée du Cobgo Beige, Miss Cayley, Mr J. H. Driberg, Dr H. E. Durham, Mr I. H. N. Evans, Miss Fegan, Mr Ralph Griffin, Mr E. B. Haddon, Colonel F. J. Hayter, the Minister of Public Instruction of Latvia, Dr E. J. Lindgren, Dr M. A. Murray, Sir Humphry Rolleston, Mr J. B. Stewart, the Director of the Geological Survey of Uganda, the Librarian of Uppsala University, the Director of the Missionary-Ethnological Museum of the Vatican, the Curator, and the Librarian. A large number of useful books, periodicals, and pamphlets has also been given by Mr L. C. G. Clarke, Dr A. C. Haddon, and Professor E. H. Minns. In addition the Executors of the late Mr Mill Stephenson presented some thirty books on Monumental Brass Rubbings, and the Librarian of Christ's College has kindly deposited on permanent loan seventeen books of archaeological interest.

LANTERN SLIDE COLLECTION. The collection has been augmented by a most generous gift from Mr I. H. N. Evans of nearly nine hundred slides, the largest individual gift which has been made since the collection was placed in the Museum. The majority of the slides, which are all arranged in order in boxes, and fully labelled, were made from photographs taken by the donor. They deal principally with the Malay States, from both archaeological and ethnological aspects, including some fifty of the Sakai, but there are also a large number of British North Borneo, Siam, Burma, China, Indo-China, and Sumatra. Cordial thanks are due to Mr Evans for his generosity.

HADDON PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION. This collection has received several interesting series of photographs, and special thanks are due to Mr L. C. G. Clarke for his further donations, which included Dr G. von Furer-Haiuendorf's photographs from Assam, Dr Lattimore's from Mongolia, Jlr Spencer Chapman's from Tibet, and Mr Arkell's from Darfur. These have all been catalogued and most of them mounted. Further gifts include photographs of Grange Barrow from Dr A. C. Bouquet, of Sakai from Dr Edith Durham, of Malaya from Mr I. H. N. Evans, of India from Mr Krishna Iyer, and of the Hebrides from Dr Kissling.

Accounts. See the University Accounts (7 November 1938), p. 121, under the heading 'Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology'.

APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1938

- I Archbold, the late Mrs:* Brass votive figure of horseman, (Northern India (38. 970).
- Barber, Mr E.:* Specimen of manilla currency, West Africa (38. 26).
- Bateson, Mr Gregory:* Woven cloth, *Kain g ring sing*, double ikat technique, Bali (38. 392).
- Bird, Mr H. F.:* Specimens of currency, N. Solomon Islands (38. 57—58); silver shoe currency, Hunan Province, China (38. 84—85); two silver *sycee*, China (38. 384—385).
- Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery:* (Received in exchange.) Series of potsherds, flint flakes, and bone points, Neolithic. Vinca. Yugoslavia (38. 467—479).
- British School of Archaeology in Egypt:* Archaeological aeries, including haematite weights, gold beads and crescent, scarabs, tools, ornaments, axe and arrowheads, and fragmentary vases, chiefly of the Hyksos Period, from the 1934 excavations at Tell el Ajjul, Gaza, Palestine (38. 889—9C8).
- Burkitt, Mr M. C.:* Potsherds, Mediaeval, Grantchester, Cambs. (38. 442); Mousterian sidescrapers, La Quina, Charente, France; rough stone implements, Lion Point, Essex (38. 601—602); stone implements, Lower Palaeolithic, oasis of Tabelbella, North Africa (38. 651).
- Bushnell, Mr G. H. S.:* Extensive and valuable archaeological series, including polychrome and other pottery, stone *cielo*, pounder and tools, pottery figurines, whistles and spindle-whorls, beads and amulets of shell and stone, shell and copper fish-hooks, and fragments of bone flute, La Libertad and other sites, Ecuador (38. 652—781).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society:* Pottery bowl, Early Iron Age, March, Cambs.; stone mace head, Fifty Farm, Mildenhall, Suffolk (38. 24—25); tools and flakes, Lower Palaeolithic, Mildenhall and other sites, Suffolk (38. 51—56); two buckles, Early Mediaeval, Southoe, Hunts. (38. 383); socketed axe, Late Bronze Age, Littleport; bronze seal, Mediaeval, Resch Cambs. (38. 386—387); potsherds, Early Iron Age and Roman Period, Windsor Road, Cambridge (38. 455—458); give series of potsherds, Early Iron Age and Roman Period, excavated from the site of Cambridge Castle (38. 461-463; 576-600; 732-769).
- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.:* Archaeological specimens excavated id 1931—32 by Dr M. A. Murray from two Megalithic sites, Trapucó and Sa Torreta, Minorca (38. 1—25); extensive ethnological collection made by Dr Otto Samson, chiefly among the Shan tribes, Namkham, Northern Shan States, Burma (38. 87—382); carved jade figures and plaques, Guatemala and Mexico (38. 437—440); ancient stone beads pmd modern copies, collected by Major C. J. Morris in Tibet [S8. 451—454]; jct necklace, Bronze Age, Rasharkinn, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland (38. 460); ethnological specimens, including wooden chests, cradle cover, sugarbox and salt-cases, reindeer harness, skis and skisticks, wooden snow shovel and other tools, and woven shoe bands, collected by Dr E. J. Lindgren and Mr N. A. Croft among the Karesuando Uppó, North Sweden (38. 526—543).
- Collins, Mr F. J.:* Bows, arrows, and fish spears, Parecis Indians, Matto Grosso, Brazil (38. 553—556).
- Durham, Miss:* Distaff, *poka*, Ithaca (38. 42).
- Egypt Exploration Society:* Archaeological specimens, including a limestone stela, model boat and sledge, pottery net-sinkers, stamps, roundels, etc., carnelian and steatite rings, inscribed and uninscribed scarabs, etc., Sesebi, Egypt (38. 770—793).
- Evans, Mr I. H. N.:* Woven blanket, *pua*, Ulu Semang-gang, Iban, Sarawak (38. 83); two sarongs, *batik* technique, Borobudur, Java (38. 393—394); ivory figurine, China; lacquer bowls and boxes, Laos of Chiangmai, North Siam (38. 484—488); extensive and valuable collection of brass vessels, boxes, gongs and other objects, chiefly from the Tempassuk district, British North Borneo (38. 490—525).
- Haddon, Dr A. C.:* String of pearl oyster shell currency, Yap, Caroline Islands (38. 435).
- Hutton, Professor J. H.:* Ethnological specimens, Naga Hills, Assam (38. 544—551); two polished stone axes, Tesebpenyu village, Naga Hills, Assam (38. 879—880).
- Leaf, Mr C. S.:* Potsherds and bronze bracelet, Early Iron Age; pottery bowl, Neolithic, and small "Deveril-Rimbury" urn, Late Bronze Age, excavated from a barrow, Chippenham, Cambs.; potsherds, Bronze Age, Wild Street, Mildenhall, and bronze buckle, late Mediaeval, Freckenham, Suffolk (38. 421—425); potsherds, flint tools, etc., from an occupation site, Middle Bronze Age, Mildenhall, Suffolk (38. 464—466).
- Leahy, Mr M. J.:* Ethnological series, including battle-axes, spears, bows and arrows, cane armbands and necklace, netted bags and headcoverings, specimens of string and rope, and women's ornaments, Mount Hagen area, Papua (38. 395-420).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.:* Sestertius of Hadrian, Cambridge (38. 436); two pointed pebbles, Morte Point, Devon (38. 480); two bronze brooches, Roman Period, Gog Magog Hills, Cambs., and Wild Street, Mildenhall, Suffolk (38. 884—885).
- Macrae, Mr F. B.:* Extensive and valuable collection of stone implements, various sites, Northern Rhodesia (38. 603 - 650).
- Minns, Professor:* Small enamelled brass jug, India (38. 552); Hausa writing tablet, Nigeria (38. 881).
- Morris, Major C. J.:* Bow and quiver with arrows, pellet-bow, knife, flute, trimmings of h magical offering, and toilet chatelaine, from the Lepcha, Sikkim, North-east Himalayas; double flute, Pun tribe, Nepal (38. 443—450).
- Moyne, Lord:* Model of a catamaran, Pernambuco, Brazil; models of Eskimo tent and umiak, East Greenland (38. 557—559).
- Nadel, Dr S. F.:* Ethnological specimens from the Nupe and Yoruba, Northern Nigeria (38. 27—100).
- Paterson, Mr T. T.:* 25-ore token, Angmagssalik, East Greenland (38. 86).

Rautenfels, Dr P. B. de: Three tobacco-pipes, Papua and Netherlands New Guinea (38. 388—390).

Rogers, Dr G. F.: Old ceremonial cloth of priest, *batik* technique, Bali (38. 391).

Sainty, Mr C.: Stone implements, Lower Palaeolithic, Carrow, Norfolk (38. 43).

Schofield, Mr J. T.: Two *ipasi*, i.e. breast and collar pieces of beadwork, South Africa (33. 886—887).

Scott, Admiral A. C.: Arrows and clubs, Malekula, Santo, Bags, and Ambrym, New Hebrides; chief's club, incised bamboo rod, fishhook, carrying bag, and woman's skirt, Santa Cruz Islands; clam shell bracelet, Rubiana, Solomon Islands (38. 59—82).

Shaw, Mr C. P.: 'issi penny', Gold Coast (38. 888).

Smith, Miss A. Nicol.: Trade beads, Mkokotine Beach, Zanzibar (38. 461).

Stamford, Mr H.: Specimen of paper money, Algeria (38. 483).

Stewart, Mite H. Sanderson: Woven cloth, Morocco (38. 41).

Woolley, Sir Leonard, per Mr A. L. Reckitt: Extensive series of pottery and beads excavated at Atchana, Syria (38. 796—878).

Zammit, the late Professor : Potsherds decorated with red pigment, Neolithic, Malta (38. 441).

By Purchase: Pistol strike-a-light, Cambridge (38. 795).

DEPOSIT.

Nadel, Dr S. F.: Valuable series of ethnological specimens from the Nupe and Yoruba tribes of Northern Nigeria (38. d. 1—25).

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