

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1950—51

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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 1950 to 30 September 1951.

1. The Board are glad to thank the Honorary Keepers and other voluntary helpers for their services. Miss Liversidge has continued her work on the Roman collections, both British and Continental, and she rearranged much of the exhibit in time for the combined conference of the Classical Societies in August. Mr and Mrs G. K. Roth remained in England until early in the summer, and gave help from time to time with the Fijian collections.

2. Among the accessions special mention may be made of the following:

Miss Caton-Thompson's important archaeological collection from the Hadhramaut, Arabia.

A fine collection of Nal culture pottery, from Baluchistan, given by Mrs Benn.

The Iron Age, Roman and other material found at Abington Piggotts in the last century, which was bought from Mr M. G.

de Courcy Ireland with money from the Cambridge Antiquarian Society's annual grant to the Museum.

A notable Christian Saxon pendant of crystal and amethyst with gold and garnet mounts from Stretham, given by Mr Louis Clarke.

A cast, the first to be made, of one of the horse's heads from the frieze at La Roche du Sorcier at Angles-sur-

L'Anglin, Vienne.

France, given by Professor D. A. E. Garrod and Mademoiselle S. de Saint-Mathurin.

3. The African Hall has been opened to the public. The arrangement is nearly complete; one case has still to be built and few exhibits lack labels.

4. In the Egyptian and Middle East Hall a number of show-cases were built by S. C. Lilley and a series of pre-dynastic Egyptian pottery was provisionally arranged in them.

At the end of the period several cases became available from the Botany School and were being rebuilt in this hall by S. C. Lilley. It should be possible to complete this work within a few months.

5. Among other improvements were the completion of the display in the Eskimo cases, the rearrangement of part of the currency collection, and the complete reconstruction of the Sepik River, New Guinea, exhibit.

6. A series of faults in the electric wiring called attention to its obsolete nature. The Buildings Syndicate agreed that it was essential to the safety of the building that it be rewired. Much of this work was done in the Long Vacation, but delay in the delivery of fittings will prevent its completion for several weeks. A number of lighting improvements have been introduced without extra cost.

7. In the Michaelmas and Lent Terms the Curator undertook the greater part of the teaching of material culture, comprising a course of lectures and demonstrations in the Museum. In the Easter Term he gave an expanded short course on the Origins of Civilization in the Americas. The Assistant Curator gave demonstrations on European archaeological material.

8. The Curator went to Peru in August to take part in the First International Congress of Peruvianists, at the invitation of the Organizing Committee of the Congress. He took advantage of the opportunity to visit a number of important sites where he collected sherds and other material which is to be found in few museums outside Peru, and spent three days at the famous museum at the Hacienda Chiclin near Trujillo where he discussed problems of Peruvian archaeology with Sr. Rafael Larco Hoyle, and studied the collections which contain abundant material not represented elsewhere. He subsequently paid a short visit to Bogota in Colombia as the guest of the Ministry of Education, and visited the National Museum and the Ethnological and Archaeological Institute.

10. Among the many visitors who came to the Museum were Professor I. A. Richmond of Durham, Professor Sankalia, Dr I. Karvé and Mr Lai of Poona, Dr Loppé of the La Rochelle Museum, Dr Cappieri of Rome, and Mr Jan Petersen, Director of the Stavanger Museum.

11. By arrangement with the British Council Mr Chen Boon Kong, an assistant in the Sarawak Museum, spent four months in the Museum studying the care and treatment of specimens and examining the Borneo collections.

12. During the year material from the Museum was lent to exhibitions as follows:

(a) archaeological objects from Norfolk and Suffolk to the Norwich Castle Museum for a Festival of Britain Exhibition in June;

(b) duplicate archaeological specimens to the People of Britain Section of the South Bank Festival Exhibition in London;

(c) ethnological material to the exhibition of Colonial Art at the Imperial Institute.

13. *Stone Age Collections*. Mr M. C. Burkitt, the Honorary Keeper, reports that during the year a number of large collections have been registered. They include the Noone collections from the Les Eyzies district and the Desmond Clark collection from Somaliland. A number of specimens of archaeological rather than geological

interest have been received from the Sedgwick Museum, and it is proposed to reciprocate in the near future. Mrs E. M. Clifford has most kindly presented her palaeolithic finds from certain gravel pits near Gloucester. Other small collections on sites not previously represented in the Museum have also been presented and will be registered in due course. The local collections have been entirely rearranged and expanded.

14. *Monumental Brass Rubbings.* Mr G. A. E. Ruck, the Honorary Keeper, reports that he made a further visit to Derbyshire and Staffordshire during the summer, and made extensive additions to the collection.

He has made considerable progress in sorting the Macklin collection of rubbings and dabbings, and has incorporated suitable examples from it in the main collection.

15. *Duckworth Laboratory.* Dr J. C. Trevor reports that work by research students and others on the osteological collections (now augmented by the arrival, on extended loan, of British Neolithic skulls from Cheltenham College and from a Royal College of Surgeons) has continued in the laboratory throughout the year. The laboratory's instrumental facilities have been increased by the acquisition of a "trichocyclophore," designed by Professor Sergio Sergi of Rome to simplify the measurement of hair, and by the purchase of a modern microscope, long needed for a variety of purposes. *Ad hoc* courses of instruction in anthropometry have been provided for an anatomist on the staff of another British University and for a medical officer from West Africa. Efficient work is still gravely handicapped by a serious lack of space for specimens and workers alike.

16. *Haddon Library.* Mrs Rishbeth, the Librarian, reports that there has been a steady rate of increase by gifts and by changes. The accommodation problem has become so acute that temporary measures have been adopted which have eased the strain for the time being, but are nevertheless to be deplored. These consist of lodging certain groups of books in other rooms, Professor Fortes housing all the language books except the general and British section, whilst Professor Glanville has the Egyptian reports on excavations and the Irish section is in Professor Dickens' room. In addition, the Far Eastern books are already established in the South lecture room, which is so much in use that the books are difficult of access, and Mr Burkitt accommodates a large section of specialized books on religion. It is obvious that such a dispersal of the contents of a library is most inconvenient and highly unsatisfactory, and that it is impossible for the Librarian to exercise any supervision over the books so scattered. The removal of the above books entailed a considerable rearrangement of the remainder which the Librarian undertook during the Long Vacation.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1950—51

- Agrill, Dr S. O.*: Poroellanite flake, Tievebullragh Kill, uahendall, Northern Ireland (51. 551).
- Ambrose, Mr Owen*: Remains of alderwood tub containing a Urge ate Bronze Age founder's hoard, Stuntney Fen, near Ely, Cambs. (51. 258—259).
- Benn, Mrs L.*: Important collection of Nal Culture pottery from uthern Baluchistan (51. 534—546).
- Bullock, Mr T. W. I.*: Green glazed pottery toy, Oaxaca, Mexico (50. 658).
- Bulmer, Mr R. N. H.*: Small ethnological collection, Dodess-rgen, Lapland (50. 710—717 and 51. 547).
- Bushnell, Dr O. H. S.*: Three carved wooden fragments, mediaeval, 'endy Church, Cambs. (50. 669a—c); Chanapata and Inca sherds id modern pottery, model of an alpaca, Peru (51. 776—797).
- Butler, Mr R. M.*: Pot sherds, Anglo-Saxon, Little Wilbraham, ambs. (51. 521—522).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society*: Flint fabricator and axe. Neolithic, lildenhall, Suffolk (50. 670a—b); flint axe, East Hatley, Cambs.; 'onze awl and fragment of rapier blade, and a large collection of ttery and small bronzes ranging from Iron Age A, through Belgic ' Romano-British, Roman pewter and iron work together with a few nglo-Saxon and Mediaeval sherds all collected at Be 11 us Hill, bington Pigotts, Cambs. and purchased from Mr M. G. de Courcy eland (51. 275—344); flint knife, Bronze Age, Isleham, Cambs. (51. 380).
- Cartledge, Mr H. A.*: Blow-pipe, Macis Indians, North-West mazon Region, South America (50. 789).
- CaUm-Thompson, Miss G.*: Important collection of antiquities from uredidha, Hadhramaut, Arabia (51. 566—644).
- Cattley, Mrs*: Painted pottery bowl, North -West Argentina, South merica (51. 548).
- Clark, Dr J. D.*: Collection of Palaeolithic and later material from rious sites, British Somaliland, Africa (50. 718—787).
- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.*: Stone implements, West Indies (51. 354—59); late Saxon gold and semi-precious stone pendant, Stretham, ar Ely (51. 565).
- Clifford, Mrs E. M.*: Corn dolly, Bredon, Worcs. (51. 552); alaeolithic implements from Barn wood, Glos. (51. 766—772).
- Commissioner for Archaeology, Sudan*: Representative collection, hartoum, Mesolithic, Sudan (50. 695—709).
- Coote, Mr M. M.*: Sherds of late Saxon and Mediaeval pottery from 'oodhurst and Hemingford Grey, Hunts. (51. 515—516).
- Cottier, Mr E. J.*: Coin of Gallienus, Roman, from Littleport, ambs. (51. 527).
- Cowper Reed, Mrs*: Sword and basket, Shan States (50. 667—68).
- DanieUi, Mrs J. F.*: Collection of ethnographical material from adagascar (51. 652—706).
- Dewhurst, Mr P. C.*: Pottery head and stone axe, Colombia, South merica (51. 549—550).
- Drake, Mr P. F.*: Iron hippo-sandal, Romano-British, Arrington ridge, Cambs. (50. 672).
- Fortes, Professor M.*: Pair of wooden flutes, TaUensi, Gold Coast, frica (50. 788).
- Fuggle, The Rev. F. A.*: Ethnological objects, Zulu, South Africa (50. 660—665).
- Jardiner, Mrs Stanley*: Ethnological material, Maidive Islands and Ellioe Islands (51. 717—749).
- Garrod, Professor D. A. E., and Mlle S. de Saint Mathurin*: Cast of orse's head from Angles-sur-L'Anglin, Vienne, France (61.750).
- Green, Mr F. W.*; *bequest*: Classical period wall plaster, pottery amps, figurines, etc., probably from Italy, Greece, and Egypt (51. 45—353); Predynastic Egyptian pottery (51. 530—533); Inscribed one fragments, Ancient Egypt (51. 553—564).
- Green, R. J.*: Pottery sherds, Romano-British, 1st century A.D., lilton gravel pits, Cambridge (51. 763).
- awks, Dr J. G.*: Spindle whorl and potsherd, Colombia, America (51. 649—650).
- Hill, Miss Elsie*: Palm mat, Tonga, Polynesia (51. 775).
- Hutton, Professor J. H.*: Wooden dish, drum, drinking horn and monkey skull, Naga, Assam (50. 676—679); ten paintings of Manipuri tribesmen (51. 764); brass bed-chains. Cochin, Malabar, India (51. 773—774).
- Jones, Mr G. I.*: Medicine horn and pottery figure of cock, Basutoland, Africa (50. 680 ; 51. 362).
- Kissling, Dr W.*: Handmade tea-cup, Isle of Lewis, Hebrides (50. 694).
- Lambeth, Mr R. C.*: Kisii, Kenya, stone bowl found in the Fens (50. 675).
- La Societe Jersiaise*: Nine base silver Armorican coins from La Merguanderie, St B re lades Bay, Jersey (51. 256).
- Leicester Museum and Art Gallery*: Bronzed iron barrel lock, Romano-British from River Cam (51. 526).
- Lindgren, Dr E. J.*: Woman's outer belt, Karesuando Lapp, Sweden (50. 673).
- Loppe, Dr E.*: Modelled redware head, Martinique, West Indies (51. 651).
- Macalister, Miss*: Various ethnological objects from Palestine, Malaya, Sarawak, New Guinea, North America, and Egypt, and an iron sword, probably Dark Ages, Britain (51. 260—274 and 51. 524—525).
- Marshall, Mr A.*: Wooden beaker, Peru (50. 666); flint fabricator, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex (51. 529).
- Milnes-Coates, Mr R. E. J. C.*: Perforated quartzite mace- head, Mundford near Brandon, Norfolk (51. 361).
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- Noone, H. V. V.*: "Pat Noone Memorial Collection", Upper and Middle Palaeolithic collection from classic sites in France and a small collection of stone implements from Malaya and Ceylon (51. 1—120); collection consisting mainly of Upper Palaeolithic flints from French caves, with a few Neolithic implements from English sites (51. 121—255).
- Potter, Mrs M. C.*: Miniature pottery, baskets, and gourds, Bogota, Colombia (50. 655—657).
- Purchased*: Polychrome jar, Ucayali River, South America (51. 360); Middle Kingdom bronze dagger, Egypt (51. 716).
- Salaman, Dr R.N.*: Wooden mask, Ivory Coast, Africa (50.659).
- Sedgwick Museum*: Large collection of stone implements ranging from Palaeolithic to Bronze Age from European sites; together with African, Indian, American, New Zealand, and Australian material (51. 381—514 and 51. 528).
- Shaw, Mr C. T.*: Iron spearhead and pot-sherd, Anglo-Saxon, Little Wilbraham, Cambs. (51. 520).
- Sheldrick, Mr E. J.*: Coin of Nero, Roman, from Amiria, Egypt (51. 257).
- Sieveking, Mr Q. de G.*: Neolithic and Late Bronze Age sherds, flints, bone needle, and spindle whorl, Fort Harrouard, France (51. 517—519).
- Silk, Miss M.*: Metal and reed tobacco pipe, Korea (50. 674).
- Smith, Mr R. G.*: Socketed bronze spear head, late Bronze Age, Buckden, Hunts. (50. 671).
- Stroyan, Mr A. L. H.*: Neolithic flint implements, Barton Mills, Suffolk (51. 765).
- Thetford Borough Corporation*: Series of potsherds from the Late Saxon town of Thetford, Norfolk (51. 707—715).
- Tipper, Mrs O. F.*: Charm case and silver mounted wooden container, Tibet; pipe and wooden spoons, India (51. 645—648).
- Wellcome Historical Medical Museum*: Feather cape, Abyssinia; grass hats, Basutoland; water bottle, Nigeria; ivory horn, Congo; gold weights, Ashanti; basket and pottery objects, Africa, provenance uncertain (50. 681—693); antiquities from Peru; harpoon heads, Tierradel Fuego; wooden dishes, skin rope, stone pipe, North America; and various African ethnographical material (51. 363—379).
- Woodthorpe, Mrs M. V.*: Wooden chest, copper and brass trumpets, spouted jugs and brazier, Tibet (51. 751—755).
- Wordie, Mr J. M.*: Barbed bone spearhead, Tierra del Fuego, Chile (51. 523).

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