

University of Cambridge

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1951—52

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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 1951 to 30 September 1952.

1. The bequest made by Mr V. B. Crowther-Beynon, F.S.A., for the general purposes of the Museum reverted to the University on the death of Mrs Crowther-Beynon. The exact sum of the bequest is still uncertain, but it will be considerable. The purposes for which it will be used are still under consideration.

2. Miss J. E. A. Liversidge, of Newnham College, was appointed Honorary Keeper of the Roman Collections. The Board have pleasure in thanking the Honorary Keepers and other voluntary helpers for their services. In particular Mr H. Marshall gave a great deal of help in the cataloguing of the lantern slides.

3. The Chief Assistant, Mr F. Souton, retired on 30 September 1952 after twenty-three years' service, broken only by his recall to the Royal Navy during the war. The Board extend their thanks to him for his loyal and devoted service, and wish him every happiness in his retirement. He will be succeeded as Chief Assistant by Mr S. C. Lilley.

4. Among the accessions special mention must be made of the following:

A fine collection of ancient Peruvian textiles from the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

13 portrait heads of Indians modelled by Mrs Milward and cast in bronze, the gift of the artist.

A large quantity of Early and Middle Bronze Age Cypriot material, chiefly from Mr James Stewart's excavation at Vounous, transferred from the Museum of Classical Archaeology.

5. One of the cases transferred from the Botany School was rebuilt by Mr Lilley in the African Hall and filled with part of Mr A. J. Arkell's collection from the Sudan, thus completing the main part of the arrangement of this hall.

Another of these cases was rebuilt by Mr Lilley in the passage leading to the Keyser Hall, in order to display the splendid hoard of Roman ironwork from Great Chesterford, from the Braybrooke Collection.

6. The cases in the Egyptian and Middle East Hall were completed, and some material from Palestine, Mesopotamia, and in particular Cyprus, was exhibited.

7. The relighting of the Museum was completed.

8. The building was inspected by an officer of the Fire Brigade, who arranged for the overhaul of all the fire extinguishers. He made a number of minor recommendations which were put into effect.

9. The African Hall, and the Assistant Curator's room and the staff room above it were redecorated by a contractor employed by the Buildings Syndicate.

10. Arrears in the cataloguing and arrangement of the lantern slide collection were undertaken by Mrs R. Robinson, with the voluntary assistance of Mr H. Marshall, and good progress was made.

11. The Curator and the Assistant Curator continued the teaching work mentioned in paragraph 7 of the last Annual Report. In addition the Curator gave lectures on South American Archaeology to the Society of Antiquaries, the Oxford University Archaeological Society, the Lincoln Archaeological Research Committee, and some local organizations.

12. The Thirtieth Session of the International Congress of Americanists met in Cambridge from 18 to 23 August 1952 and attracted to the Museum many distinguished archaeologists and anthropologists in the American field.

Among those who came were Mr J. Eric S. Thompson, the President, and Dr W. N. Fenton, Dr S. K. Lothrop, Dr H. M. Wormington, and Dr L. Satterthwaite from the United States; Dr K. Birket-Smith and Professor W. Thalbitzer from Denmark; Dr S. Linne from Sweden; Professor G. Gjessing and Mr T. Heyerdahl from Norway; Dr I. Bernal and Dr E. Noguera from Mexico; Professor J. P. B. de Josselin de Jong from the Netherlands, Professor F. Termer and Dr G. Kutscher from Germany; Professor J. Haekel and Dr E. Becker-Donner from Austria; Professor T. F. McIlwraith from Canada; Professor P. Rivet and Dr H. Lehmann from France; Dr H. Baldus from Brazil; Professor F. Ortiz from Cuba; Dr J. C. Muelle from Peru; and Dr P. Bosch-Gimpera representing U.N.E.S.C.O.

The Curator was one of the two secretaries of the Organizing Committee and subsequently acted as Treasurer of the Congress. This was the second time that an Americanist Congress had met in Great Britain, the previous occasion being the London Congress of 1912, and it reflects the increasing importance of the Museum in studies in the American field.

13. The South Midlands Federation of the Museums Association met in Cambridge from 26 to 28 September 1952, and had its headquarters in the Museum.

14. Of the many other overseas visitors who came to the Museum during the year it is only possible to mention a few, namely: Dr J. O. Brew and Dr H. Hencken from the Peabody Museum, Harvard; Professor E. Gunther from Washington University, Seattle; Mr J. S. Kirkman from Kenya; Dr D. F. Thomson from Melbourne University; Dr L. Pericot from Spain; Dr A. Metraux of U.N.E.S.C.O.; Dr G. Nooteboom and Dr J. V. Jensen from Rotterdam; the Abbe Breuil from France; Professor T. Yamamoto from Japan; Dr E. Akurgal and Dr T. Ozgiic from Turkey.

15. *Stone Age Collections.* Mr M. C. Burkitt, the Honorary Keeper, reports that the rearrangement of the collections in the Kcyser Hall, which has been in progress for some years, was completed. The magnificent collection from Walton-on-the-Naze, made by the late John Hassall, has been for many years on loan in the Museum. It has now been acquired and duly entered. This collection well illustrates a paper on the Neolithic and Bronze Age of the area which appeared in the *Proceedings* of the Prehistoric Society for July 1936. Stone Age collections from Cyrenaica were presented by Dr C. B. M. M^oBurney, and others from Tripolitania by Messrs Balfour-Paul, Sandison, and Perry. As the collections continue to grow, more and more specimens have to be put away in store owing to lack of exhibition and drawer space in the gallery. Soon this problem will become acute.

16. *Bronze Age Collections.* Professor J. G. D. Clark, the Honorary Keeper, reports that at the request of Professor V. G. Childe, Director of the Institute of Archaeology of London University, pottery and associated finds from the stratified site of Toszeg, presented to the Museum by Mr L. C. G. Clarke, were photographed layer by layer to assist the authorities of the National Museum of Hungary in the task of relabelling and publishing material which had fallen into disorder as a result of the war. This onerous task was carried out mainly through the efforts of the photographer, Mr L. P. Morley.

17. *Monumental Brass Rubbings.* Mr G. A. E. Ruck, the Honorary Keeper, reports further additions to the collection in the past year. Work has continued on the Macklin Collection.

Mr John Page-Phillips of Magdalene College has been an invaluable assistant throughout the year and help has been given by Miss Mary Lightburne of Girton College.

Further rubbings of unrecorded brasses have been obtained from Northamptonshire, and Mr Page-Phillips has provided examples from Dorset, Cornwall, and Salisbury.

During the Easter Term a visit was paid to St George's Chapel, Windsor, where by the kindness of the Dean a complete set of rubbings of the brasses was made.

In the Long Vacation Mr Ruck and Mr Page-Phillips paid a visit to Yorkshire and made numerous rubbings for the collection, mainly from the North and East Ridings.

Mr Page-Phillips has begun an extensive study, which is still in progress, of brasses of the mid-sixteenth century.

18. *Roman Collections.* Miss Liversidge, the Honorary Keeper, reports that some further rearrangement of the exhibits has taken place, and a beginning has been made on a detailed catalogue of the Roman Collections.

19. *Anglo-Saxon Collections.* Mr T. C. Lethbridge, the Honorary Keeper, reports that a cemetery of the Anglo-Saxon period was exposed during the bull-dozing of the top-soil at the quarry of the Melbourn Whiting Company. The Archaeological Field Club was put in charge of the excavation of some thirty graves under his direction. The cemetery proved to be one of the Christian Period and similar to those of Burwell, and Shudy Camps. Silver pendants, bone combs, wooden boxes, and various objects of "Kentish" type were recovered. The skeleton of a man armed with a shield as well as with a spear was found. The shield boss is of a new type.

20. *American Collections.* Mr L. C. G. Clarke, Honorary Keeper, reports that a good deal of rearrangement and relabelling of the North American ethnological material was done. A new case was built to display some pre-Columbian pottery of Florida, Texas, and Arkansas, and some ethnological material from Florida.

21. *Duckworth Laboratory.* Dr J. C. Trevor reports that among the casts acquired in the course of the year are those of (a) the skull of *Proconsul africanus* Ilopwood and the dentition of other East African Miocene apes, which were exchanged with the British Museum (Natural History); (b) the mandible and part of the left *os coxae* of *Australopithecus prometheus* Dart from the grey breccia of Makapansgat, Waterberg, Transvaal, which was given by Professor Grahame Clark; and (c) the cranium and mandible of Neanderthal type from La Ferrassie which was bought from the Musée de l'Homme. Work on early Egyptian and Palestinian skulls continues, and studies have also been made of seventeenth-century English jaws. Two fairly complete Romano-British skeletons (one of either sex) from Arbury Road, Cambridge, were articulated by C. B. Denston, and a short series of local Saxon skeletons from Melbourn, Cambridge, excavated by the Archaeological Field Club, is being examined and reported upon. The usual reports have been made on other human remains sent from various parts of the country. Instruments have been lent and technical advice has been given on problems of physical anthropology.

22. *Haddon Library*. Mrs Rishbeth, the Librarian, reports that the large number of students now using the Library has put considerable strain on the accommodation. It has also been necessary to purchase extra copies of the text books most in use and to have rebound and repaired some thirty volumes which had become dilapidated owing to constant use. Many of these are now out of print and so could not be replaced.

The Library has again been fortunate in receiving books from a large number of donors and especial thanks are due to the Wenner-Gren Foundation and to Mr J. Eric S. Thompson for their generous gifts.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1951—52

- Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (exchange)*- **Early Bronze Age pottery, El Argar, Spain (51. 860—862)**.
Balfour-Paul, Mr H. G.; Sanderson, Mr P. J.; and Perry, Mr IF. A.: **Flint implements, Neolithic of Capsian tradition, Tripolitania (52. 156—171 and 52. 224—232)**.
Berkeley Galleries (exchange): **Redware bowl, Marajo, Brazil (52. 370)**.
Bond, Mrs, and Mr P.: **Iron-Age A jar, Linton, Cambs. (52. 292)**.
Bouquet, The Rev. Dr A. C.: **Peasant woman's dress, Marburg, Germany (52. 238)**.
Bullock, Mr T. IF. I.: **Bow and arrows, Mexico (52. 303)**.
Bushnell, Dr G. H. S.: **Pre-ceramic cotton material and netting, Peru (51. 1028—1029)**.
Cambridge University Botany School: **Mexican toy; moss and willow mat, Scandinavia; Zulu basket and strainer (51. 798—800)**.
Carstairs, Dr G. M.: **Bow and arrows, Bhil, India (52. 302)**.
Clare, The Rev. F. C.: **Carved wood, Meldreth Church, Cambs. (52. 116)**.
Clark, Dr J. G. D.: **Flint implements, Chatteris, Cambs. (52. 364)**.

- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.: Betel box and cutters, Malaya, and gold mediaeval finger ring, Cambridge (52. 222—223).
- Classical Archaeology, Museum of: Neolithic to Iron Age pottery from Cyprus, chiefly from Vounous* (51. 1074—1099, 51. 2000—2045).
- Curwen, Dr E. C.: Anglo-Saxon objects, Cambridge (52. 6—9).
- du Plat-Taylor, Miss J. and Miss M. V. *Seton-Williams: Series of sherds, North Syria* (52. 252—256).
- FitzGerald, Dr K. T. D.: Bow, quiver and arrows, Nigeria (52. 307—308).
- Fitzwilliam Museum: (transfer from) Bronze and Iron Age Antiquities, Palestine (52. 36—53).
- Fossey, Messrs H. P. and F. J.: Mediaeval lead spindle whorl, Great Evesden, Cambs. (52. 288).
- Fowler, Mr Gordon: Sherd of Bronze Age urn, Stonea, Cambs. (52. 363).
- Fugle, The Rev. F. A.: Stone implements, Zululand (51. 998—1004).
- Garrod, Prof. D. A. E.: Aurignacian flints, Mos del Ser, Erance (52. 16); Arab peasant woman's dress, Mount Carmel, Palestine (52. 30); Upper Palaeolithic implements, Langwith, Derbyshire (52. 31—34); Chert handaxe, S. Kurdistan (52. 54); Flint core, Pre Aubert, France (52. 55); Natufian and Aurignacian material, Palestine (52. 296—301).
- Glasscock, J. L.'s *Successors (Bishop's Stortford) Ltd.: Middle Bronze Age Urn, Stansted, Essex* (52. 5).
- Goody, Mr J. R.: Ethnological material and excavated sherds, Gold Coast (51. 801—859), (51. 1005—1007).
- Harding, Mr F. B.: Flax tag mantle, New Zealand (52. 374).
- Harding, Mr T. C.: Coin of Constantine the Great, Upware, Cambs. (51. 863).
- Harry, Dr N. G.: Mediaeval jug, Cambridge (52. 333).
- Hastings Public Museum and Art Gallery: Two bronze palstaves, Littleport and Brandon Creek, Cambs.* (52. 3—4).
- Henri-Martin, Mile M.: Mousterian implements, La Quina, France (52. 306).
- Hills, Mrs C. P.: Ethnological material, Basutoland and Transkei Region, S. Africa (52. 122—155).
- Holden, Mrs E.: Two helmeted hornbill skulls, carved in China (52. 61).
- Hutchinson, Mr R. W.: Bevelled-rim bowl, Nineveh (52. 251).
- Hutton, Prof. J. H.: Dagger and scabbard, Manipur, India (52. 1073).
- Jones, Mr G. I.: Carved wooden figures, Nigeria (51. 996—997).
- Jones, Mr II.: Cowboy's leather hat, Brazil (52. 369).
- Jordan Department of Antiquities: Cotton textile from Biblical Scrolls, Palestine (52. 21).
- Lambeth, Mr R. C.: Part of mediaeval jug, Cherrvhinton - (52. 1121).
- Larco Hoyle, Mr R.: Part of jet mirror, Peru (51. 1030).
- Lawrence, Mrs H. R.: Inlaid ebony "snakes and ladders" board, Nepal (51. 995).
- Leicester Museum and Art Gallery: Assyrian bricks* (52. 355—356).
- Le Strange, Mr H.: Flint implements, Snettisham and Tring, Norfolk (52. 209—210).
- Leitchworth Museum and Art Gallery: Romano-British pottery* Cambs. (52. 23—29).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.: Mesolithic to Bronze Age, Viking and Mediaeval material from sites in Western Scotland, the Hebrides, Devon, Cornwall, Wales and Cambs. (51. 1031—1071); flint knife, Finchampstead, Berks. (52. 17); Romano- British sherds, Burwell, Cambs. (52. 206).
- Line, Mrs J.: Model boats Persian Gulf and Kashmir and Indian hide shields (52.113—115); fish trap, Persian Gulf (52.208).
- M'Bumey, Dr C. B. M.: Palaeolithic and Mesolithic material Cyrenaica and Libya (52. 211—221); (52. 236—237); (52. 239—243); Neolithic and Capsian chalcedony burin, N. Tripolitania (52. 233); Eastern Capsian industry, Hagfa ed Dabba, Cyrenaica (52. 309—332).
- Marshall, Mr A.: Pedestal basket, Rhodesia (52. 207).
- Mead, The Rev. A. R.: Bronze palstave, Sussex; ethnological specimens from Solomon Islands and New Guinea (51. 1023— 1027), (52. 1—2); wooden container, Australia (52. 250).
- Milward, Mrs M.: Thirteen bronze and one terra cotta portrait head, India and Indo-China (51. 1009—1022).
- National Museum of India (exchange): Greyware and polished black sherds India 12th—5th centuries, B.c.* (52. 293—294).
- National Museum of Southern Rhodesia: Palaeolithic to Neolithic material, Wadi Gan, N. Tripolitania* (52. 234—235), (52. 244—249), (52. 289—291).
- Nicholson Museum, Sydney University (exchange): Stone implements New South Wales and Tasmania* (52. 56—60).
- Paterson, Dr T. T.: Stone age industries of the Soan and Indus valleys, India (52. 179—205).
- Peterborough Museum (exchange): Small piano and panpipes, Mozambique and New Guinea* (52. 304—305).
- Portland Cement Co. (Norman Cement Works), Cherryhinton: Mediaeval pottery, Cherryhinton* (52. 117—120).
- Prichard, Mrs S. H.: Sherds of mediaeval pottery. King's College, Cambridge (52. 295).
- Purchased: Fine collection of Neolithic and Bronze Age flints, chiefly from Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex. Collected by the late Mr John Hassall* (51. 864—915). Ethnological collection from Hadramaut, S. Arabia collected by Mrs de Sturler Raemakers (52. 63—112). Inscribed bricks and tablets and two figurines, Mesopotamia, bought from Leicester Museum and Art Gallery (52. 355—362; 52. 371—372); flax and feather mantle bought from Mr F. B. Harding (52. 374—375).
- Sandison, P. J.: Flint implements. Neolithic of Capsian tradition, Tripolitania (52. 172—178).
- Sedgwick Museum, Cambridge: Chert flakes and implements, Egypt* (52. 35); pitchstone and flint implements, Arran and Aberdeenshire (52. 365—368); flint core and flake, Ham Fields, Surrey (52. 373).
- Sindall, Messrs W.: Part of mediaeval jug, Cherryhinton, Cambs. (51. 1072).
- Smith, The Rev. S.: Korean antiquities, comb from Solomon Islands, and Japanese money (52. 334—354).
- Strickland, Mrs T. A. G.: Pair of decorated iron stirrups, Mexico (52. 22); silver hair comb, Sweden (52. 62).
- von Fürer Haimendorf, Prof. C.: Ethnological collection from Subansiri area, Assam (52. 257—287).
- War cup, Dr J. H.: Four greenstone adze-heads. New Zealand (51. 1008).
- Wellcome Historical Medical Museum: Textiles and other archaeological specimens from South and Central America, and ethnological pieces from North and South America, India, Oceania* (51. 916—994); daggers and spurs, Peterborough; ethnological specimens Oceania, North America, Persia, Africa (52. 10—15, 52. 18—19).
- Whitaker, Mr I.: Reindeer lasso ring, Swedish Lapland (52. 20).