

## **Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1952-53**

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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 1952 to 30 September 1953.

1. The thanks of the Board are due once more to the honorary keepers and other voluntary helpers for their services.

2. Miss C. I. Fell's term of office as Assistant Curator ended on 30 September, and owing to responsibilities elsewhere she did not seek re-appointment. In the five years she has spent here she has rendered services to the Museum and to the Department out of all proportion to the status of the post. The Board tender her their warmest thanks.

She has been succeeded by Miss A. E. Furness, who was recently a student in the Department, and who has been engaged in archaeological field work in the Near East since taking her degree.

3. Two old friends of the Museum died. Sir Ellis Minns, formerly Disney Professor, was a constant benefactor, and his exhibition of writing materials arouses much interest among visitors. Up to the time of his death he was a frequent visitor to the Museum, and is much missed by the staff. Mr W. W. Skeat, the collector and donor of the notable Skeat ethnological collection from Malaya, died at a great age. He had not been able to come to Cambridge for many years, but he kept up a lively interest in the collection and corresponded with the Curator until quite recently.

4. Regulations governing the administration of the Crowther-Beynon Fund were approved by Grace 6 of 9 May 1953. The Museum received no income from the Fund during the year.

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

A fine thirteenth century gold ring set with a Hellenistic sard bearing a Medusa head in intaglio. The bezel bears a Lombardic inscription saying that it was the Secret Seal of Adam of Newmarket, who lived in the time of Henry III. It was found at Shepreth in 1940, and bought from Messrs Spink with gifts from the National Art Collections Fund, Mr L.C.G. Clarke, and the Cambridge Antiquarian Society's local purchase fund.

A notable Belgic cremation grave group from Snailwell including three large amphorae, thirteen other pottery vessels, bronze bowl, bronze bracelet, bronze buckle, iron shield boss, bone toggles, and meat bones. This was excavated by Mr T. C. Lethbridge and given by the Newmarket Rural District Council.

Two Romano-British burials in lead-lined stone coffins, with associated finds, from the Arbury Road housing estate were given by the City Council.

A selection of the Mesolithic material excavated by Professor Clark at Seamer, Yorkshire, was given by Professor Clark.

6. Two new cases were built by Mr S. C. Lilley, both of them incorporating material from cases transferred from the Botany School last year. One of these, in the Bevan Hall, displays the New Zealand thrusting clubs and jade carvings to much better advantage than before, and the other, in the Clarke Hall, is for Medieval pottery and small objects. Both include useful storage cupboards.

7. Further progress on the cataloguing of the lantern-slide collection was made by Mrs M.R. Robinson, with the voluntary help of Mr H. Marshall.

8. The Curator gave the Cordwain Public Lecture to a large audience at Taunton, choosing as his subject 'Peru before the Incas'.

9. We were glad to welcome once again Dr J.O. Brewand Dr H. Hencken of Harvard. Mr H.N. Evans, an old friend and benefactor of the Museum now living in Borneo, paid one of his periodical visits. Señor P. Gamboa, the Señora de Gamboa, and Señor L. Aveyra, who were in charge of the Mexican exhibition at the Tate Gallery, paid two visits and Mr K.E. Larsson, of the Gothenburg Museum, spent several weeks working on the Fijian Collections. Professor D.G. Mandelbaum of California worked in the Department as a Fulbright visiting Professor from the beginning of the Lent Term until September.

Among other overseas visitors to the Museum were Dr G.Arwidsson of Visby, Sweden; Mr T.Sjøvold of the University Museum, Oslo; Dr F.Tischler, Director of the Museums of the Lower Rhineland; Mr P.D.R. Williams-Hunt, who until his tragic death was Adviser on Aborigenes to the Malayan Government; Dr K.P.Wachsmann, Curator of the Uganda Museum; Dr Paul Radin of Bollinger Foundation, New York.

10. The Museum provided a series of objects for one session of the popular television programme 'Animal, Vegetable, Mineral' and both the Curator and Miss Fell took part in other sessions as members of the panel.

11. *Stone Age Collections.* Mr M.C. Burkitt, the Honorary Keeper, reports that two new show cases were placed under the windows of the Keyser Hall during the year. This has helped to reduce the considerable overcrowding of exhibits. A series of Mousterian tools from various sites has been displayed in one case, and the other has been devoted to a display of the industries from Magosi. It is usual now to postulate a Magosian culture as occurring from the Cape to North Africa, and since the Museum possesses all the finds from the type site at Magosi, it is satisfactory that they can now readily be studied. In this connexion we were delighted to welcome Dr Malan of the Archaeological Survey of South Africa who was particularly anxious to study our Magosian collections. The permanent exhibit of the collection from Star Carr has now been finally arranged. Except for some rearrangement of the Uganda show case the rest of the work of the Department has been of a routine nature.

12. *Monumental Brass Rubbings.* Mr G. A. E.Ruck, the Honorary Keeper, reports that he has made further additions to the collection and has continued work on the Macklin Collection.

Mr John Page-Phillips and Mr N. H. MacMichael, both of Magdalene College, have given valuable help throughout the year. Mr Page-Phillips has completed his study of a group of brasses of the mid-sixteenth century and it is hoped that the results may be published in the *Transactions of the Monumental Brass Society*. The Honorary Keeper and Mr MacMichael, sometimes accompanied by the Curator, took rubbings in Kent during the Long Vacation of a number of brasses required for the collection.

13. *Roman Collections.* Miss J. Liversidge, the Honorary Keeper, reports that accessions include the material from the Arbury Road housing estate (see paragraph 5).

Experimental treatment of Roman glass with polyvinyl acetate and of wall plaster with bedacryl have proved very satisfactory. The valuable collections in the Museum can now be preserved from further decay.

Mr Brian Hartley, of Trinity Hall, is making a study of the decorated Terra Sigillata.

14. *American Collections.* Mr L.C.G. Clarke, the Honorary Keeper, reports that the exhibit of Pueblo Pottery and other material from Kechipaun, New Mexico, excavated and given by him, has been rearranged in chronological order, and that all the other Pueblo Pottery has been rearranged and relabelled.

15. *Duckworth Laboratory.* Dr J.C.Trevor reports that, after a lengthy period devoted to their excavation and cleaning in London, research has begun on the very large series of skeletal remains from St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, entrusted to the Laboratory for study. Temporary additional accommodation has been found in the Arts School, where a suitable workshop has been made by partitioning off, painting, lighting, and erecting shelving in part of the basement. About four-fifths of the Karl Pearson osteological collection also has been transferred from the attic in the Museum, where it has been housed since its arrival in 1946 but which is now needed for other purposes, to the portion of the cellar under the small Examination Hall that adjoins the Arts School basement. The present arrangement is most convenient, as the thousands of skulls and bones are at last satisfactorily stored in proper conditions of warmth and are readily accessible from the workroom.

16. *Haddon Library.* Mrs Rishbeth retired on 30 September after seventeen years as part-time librarian. Her departure breaks the long association of the Haddon family with the work of the Faculty. Maintaining a library of this size was an extremely difficult task for a part-time librarian and the Board expresses their warmest appreciation of her services. She has been succeeded by Miss Thatcher.

The death of Sir Ellis Minns will be a great loss to the Library for his help over books on both Near Eastern and Slavonic archaeology was most valuable. His bequest to the Library included a number of archaeological works, offprints, and pamphlets, as well as a set of the *British Museum Quarterly* and the *Transactions of the Hampshire Field Club*. The Library is very grateful for this bequest.

The Board are most grateful to Professor D.G. Mandelbaum for his generous gift of a large number of works on India.

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## APPENDIX

### LIST OF ACCESSIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1952-53

- Agrell, Dr S.O.*: Axe and flint implements, Rathlin Island, N. Ireland (53. 103).
- Anonymous*: Pair of feather ear-ornaments, British Guiana (53. 179).
- Bacon, Mr B.M.*: Romano-British jug, Snailwell, Cambs. (52. 421).
- Beckett, Mr E.G.*: Late Bronze Age socketed axe, Wangford Warren, Suffolk (53. 175).
- Berkeley Galleries (exchange)*: Mexican bowl (53. 136).
- Boyd, Professor J.D.*: Churinga, pointing bone and chert knife, Central Australia (52. 422-424).
- British Museum*: Pottery series from Atchana, North Syria, and pottery, stone, and metal objects from Ur, Mesopotamia (53. 28-50).
- British Museum (exchange)*: Wooden vessels, figurine, and sword, Congo (52. 377-382).
- British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem*: Pottery series and lamps, Jericho (52. 425-427).
- Bullock, Mr T.W.J.*: Pottery vessels and figurines, stone amulet, Mexico (53. 137-140, 489).
- Burkitt, Mr M.C.*: Flint implements, Antrim (52. 383).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society*: Sherds and stone implements, Snailwell, Cambs. (53. 104-113); see also National Art Collections Fund.
- Cambridge Archaeological Field Club*: Anglo-Saxon implements and ornaments, Cherryhinton and Mclbourn, Cambs. (53. 117-124, 181-202).
- Cambridgeshire County Council (Department of Roads and Bridges)*: Romano-British implements, pottery, and coins, Arrington Bridge, Cambs. (52. 415-418).
- Campbell-Smith, Mr G.*: Stone implements, Tasmania (52. 387-395).
- Caton Thompson, Miss G.*: Fragment of haematite inlay, Hadhramaut, Southern Arabia (53. 497).
- Chambers, Mr R.*: Upper part of Romano-British quern, Cottenham, Cambs. (52. 386).
- Champion, Mr D.L.*: Roman grey ware jar, Tower Bridge, London (52. 376).
- City of Cambridge*: Romano-British coffins, tiles, sherds, glass fragments and coin, Arbury Road, Cambridge (52. 442-449).
- Clark, Mr J. D.*: Pottery series, glass fragment, and quartz arrowhead, Somaliland (52. 410-414).
- Clark, Professor J.G.D.*: Series of stone, antler, and bone implements, ornaments etc., Seamer, Yorks. (53. 53-101); samples of wheat, peas and beans, Glastonbury Lake Village, Somerset (53. 125).
- Clarke, Mr L.C.G.*: Stone mask, Mexico (53. 51); see also National Art Collections Fund.
- Cornwell, Mrs*: Lead bulla of Pius VIII, Burwell, Cambs. (53. 504).
- Cunning ton, Dr C. Willett*: Pottery braziers and flint implements, Libya (53. 203-204).
- de Ledesma, Mr A.F.*: Sherds and silver figurine, Argentina and Peru (53. 484, 485, 499).
- Dutton, Mr R.*: Medieval seal matrix, Cambridge (53. 52).
- Farmer, Dr E.*: Bark-cloth curtain, Uganda; divining bones and grinding stone, Basutoland (53. 176-178).
- Farrar, Mr R.A.H.*: Romano-British sherds, Trumpington, Cambs. (53. 141).
- Fell, Miss C.I.*: Stone implements, Cushendall, Antrim (53. 27).
- Fortes, Professor M.*: Wooden car-plug. South Africa; clay figurine, Gold Coast (53. 5, 6).
- Fowler, Mr G.*: Bronze Age stone axe-hammer, Isleham, Cambs. (53. 116).
- Freeman, Mr J.D.*: Carved ceremonial boards, Iban, Borneo (52. 428).

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- Frend, Dr W.H.C.:* Samian bowl and Romano-British coarse ware, Arbury Road, Cambridge (53. 491, 492).
- Gauntlett, Colonel G.:* Palaeolithic and Neolithic flint implements, Transjordan (53. 493-496).
- Grove, Mr E.:* Musical instruments and war shield, Sudan (53. 501-503).
- Hodder, Mrs E.M.:* Faience beads and figurines, Egypt (52. 441).
- Hopkin, Mr S.R.:* Medieval pottery, Ely, Cambs. (53. 505).
- Howard, Mr M.F.:* Romano-British material, Arbury Road, Cambridge (52. 450).
- Lees, Dr A.D.:* Anglo-Saxon jewellery, pottery and knife. Little Wilbraham, Cambs. (53. 102).
- Le Strange, Mr H.:* Neolithic-Bronze Age flint implements and pottery from various sites in Norfolk (53. 114,115,160,161).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.:* Romano-British pewter dish and sherds, Welney, Norfolk (52. 435); Neolithic flint scraper, Hildersham, Cambs. (53. 159).
- Lofis-Constable, Mr B.H.:* Polished stone axe, British West Indies (52. 433).
- Marshall, Mr A.:* Romano-British glass bottle fragment, Great Chesterford, Essex (52. 419); La Tène brooch, Saffron Walden, Essex (52. 420).
- National Art Collections Fund, Mr L.C.G. Clarke, and the Cambridge Antiquarian Society:* Thirteenth century gold ring set with Hellenistic gem, Shepreth, Cambs. (53. 500).
- Newmarket Rural District Council:* Belgic grave-group, Snailwell, Cambs. (53. 11-26).
- Norwich Castle Museum:* Iron Age 'A' pottery, West Harling, Norfolk (53. 498).
- Ovey, Mr C.D.:* Cuneiform tablet, Mosul, Iraq (53. 486).
- Pawsey, Lady:* Ivory armllets, West Africa (53. 483).
- Pawsey, Sir Charles:* Ethnological collection, Assam (53.425-447).
- Pratt, Executors of the late Mr L.D.:* Collection of pottery, metal and stone objects, Neolithic to Medieval, from sites in Cambs., Norfolk and Sussex (53. 146-158).
- Pritchard, Mrs S. and Miss A. Baker:* Romano-British sherds, St Margaret's Road, Cambridge (52. 434).
- Purchased:* Peruvian pottery and Brazilian red-ware pot (53. 7-10); Peruvian anthropomorphic vase (53. 487); two Tridachna shell rings, Solomon Islands (53. 488).
- Purell, Mr A.:* Part of sixteenth century (?) pedestalled bowl, Willingham Fen, Cambs. (53. 490).
- Purseglove, Mr J.W.:* Witch-doctor's equipment, Uganda (52. 437-440).
- Reynolds, Mr T. W.:* Flint axe, polished stone axe, Water-beach Fen, Cambs. (52. 436).
- Rose, Mr F. C. G.:* Weapons and stone implements, Australia (52. 396-409).
- Rumsey, Mr C.E.:* Bronze stylus, Chippenham Park, Cambs. (52. 429).
- Saltmarsh, Mr E.F.:* Neolithic flint adze, Moulton, Suffolk (53. 144).
- Sandwich, The Earl of:* Gut bottle with bronze suspension loop, Persia (?) (53. 163).
- Sargent, Mr J.:* Anglo-Saxon sherd with stamped bird-ornament, Little Wilbraham, Cambs. (53. 209).
- Shaw, Mr C. V.:* Three small bronze arrowheads, Marathon, Greece (52. 385).
- Sieveking, Mr G.de G.:* Three flint knives, Grand Pressigny and Fort Harrouard, France (53. 145).
- Smith, Mrs R.:* Figurines, spindle whorls and hollow greyware sphere, Mexico (53. 1-4).
- Smith, Dr S.:* Sherds, Belgic to Medieval, Cherryhinton, Cambs. and Free School Lane, Cambridge (53. 205-208).
- Tebbutt, Mr C.F.:* Flint implements, Over, Cambs. (53. 142); Medieval pottery and other objects excavated by donor at Eaton Socon, Bedfordshire (53. 164-174).
- Thompson, Mr J.E.S.:* Incense burners, British Honduras (52. 431).
- Wardlow, Mr L.:* Medieval bronze harness pendant, Grantchester, Cambs. (53. 143).
- Webb, Mr J.:* Collection of mesolithic flints, Campbeltown, Argyll (52. 384).
- Wellcome Historical Medical Museum:* Wickerwork shield, Congo (52. 430); carrying-band, Peru (53. 180); ethnological material from Oceania, North and South America and Africa (53. 448-482).
- Wellcome, Trustees of the late Sir Henry:* Large collection of pottery, ornaments, stone implements and other finds, Jebel Moya, Sudan (53. 210-424).
- Wigram, Mrs A.M.:* Assyrian silver jewellery, Iraq (53. 162).