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MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND OF ETHNOLOGY,
22 February 1900.

The Antiquarian Committee **beg leave to present their Fifteenth Annual Report to the Senate.**

They regret that the Curator has been obliged to obtain leave of absence from ENgland, in consequence of ill-health, during the Michaelmas Term, 1899. In his absence his duties were discharged by Dr James and Mr J. W. Clark.

As the Curator has obtained leave of absence for the Lent Term, 1900, the Committee are deprived of his assistance, and are therefore unable to present to the Senate the usual detailed Report and list of accessions to the Museum. They trust that all those who have made donations to the Museum will kindly excuse unavoidable delay in recording their names and gifts.

Fittings. The show-cases in the Gallery, the construction of which was mentioned in the last Report, are now complete, and the Museum is free from workmen.

Work Done. The assistant's time has been much occupied with repairing the objects brought from Torres Straits by Dr Haddon, and the pottery from Egypt given by Professor Flinders Petrie. In addition he has restored about 30 pieces of local Roman and Saxon pottery.

The arrangement of the Library is proceeding. A large number of pamphlets have been bound in volumes. The contents have been entered on the fly-leaf of each volume, and a complete catalogue has been made.

Collections. A collection of about six hundred objects illustrating the folk-lore of Mexico, made by Professor Starr of Chicago, was offered to the University on permanent deposit in October last by the Folk-lore Society, to whom Professor Starr had presented it. The Committee addressed a Report to the Senate, 19 October, 1899 (*Reporter*, p. 92), recommending that this offer should be gratefully accepted. Their Report having been confirmed by Grace, 23 November, 1899 (*Reporter*, p. 250), the Collection was sent to Cambridge, and placed temporarily in one of the cases lately constructed in the gallery.

New Museum. The Committee addressed a Report to the Senate, 23 February, 1899 (*Reporter*, p. 598), in which they drew attention to the necessity for a new building, and recommended the appointment of a Syndicate to obtain a plan and estimate. This Report, after discussion, was confired by the Senate, 11 May, 1899 (*Reporter*, p. 881), and the Syndicate appointed on the same day.

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