

Report of the Board of Archaeological and Anthropological Studies

14 May 1924.

Hitherto since the establishment of the Board of Archaeological and Anthropological Studies the only report made to the General Board has been that of the Reader in Ethnology. This year the Board makes a full report itself on the working of the Department as a whole, covering both the teaching and the administration of the Museum of Archaeology and of Ethnology.

During the Michaelmas and Lent Terms the Reader gave six lectures each week and during the Easter Term two courses of instruction, besides class work and discussions with students. The lectures on the Races of Man were attended by 72 students, the great majority of whom belonged to the Geographical Department. For the courses specially adapted for the Anthropological Tripos and Diploma there were nine students, one of whom took the Tripos. The total number of lectures given by the Reader was 110. Mr Armstrong gave a course of lectures with discussions during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms on Social Anthropology to 14 students, and also held a conversation class on one evening each week. He also gave a course of lectures on Anthropology to about 50 Naval Officers in the Lent Term, 1923. Mr Miles C. Burkitt gave his usual lectures and demonstrations on Man in the Stone Age in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms to 5 students. The following unofficial courses of lectures were given: Dr P. Radin on the Mind of Primitive Man, in the Michaelmas Term, and Mr K. P. Chattopadhyay on Indian Sociology, in the Lent Term.

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year 1922-23

Miss C. H. Wedgwood has measured and catalogued the skulls in the Ethnological Laboratory, and Miss O. L. M. Walters has mounted a large number of samples of hair of various races for demonstration purposes.

Mr G. S. Ghurye was awarded the Degree of Ph.D. for his thesis "Funerary monuments of India" and "Megalithic monuments, their origin and distribution."

Mr T. F. Mellwraith made sociological investigations among the Bella Coola, British Columbia, and Mr T. T. Barnard made similar researches in the New Hebrides.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

In the Babington Hall the Curator has arranged specimens from the Congo, North Africa, Sudan and Portuguese East Africa.

Year 1923

In the Maudslay Hall the re-arrangement of the collection of local antiquities by Dr Cyril Fox, referred to in the previous Report, has been continued. The contents of The Beacon Hill Barrow, Barton Mills, presented by Earl Cawdor, have been placed on exhibition. Bronze Age antiquities from the Continent, and the Murray Collection from Ireland, have also been labelled and arranged in a special case. The Ransom Collection has been set out in a case provided by the donor.

In the Andrews Gallery, the re-arrangement and labelling of the New Guinea Collection has been continued by Miss Wedgwood and Miss Walters. Cases of specimens of Eskimo, N.W. Coast of America and New Zealand, South American ornaments and Musquaki Indians, have been set out by the Curator.

Mr Miles Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, has continued the arrangement of the Museum specimens and the classification of new specimens received during the year (Ransom, Gray, etc).

In the Bevan Hall Baron A. von Hügel has made considerable progress in the arrangement of the Fiji Collections.

The importance of the Museum both to the Borough and neighbourhood is demonstrated by frequent visits made by conducted parties of archaeologists, working men's societies, and classes from local schools.

The most important addition to the Museum was the gift of Mr F. Ransom of Hitchin of his archaeological collections of all periods from palaeolithic to eighteenth century including many important local finds. The value of the gift was further enhanced by his present of £250 for cases to display the collections.

The Earl Cawdor presented to the Museum the contents of the Beacon Hill Barrow, excavated by himself and Dr Fox.

Lady Ryan of Hintlesham Hall, presented in memory of the late Mr Redfern, J.P., D.L., an important series of local antiquities, of the Bronze Age and later, which he had collected.

Several important series of stone implements from Australia were given to the Museum by and through Dr Haddon.

The Rev. W. H. Edgell gave a valuable series of charms, etc., from the New Hebrides.

LIBRARY. Miss E. S. Fegan, Honorary Librarian of the Museum, has continued her valuable services in arranging and cataloguing the books and pamphlets.

Mr Ralph Griffin, F.S.A. (since appointed Honorary Keeper of the Monumental Brass rubbings) has continued working during the year on the arrangement of the collection of rubbings which is now finished and put into folios of counties, the parishes in each county being in alphabetical order. Many more rubbings are wanted to make the collection complete and it is hoped members of the University will help. For this purpose a list has been made by Mr Griffin of all the brasses in the Kingdom so far as known and also a complete list of wants.

Included in the gifts this year is a fine series of careful rubbings of indents of lost brasses from Ely and Chichester Cathedrals mainly due to Mr John A. Humphries of Trinity Hall who has also given valuable assistance in other directions, as have Mr E. G. Benson of St Catharine's and Mr G. H. S. Bushnell of Downing. To the latter is due a complete set of rubbings from Eton College Chapel. Mr Benson has also given many rubbings mainly from Berkshire. Mr Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., Gonville and Caius College, has kindly assisted in many matters of doubt.

ACCOUNTS. Owing to the alteration in the Financial Year, the accounts include a period of ten months only, during which the amount received from the Financial Board was £431. 5s. *Od.* A generous donation, already mentioned, of £250 from Mr F. Ransom has provided an excellent case for the display of the most important specimens of the Ransom Collection. A gift of £8 was also received from the late Miss A. C. Breton shortly before her death, towards the cost of a case for American specimens.

WILLIAM RIDGEWAY, *Chairman.*
J. W. L. GLAISHER.
A. C. HADDON.
JOHN E. MARR.
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APPENDIX I

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1923

DONATIONS

- Austen, Mr L.:* Two jaw-bones, and three imitation heads on handles, British New Guinea (23. 1467—1469; 1471).
- Balfour, Mr H.:* Brass bracelet, India (23. 107).
- Barnard, Mr T. T.:* Collection of ornaments and fishing apparatus, Melanesia (23.1354 -1360).
- Barnett, Mr J. E.:* Pottery, mats, specimens of goat hair and model loom, Sudan (23.1367—1374).
- Bevan, Prof. A.:* Circular shield in netted bag, Astrolabe Bay; six bamboo spear-throwers and long narrow shield,— Sepik River (23. 1472 — 1474); two skulls, Australia (24. 1476 a—b); shell-money, Solomon Islands (24. 1482).
- Bowd, Mr P.:* Fragments of pottery and bronze; carbonised seeds, fruit, etc., Lac du Bouget, Savoy, France (23. 1618—1620).
- Brown, Mr C.:* Portion of rim of a beaker, Fox Hill, Eris- well, Suffolk (23. 1361); flat flint scraper, Mildenball, Suffolk (23. 1463).
- Brown, Prof. A. Radcliffe:* Five stone implements, S. Africa (23. 1435—1436).
- Buller, Mr G. J.:* Fragment of bronze spear-head and cast of stone tool, Herts. (23. 108 a—n).
- Cawdor, The Earl:* Two Bronze Age Beakers, Cawdor, Naim, Scotland (23. 1316—1317); the contents of Beacon Hill Barrow, Barton Mills, Suffolk, excavated by him and Dr C. Fox.
- Christian, Dr:* Hallstatt pottery sherds, Ballendorf, L. Austria (23.1216).
- Chubb, Mr E. C.:* Copper ring, pottery fragments, and shale implements, S. Africa (23. 1432—1434).
- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.:* Twenty-one specimens of ornaments, weapons, pottery, etc., China, Japan, India, Burma, and Cook Islands (23. 2—18); five articles of apparel, including royal shamma or shawl, Abyssinia (23.19—23); yellow costrel, British Isles; silver sheath for knitting needles, European; redware garden vase, Essex; marble fragment with hieroglyphics, Egypt; small silver figure, India (23. 71—75); bronze fibula, probably Spain; brass nutcrackers, England (23. 78—79); Maori jade parrot-ring, New Zealand; bannerstone, Michigan, U.S.A.; "Ulumaika" stone dish used as a game, Sandwich Islands (23. 85—87); two chunkee stones, U.S.A.; two prepared heads, Sepik River, New Guinea (23. 105—106); three carved paddles, Hervey Islands; fifteen clubs, Samoa; toggle and three ear ornaments, Marquesas Islands (23.112—114); forty-seven specimens from Cambs., Norfolk and Suffolk, including bone awls, Lakenheath; mediaeval knives, Little Ouse River, socketed bronze spear-head, Feltwell Fen, bronze "harp" brooch, Roman, Lakenheath; bronze buckles, spearhead, knife, inlaid with brass (Seax), c. xith century, etc. (23.1320—1339); bronze axe, Soham (23. 1340); bronze oval "tortoise" brooch, penannular fibula, bronze pin, Sweden (23. 1342—1344); four vases, one bowl, five statuettes, mainly from Cyprus (23.1347—1353); stone with Bushman painting, S. Africa (23. 1365); two beaded mats, British Somaliland (23. 1394); five bronze fibulae and boss, bronze key-hook, Sweden (23.1621—1625); two carved coconuts, B.N. Guinea; shield, Trobriands; fish-hook, Matty Islands; beaded apron, Admiralty Islands; chest ornaments and shell money, Solomon Islands (23. 1477—1483).
- Cobbett, Dr L.:* Glazed black ware Kantharos, probably N. Hellas (23. 65).
- Corble, Lt A. H.:* Collection of weapons, ornaments and musical instruments, Africa (23. 1375—1392).
- Cotton, E. of Gallup:* Stone club, Navajo Reservation, U.S.A. (23. 1312).
- Crawford, Mr O. G. S.:* Bronze Age pottery fragments, Bosnia (23. 1345-1346).
- Cowles, Mr S.:* Gold ring, late XVIIIth century (23. 70).
- Daintree, Mr G. E.:* Handled beaker, transition period, Somersham, Hunts. (23. 1215).
- Dell, Mr W. T.:* Collection of cylindro-conical and cornute stones, flat mortars, mullers and stone implements, N.S. Wales (23. 1396—1410).
- Edgell, Rev. W. H.:* Collection of sacred stones, charms, wearing apparel, ornaments, weapons, etc., Melanesia (23. 89—102).
- Fitch, Mr W.:* Hookah and puggri, Punjab, India (23. 1366).
- Frith, Rev. J. B.:* Coin of Vespasian, fragments of pottery, arrow-head, etc., Horseheath (23. 1300—1304).
- Glaisher, Dr J. W. L.:* Slit gong, Mandated New Guinea (23. 1475); ceremonial mace, Solomon Islands (23. 1484).

- Goddard, Rev. C. N. (per Fitzwilliam Museum):* Two pottery bells, Bay of Genoa, Italy (23. 1305); three small red-ware pots, Teneriffe (28. 1447).
- Gordon, Miss:* Fourteen ceremonial spears, elephant goad, three staves and two ceremonial fans (23. 44—64).
- Greenwood, Rev. W.:* Bottle seal with Vintners' Arms, Cambridge (23. 1214).
- Griffith, Mr A. F.:* Five Anglo-Saxon silver pennies? Cambridge (23. 1339).
- Guest, Dr E. M.:* Pottery fragments, pot and sling-stone, Minorca (23. 1205).
- Haddon, Dr A. C.:* Ninety-five stone implements, eighty-six flakes, N.S. Wales (23. 1418—1420); nine flakes, N.S. Wales (23. 1422); polished axe-head, N.S. Wales (23. 1424); "Blackboy gum," W. Australia (23. 1428); stuffed head, Lake Murray (23. 1470); carved bull-roarer, Papuan Gulf (23. 1546).
- Horne, Dr G.:* Nineteen sets of stone implements, Australia (23. 1431); ripe "Nardoo" seeds, shell, and emu-feather sandal, S. Australia (23. 1441—1442); collection of weapons, wearing apparel, ornaments, articles used at Initiation ceremonies, household utensils, frame for spinning hair or fibre, message-sticks, widow's cap of gypsum, etc., Australia, per Dr A. C. Haddon (23. 1488—1545).
- Hornell, Mr J.:* Collection of canoe ornaments, harpoon floats, charms, bamboo pipe, lime gourd, etc., Dutch New Guinea; carved human figure, Malay Archipelago; blow guns and darts, arrows, boomerang, brass bowls, chank bangles, rings and implements for manufacturing same, native string and shells, India; water boiler, fish-scoop and wooden fish, Laccadive Islands; sago strainers, shells and ornaments, Sumatra and Java; models of fishing methods, Japan (23. 1225-1298).
- Jackson, Mr A.:* Pottery bowl, hand-made, Early Iron Age, Cambridge (23. 1465).
- Jenkinson, the late Mr F. J. H.:* Collection of Roman and British coins, Roman bronze bracelet and two small bowls, coin-weights, and silver-gilt ring, XIVth—XVth century, England; carved wooden figure on horseback, China (23. 1448—1462).
- Jennings, Mr J.:* Silk purse and weights, British Isles (23. 66—68).
- Jesson, Mr T.:* Mahogany bootjack, early XIXth century, Cambridge (23. 1213).
- Kenyon, Mr A. S.:* Twelve stone flakes, Woolbrook, N.S. Wales (23. 1430).
- Lawrance, Major A.:* Four spear-heads and wooden spear-stairtener, British Somaliland (23. 1626—1627).
- Ledwidge, Mr E.:* Shell bracelets, beads, and shells in process of conversion, Casas Grandes, Mexico (23. 1308—1311).
- Leaky, Mr:* Obsidian flakes and stones, Kabete, Nairobi; rubbing-stone, old bellows' nozzle, Kenya Colony (23. 111).
- Legge, Mr C. W.:* Spindle whorl, bronze buckle, three iron knives, hone, and other bronze and iron objects, associated find, Foxton (23. 77—78).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.:* Reproduction of Roman plate brooch, England (23. 1318).
- M^r Gillivray, Dr:* Widow's cap (broken), "Nardoo" plant, N.S. Wales (23. 1425—1426).
- Mingaye, Mr J. C. H.:* Specimen of pituri, N.S. Wales (23. 1437).
- Moulden, Dr O. M.:* Large oval flat mortar, N.S. Wales (23. 1417).
- Parkinson, Mr J.:* Wooden cross-bow, S. Nigeria (23. 1).
- Pitt-Rivers, Capt.:* Fish hooks and line, Matty Island (23. 1438—1440).
- Platten, Mr T. G.:* Gourd bowl, finely decorated, Uganda (23. 109).
- Prime Pros., Messrs:* English glass panel and fragments, Cambridge (23. 1204).
- Ransom, Mr F.:* The Ransom Collection; a valuable and varied collection of Antiquities, mainly from the Hitchin district, from the London area, and from Cyprus, the total number of objects being nearly 1500 (23. 116—1203). The collection includes a fine series of stone implements; there are a number of Paleolithic implements from near Hitchin and Neolithic implements both from Great Britain (especially Ireland) and abroad. Illustrating the culture of later periods in this country may be mentioned weapons and hoards of the Bronze Age; pottery from cemeteries of the Early Iron Age; pottery, bronze, and iron objects of the Roman period including a valuable series of Samian vessels; grave furniture of the Anglo-Saxon period and a wide range of mediaeval pottery vessels, tiles, bronze and iron objects. Specimens illustrating the Roman civilization on the continent are of importance, as are the series of objects obtained from tombs in Cyprus. Among the latter are fine glass ware of the Hellenic and Roman periods, jewels of gold including a diadem of Mycenaean type, pottery of the Bronze and later Ages, and an instructive series of votive and other statuettes of stone and terracotta; also a few ethnographical objects.
- Ryan, Lady:* objects of early date and British provenance in the Redfern Collection (23. 1550—1616). The most important items are axes, lance-heads, a rapier and a knife from the Cambridge region, Yorkshire and Norfolk.
- Raphael, Mr O.:* Circular pottery tile, China (23. 13).
- Read, Sir C. Hercules:* Six glass, one chert spear-head, Australia (23. 24—30).
- Riddell, Mr P. D.:* Six stone flakes, New South Wales (23. 1421).
- Ridley, Mr T.:* Uniform of Cambridge University Rifle Corps of 1876, Cambridge (23. 88).
- Riley, Archbishop:* Aboriginal skull, Perth, W. Australia (24. 1476 c).
- Riley, Rev. E. Baxter:* Stuffed human head, Karigara, Papua (per Dr Haddon).
- Sayle, Mr C.:* Collection of flint implements, mainly from W. England (23. 31—43).
- Seligman, Prof. C. G.:* Shell, engraved with spirals, Vani-gela, British New Guinea (23. 80); ivory armlet, pottery, clay balls and shell beads, Africa; message strip, Ceylon (23. 1628—1632).
- Skinner, Mr H. S.:* Twelve stone flakes. New South Wales (23. 1430).
- Smart, Mr R.:* Coins, including a silver penny of Edward the Confessor, found at Trumpington (23. 1299).
- Sommerville, Mr P.:* Hammerstone, S.W. Australia (23. 1423).
- Spencer, Col.:* Chert knife, Egypt (23. 110).
- Stanmore, Lord:* Two cloaks of native flax, New Zealand; four glazed tablets, Assyria; pair of snow shoes, N. America (23. 81-84).
- Tams, Mr W.:* Pottery fragments, Hunstanton (23. 1341); two pieces of variegated glass (23. 1617).
- Walton, Lt. Col. A.:* Stone fish spear-head, U.S.A. (23. 1313).
- Webber, Mrs:* Six casts from the late Prof. E. C. Clark's Collection (23. 1206—1211).
- Wedd, Mrs:* Oak statuette of a bishop, Autun, France (23. 1212).
- Woollaston, Dr:* Glass spear head, Australia (23. 1395).
- Woolner, Major C. G. (per Mr Armstrong):* Pottery head, Tarquah, Africa (23. 1223).
- Wyman, Mr W. C.:* Bannerstone and birdstone, U.S.A. (23. 1306—1307).

DEPOSITS

- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.:* Silver ingot, China (23. n. 32).
- Folk Lore Society:* Collection of specimens, consisting of carved ammonite, Whitby; perforated stone, Isle of Wight; tally stick, Berkshire; Biddenden cakes, Kent; natural cross of elder, Wales; egg-shaped pebble, Scotland; two necklaces and bag, Africa; beans used for divination, Madagascar; door-charm, two carved peach stones, carved wooden figure, and soap-stone fish, China; wood carving, Japan; wire necklet, Burma; charm case, Thibet; carved wooden monkey, two amulet cases, India; thirty-five specimens of charms, necklaces, etc., chiefly from Syria; Moslem necklace, Constantinople; Easter egg, Russia; seal of walrus ivory, N. America; corn maiden, rat made of paste, burial veil, and chipped stone, provenance not recorded (23. D. 2—51).
- Jenkinson, Mr R. C. H.:* Two wooden masks, Gold Coast (23. D. 53).
- Smith, Venerable Archdeacon A. W.:* Two small carved tusks, Nigeria (23. n. 1).

APPENDIX II

LIBRARY REPORT, 1923

Gifts of books and pamphlets for the Library have been received from Sir William Ridgeway, Dr Haddon (8 vols. and 30 pamphlets), the Curator (3 vols.), Dr Fox, Mr R. Griffin, Mr J. M. Gray, Mr A. H. Lyall, Mr S. Cowles, The National Museum of Wales, and the Librarian.