

University of Cambridge

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A considerable improvement in the lighting of the southern end of the Maudslay Hall has been made by the removal of the large black case which formerly held the Beldam collection; this has been taken down to the Keyser Hall and is being used as an extra bookcase for the Library. Part of the space thus left vacant has been filled by a small case for the exhibition of recent accessions; this is a glass case which used to hold the small bronzes from Benin and has now been renovated and placed on a new stand which forms a store cupboard for pottery. Two temporary cases have been placed on trestles in the middle of the Hall, one holding part of the archaeological collection from China presented by the Curator, the other a series of early potsherds from the River Wissey, Norfolk. The beads from Brittany known to have been used as amulets have been arranged in two hanging wall-cases in the window-splay near the Anglo-Saxon cases, and a small case has been hung near by to show a comparison between a silver-mounted bead from Burwell and the remarkable series of beads from Tibet presented by Professor and Mrs Temperley. Some of the local stone crosses and grave-slabs of the late Saxon period have been taken out of store and set up in the north-west corner of the Hall. The large series of Hungarian beads of the Migration period generously presented by the National Museum of Hungary, Budapest, has been put on view in a hanging wall-case near the rest of the Hungarian collections, which have been considerably rearranged to make room for further additions. All the pottery in the wall-cases has been dusted and the shelves cleaned; the local Bronze Age pottery was rearranged in the course of this work.

Numerous additions to the currency collection have necessitated considerable rearrangement, which has been carried out by Mr Bird.

In the Babington Hall the Curator, with the help of Mr H. D. Codings, has completed the arrangement of the Roscoe collection from Uganda, and suitable labels have been written for it. The collection of Egyptian beads has been set out in a chronological series in the door-case of one of the store-cupboards. Mr R. U. Sayce has finished the arrangement of the South African collections in the south-western bay of the Hall, and a typewritten catalogue and an album of photographs of the country and people have been hung near by. Last year the University Library Syndicate kindly presented to the Museum a large glass case; this has been placed on a stand in the central bay on the west side of the Hall, and filled with the ivories and bronzes from Benin. For the visit of the Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences two temporary exhibitions were made, one of stone implements lent by Miss G. Caton-Thompson from her latest excavations, another, which is now permanently on view, of archaeological specimens from South Africa.

In the Andrews Gallery the Curator has rearranged the Eskimo collections in order to make room for a number of new acquisitions; an old screen-case which was used at one time to exhibit maps has been adapted to hold some of these, and others have been placed in hanging wall-cases made in the Museum. Two cases have been made for the display of Mexican beads from the Gadow and Maudslay collections and hung on pillars on the east side of the gallery; and two hanging cases have been placed on the south wall to show beads from India and from Ur.

Mr C. B. Humphreys, Honorary Keeper of the Melanesian Collections, has completed the arrangement of the collections from New Britain, New Ireland, the Admiralty Islands, and Matty Island, in the south-western bay of the Hall; the house-post from Emira (Squally Island) has been erected in the middle of this bay, and the large loom from Squally Island has been hung on the wall near by. In the central bay of the west side of the Hall the Curator and Mr Humphreys have rearranged the whole of the Polynesian collections, except those from New Zealand. A large series of fish-hooks from Polynesia has been put temporarily on view in the door-cases of one of the adjoining store cupboards.

Colonel F. J. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Australian Collections, has been appointed Honorary Keeper of the Fijian Collections. He reports: The turn-over of the collections, the selection of over 1000 articles for exhibition, their registration, numbering, card-indexing, and arrangement in show-cases has been proceeded with during the months of April, May, July, August, November and December. The following show-cases are now in order: 1. Ivory and ornaments. 2. Tattooing implements and combs. 3. Household and personal. 4. Fishing, hunting and music. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Clubs. 12, 13. Kava bowls. 12a. Ceremonial. 14. Earthenware. 15. Basketry and tools. 16. Food-dishes and head-rests. 17. Oil-dishes and hangers. 18. Tapa-making. 19. Printers for tapa. 19a. Tapa. 20. Spears (taken over complete). Bowls and jars over showcases. Drawers A and B. Dresses or skirts. Drawer C. Fans. Drawer D. Sunshades. Drawer E.

Arts and crafts. Drawer F. Arts and crafts (Roth collection 1932). Drawer G. Illustrations and various books of reference. Some progress has been made with the compilation of a catalogue of the exhibits, and considerations as regards its editing, illustration and financial provision have been submitted. Mrs B. M. Lock, whose personal knowledge of this collection is invaluable, has devoted much of her time to this work.

Dr Haddon, Honorary Keeper of the New Guinea Collections, reports: The arrangement and cataloguing of the stored collections has been completed; the specimens have been put systematically on shelves and in boxes. The exhibited specimens are in process of being labelled and the arrangement of the cases revised. By enclosing with glass the north-west corner of the Andrews Gallery a large case has been provided for the display of a remarkably fine series of specimens from the Sepik River, collected by Messrs G. Bateson, C. B. Humphreys, and E. W. P. Chinnery, former students of the Department.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, reports a number of important additions to the collections. As a result of the publication in *Man* of an article on stone implements from Somaliland in the Museum, Mr A. T. Curie started to collect in that country, and has now given the Museum a large number of his finds. A fine series of eoliths from Ipswich has been received from Mr Reid Moir. By exchange with the National Museum of Helsingfors the Museum has obtained a representative series of "comb-pottery" sherds.

Mr Ralph Griffin, F.S.A., Honorary Keeper of the Collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports that during the year 1932 the collection of rubbings of monumental brasses has received some notable additions by the kindness of the Sussex Archaeological Society, which sent us some old rubbings of brasses in various places in England outside Sussex. We have been able to complete the collection of rubbings from Wales and Shropshire. Good progress has been made with the assistance of Mr Ruck in the work of protecting with outside covers the fragile reproductions which we have on tissue paper.

Mr T. A. G. Strickland, Honorary Photographer, has continued his most valuable services in photographing such objects as required special technical skill.

Mr Horace Beck, F.S.A., again spent some time in the Museum working at the collections of beads.

S. R. Cowles, who had worked most faithfully for the Museum for thirty-nine years, retired in September on reaching the age-limit.

During the year 718 numbers have been registered in the Acquisition Book and index-cards written; this does not, of course, indicate the total number of acquisitions, as one number frequently covers several specimens. In addition to this, more than 2500 specimens which have been in the Museum for many years have been numbered or re-numbered, and index-cards written for them.

About 40 members of the International Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences visited Cambridge in August, among them some of the most distinguished archaeologists of Europe.

A further increase in the number of visitors to the Museum during the year and the visits made by classes from local schools and members of local societies illustrate the importance of the Museum to the Borough and neighbourhood.

LIBRARY. Thanks are due to the following for gifts of books and pamphlets: Dr F. J. Allen, Mr E. A. B. Barnard, Mr H. H. Brindley, Mr M. C. Burkitt, Dr L. Cobbett, Mr G. Coupland, Mr S. Cowles, Mr James Curie, Mr J. H. Driberg, Miss E. S. Fegan, Dr Cyril Fox, Miss M. Froude, Dr Haddon, Professor Hodson, Mr C. B. Humphreys, Mr R. W. Hutchinson, Miss A. F. Man, Professor Minns, Dr C. A. Nordman, Mr N. T. Porter, Mrs E. S. Prior, Mr G. K. Roth, Mr T. A. G. Strickland, Mr C. F. Tebbutt, the Curator, and the Librarian; also to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society and the Government of India Central Publication Department.

ACCOUNTS. See *Cambridge University Reporter*, 14 November 1932, p. 115, under the heading "Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology."

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1932

- Archer, Colonel:* Tradesman's token, XVIII Century, Anglesey (32. 322); six tradesmen's tokens, XVIII—XIX Centuries, Cambs., Suffolk, Sheffield, and N. Wales (32. 569).
- Ashmolean Museum:* Two jettons, Chatel Tournois and Nuremberg (32. 115).
- Balfour, Mr Henry:* Specimen of Y-shaped iron currency, Idoma district, S. Nigeria; roll of cloth currency, Bornu district, N. Nigeria (32. 191—192); funerary rice-strainer, Chang tribe, Naga Hills, India (32. 562).
- Beadle, Mr L. C.:* Ethnological specimens, Lengwa Indians, Paraguay (32. 99—111).
- British Arctic Air Route Expedition:* Ethnological collection, Angmagsalik Eskimos, East Greenland (32. 204—213); skull and lower jaw, Eskimo, East Greenland (32. 587).
- British Museum, the Trustees of:* Electrotype of gold 6tui found at Ur, Mesopotamia (32. 574).
- British School of Archaeology in Egypt:* Copper dagger, bronze arrowheads, gold ear-ring, and pottery, Tell Ajjul, S. Palestine (32. 337—343).
- Brown, Mr C.:* Potsherds, Early Iron Age, Milton Road, Cambridge.
- Burkitt, Mr M. C.:* Chipped Hint, Travellers' Rest pit, Cambridge (32. 194).
- Bushnell, Mr G. H. S., with Mr R. Wright-Barker:* Archaeological collection, including stone and obsidian implements, pots and pottery fragments, pottery stamps, whistle and figurines, beads, copper and gilded copper rings, from Guangala, Rio Tamba, Real, La Libertad, and other sites, Ecuador (32. 18—62; 78—79; 343; 351—360).
- Buxton, Dr P.:* Earthenware pot, Santo, New Hebrides (32. 97).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society:* Spearhead, Late Bronze Age, Undley, Suffolk (32. 120); two-handled pot, "sub-Roman" type, Bran Ditch, Cambs. (32. 124); two pots, Mediaeval, Brandon Creek (32. 214—215); pewter flagon and pottery bowl, Roman Period, Roller's Lode, Cambs. (32. 224—225); iron sword and dagger, late Mediaeval, R. Ouse (32. 242—243); bone pointed tool, Jude's Ferry, Mildenhall, Suffolk; potsherds found with skeleton, Early Iron Age, Fordham, Cambs. (32. 246); iron dagger, late Mediaeval, Soham, Cambs. (32. 324); part of sword-blade, Late Bronze Age, R. Ouse (32. 326); bronze penannular brooch, Roman Period, and bronze fish-hook, R. Cam near Clayhithe (32. 332—333); discoidal flint knife, Bronze Age, Weeting, Norfolk (32. 688); bronze axes and rough metal, Late Bronze Age, Weeting, Norfolk (32. 690).
- Champion, Mr H. W.:* Two potsherds, possibly prehistoric, Tauko Island, near Port Moresby, Papua (32. 301—302).
- Clark, Major:* Seven glass beads, possibly Roman Period, St German's Sluice, near King's Lynn, Norfolk (32. 244).
- Clarke, Mr L. C. G.:* Lead communion tokens, XVIII—XIX Centuries, London and Scotland (32. 11—17); flint arrowheads and knives, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire (32. 143—146); archaeological series, including pottery, stone and antler tools, beads, etc., from graves, Copper Age, Tiszapolgár, Hungary (32. 181—184); chipped flint daggers, fragmentary, Bottisham, Cambs. (32. 193); ivory figurine of polar bear, Eskimo, St Laurence Island, Behring Straits (32. 203); spearhead, Middle Bronze Age, R. Cam near Cambridge; rapier and two knives, Middle Bronze Age, and iron shieldboss and fragmentary spearhead, Anglo-Saxon, R. Cam near Clayhithe (32. 217—222); flanged axe, Early Bronze Age, and bronze brooch, Roman Period, Lakenheath Fen, Suffolk (32. 240—241); archaeological series, including bronze weapons, tools and horse furniture, beads, specimens of currency, pots and potsherds, various periods, from Shouchou, Suiyüan, Chintsun, Anyang, Hunan, and other localities, China (32. 251—300); collection of amuletic beads, Brittany (32. 303; 315); gold nose-ornament, S. America (32. 331); six specimens of ant money, China (32. 334); glass beads, Early Iron Age, Ireland and Italy; bronze strap-end, Dark Ages, Ickingham, Suffolk (32. 344—346); archaeological series, including pottery, flint tools and flakes, stone and alabaster bowls, ear-rings, mirror-handles, seals, amulets, and very numerous beads, Predynastic and later periods, from Mr Guy Brunton's excavations at Matmar, Egypt (32. 426—515); two jade earrings, Costa Rica; strip of tapestry, Peru (32. 349—350); basketry mask, Sepik, New Guinea (32. 734).
- Cobbett, Dr Louis:* Pottery bottle, Roman Period, Haslingfield, Cambs. (32. 347).
- Collison, Miss P. M.:* Fragment of beaker, Early Bronze Age, Runcton Holme, Norfolk (32. 566).
- Curie, Mr A. T.:* Stone implements, Palaeolithic, British Somaliland (32. 1—8).
- Durban Museum:* Potsherds from kitchen-middens, Senkwazi and Umhlali, Natal (32. 149—150).
- Egypt Exploration Society:* Large series of beads and amulets, Tell el-'Amamah, Egypt (32. 376—425).
- Elies, Mr R. J.:* Brass fighting bracelet, Nuba tribe, Sudan (32. 247).
- Evans, Mr I. H. N.:* Specimen of tin currency, Borneo; bronze coin, Pei Chou dynasty, China (32. 570—571).
- Fowler, Major Gordon:* Fragment of mortarium, Roman Period, Upwell, Norfolk (32. 325); part of bowl, Roman Period, the Old Slade, Cambs. (32. 327).
- Fox, Dr Cyril:* Bezel of ring, cornelian intaglio, Roman Period, Milton Road, Cambridge (32. 349).
- Garvey, Mr A. H.:* Series illustrating the manufacture of feather money, Santa Cruz (32. 80—88).
- Giffen, Mr M. H.:* Waterworn stone tools, Molopo river, Mafeking, S. Africa (32. 77).
- Gow, Mr A. S. F.:* Bronze triangular arrowhead, Paestum, Italy (32. 323).
- Griffith, Mr A. F.:* String jacket, Mataco tribe, Argentine Chaco (32. 548).
- Grose, Mr S. W.:* Early copper ingot, Nundola River, N. Rhodesia (32. 250).
- Guillemard, Dr F. H. H.:* Bone domino-box, made by French prisoners at Norman Cross, Hunts. (32. 123).
- Haddon, Mr E. B.:* Two spears, Masai, East African Protectorate (32. 567—568).
- Harman, Mr M. C.:* Two puffin and two half-puffin coins, Lundy Island (32. 116).
- Helsingfors, National Museum: received in exchange:* Series of sherds of 'comb pottery,' from dwelling sites, Neolithic, Kaukola parish, Carelia, Finland (32. 129—139).
- Hungary, National Museum of:* Valuable series of glass and other beads, Sarmatian, Migration and Avar Periods, Hungary (32. 701—725).
- Jennings, Mr J.:* Lacquered wooden drum, Burma; wooden model of pleasure-boat, China; bamboo and cotton fly-whisk, Assam (32. 126—128).
- Leakey, Dr L. S. B.:* Black wooden labret, Wa-Mera tribe, Tanganyika Territory; red clay pipe, Nilotic Kavirondo, Uganda (32. 599—600).
- Le Strange, Mr H.:* Chipped flints, Heacham and other sites, Norfolk; coup de poing, Bedford (32. 196—200).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.:* Pygmy scraper, Bracknell, Wilts. (32. 10).
- MacBride, Mr D.:* Roll of cloth currency, *lang tang*, Sensidong, Adamawa Province, Cameroons (32. 595).
- Macfadyen, Mr W. A.:* Chert awl, flint sickle and flake, Egypt (32. 141—142).
- Millard, Mr J.:* Stone and bone tools, flakes, potsherds, ostrich egg-shell beads, etc., Herschel District, Cape Province, S. Africa (32. 576—586).
- Minns, Professor:* Brass ornament for horse's forehead, Mildenhall, Suffolk (32. 114); two potsherds, Mycenaean (32. 596); model of Chinese coin (32. 593).
- Mitchell, Mr F.:* Two polished stone axes, Bokkos, Bauchi Plateau, N. Nigeria (32. 9).
- Moir, Mr J. Reid:* Series of tertiary eoliths, Ipswich, Suffolk (32. 76; 195); eolith, Bawdsey, Suffolk (32. 98).
- Murray, Dr M. A.:* Two pots, Early Iron Age, and glass phial, Roman Period, Cyprus (32. 117—119).
- Nance, Mr R. Morton:* Wooden model of anchor of Caligula's galley in Lake Nemi, Italy (32. 1); models of killicks, Cornwall, Sumatra, Java, Celebes, Federated Malay States, India, and Ceylon (32. 226—237).
- Passingham, Rev. Guy:* Blue and white glass bead, Viking Period, Hendwr, Merionethshire (32. 239).
- Pendlebury, Mr J. S.:* Series of potsherds, Neolithic, Early, Middle, and Late Minoan Periods, Knossos (32. 516—525).
- Phillips, Mr C. W.:* Series of beaker and other sherds from occupation site, Risby Warren, Scunthorpe, Lincs. (32. 121).

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- Pitt-Rivers, Captain G.*: Model of outrigger canoe and paddle, Aua, Matty Islands (32. 597).
- Porter, Mr N. T.*: Clay mould with design of human face, Alderminster, Worcs. (32. 594).
- Potts, Mr IF. H.*: Fire-stick and hearth, Masai; bottle of medicine used by the Bayeye organization, Wasukuma country, Tanganyika Territory (32. 201—202).
- Raphael, Mr Oscar*: Sherds and obsidian flakes, Eridu, and primitive stone seal, Ur, Mesopotamia (32. 335—336).
- Retoull, Mr Alex. C.*: Pottery fragments, Amphlett Islands, New Guinea (32. 588—593).
- Richardson, Mr S.*: Flint axe, Neolithic, Honey Hill, Chatteris, Cambs. (32. 691).
- Rogers, Mr F. H.*: Ethnological specimens, Acholi, Bunyoro, Kuanda and Batutsi tribes, Uganda (32. 551—559).
- Rogers, Dr G. F.*: Stone and copper axes, stone pendants, perforated shell, etc., Mitla and Oaxaca, Mexico; potsherds from kitchen-midden, Bogue, Jamaica (32. 364—370); pottery, clay figurines, and obsidian cores and flakes, Valley of Mexico (32. 526—544).
- Roth, Mr G. Kingsley*: Large series of ethnographical specimens, collected by donor, Fiji (32. 601—678).
- Seligman, Professor C. G.*: Two stone implements, Northern Sumatra (32. 572—573).
- Seton-Kerr, Mr H. IF.*: Three coups de poing, Somaliland (32.140)
- Sheppard, Dr G.*: Specimens of woven cloth, N.W. Peru (32. 545-546)
- Spencer, Colonel L.*: Basket-hilted sword, XVII Century, Scottish; sword and sheath, Sudan; drum made from human skull, Tibet; spearhead and bow, Asia (32. 89—93).
- Taylor, Mr G. I.*: Batak book, Sumatra (32. 249).
- Tebbutt, Mr C. F.*: Potsherds, Norman Period, Yorks. (32. 122); pottery bowl, ? Neolithic, Chatteris, Cambs. (32. 125); coup de poing and flakes, Little Paxton, Hunts. (32. 147—148).
- Thatcher, Mr Ivan*: Beaker and beaker sherds, Early Bronze Age, Runcton Holme, Norfolk (32. 564—566).
- Turner, Mr George*: Potsherds and imperfect jar of grey ware, Roman Period, Jude's Ferry, Mildenhall, Suffolk (32. 328—329).
- Walker, Dr James*: Tlingit basket, North-west coast of America (32. 238).
- Waterhouse, the late Mr P. L.*: Series of fine clubs collected in early days, Fiji (32. 80—87).
- Wayland, Mr E. J.*: Digging-stone, grinding-stone, and two stone balls, Magosi, Uganda (32. 94—96).
- Western, Mrs J. W.*: Perforated stone axe-hammer, Bronze Age, Montford Bridge, Shropshire (32. 323). Transferred from loan deposit.
- Wheeler, Mr G.F.*: Ethnological specimens, including drums, rattles, etc., used by members of dance societies, Tanganyika Territory (32. 726—733).
- Wild, Captain Robert*: Two ancient beads of syenite, Ashanti (32. 248); string of tubular bauxite beads, modern, made at Mpraeso, Kwahu District, Gold Coast (32. 575).
- Williams, Mr R.*: Flint dagger, Bronze Age, Isleham Fen, Cambs. (32.350)
- Wisbech Museum*: Specimen of bark cloth and clay pipe, Zinza tribe, Lake Victoria, Tanganyika Territory (32.560-561).
- Wollaston, Mrs A.F.R.*: Various ethnographical specimens from Africa, etc., from the collection of the late Mr. A.F.R. Wollaston (32. 63-75)

DEPOSITS

- Clarke, Mrs L.*: Palstave, Middle Bronze Age, Isleham, Cambs. (32. D. 5).
- Cockle, Mr*: Fragmentary jet bead, Bronze Age, Runcton Holme, Norfolk (32. D. 7).
- Feetham, Miss*: Beaker, restored, Early Bronze Age, Runcton Holme, Norfolk (32. D. 6)
- Folk-lore Society*: Six Easter eggs, Czecho-Slovakia (32. D. 8)
- Hall, Mr R. de Z.*: Spearheads and axes, Bukoba Province, Tanganyika Territory (32. D. 1-3)
- Kent Archaeological Society*: Pottery bottle, Jutish, Sarre, Kent (32. D. 4).