

# University of Cambridge

## Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and of Ethnology and its Library, 1933

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The results of recent excavations have considerably increased our Anglo-Saxon collections, and some rearrangement has therefore been necessary in the north-west corner of the Maudslay Hall. A new desk-case has been provided to hold the collections from Barrington; these were formerly very unsatisfactorily shown in a wall-case, which has now been filled with Continental Teutonic pottery and other objects of special importance for students of Section B. The collection of weapons of the Late Saxon period has been arranged in one side of a new screen-case; a number of small objects of the same period are shown in the other side of this case, together with a series of Pagan Anglo-Saxon ornaments from the Ransom collection, and grave-groups excavated in recent years by Mr T. C. Lethbridge at Little Wilbraham and Soham. In a window-case left empty by this rearrangement the material from the cemetery at Shudy Camps excavated this year by Mr Lethbridge has been put on view. Two more temporary cases on trestles have been put in the middle of the Hall to show some of the many additions to the archaeological collection from China presented by the Curator.

Further additions to the currency collection have necessitated considerable rearrangement, which has been carried out by Mr Bird. Two hanging wall-cases have been made in the Museum to hold specimens which could not be shown in the existing cases.

A series of spears, chiefly from the Roscoe collection, has been arranged round the pillars on the east side of the Babington Hall to illustrate the various types used in Uganda. The ceremonial tridents from Gambia, presented by Sir H. R. Palmer when Governor, have been displayed on one of the pillars on the opposite side of the Hall.

An eighteenth-century ivory model of a North Siberian village which was recently acquired has been set up in a glass case on a wall of the landing outside the Andrews Gallery.

In a screen-case in the Andrews Gallery the Curator has arranged a part of the Eskimo collection received from the Copenhagen Museum, together with a series from the Copper Eskimo. The desk-case in the north-east of the gallery devoted to South American objects has been rearranged to make room for the display of a number of specimens from Ecuador, forming part of Mr G. H. S. Bushnell's latest gift. Other alterations in this gallery and in the Bevan Hall are described below in the reports of Keepers of departments.

Cupboards have been built in the outer part of the attic for the storage of the Haddon-Hose collection from Sarawak, and other collections from the same area removed from the Bevan Hall a part of the Sarawak collection will be put on view later in the entrance-hall on the ground floor. Dr Haddon's collection of skulls from New Guinea, formerly kept in this part of the attic, has been removed to the laboratory, where it can be more easily seen by students. Five large new wall-cases have been made, chiefly from existing material left from old dismantled cases, for the better display of these and other skulls.

Part of the ethnological collection made by Miss E. J. Lindgren in N.W. Manchuria has been arranged by Mr H. D. Codings, under her supervision, in a wall-case in the entrance-hall.

Dr A. C. Haddon, Honorary Keeper of the New Guinea Collections, reports that in the Lent Term the final rearrangement of the cases containing the New Guinea collections was begun. The former cultural and geographical sequence has been retained. The specimens have been labelled and a duplicate card-index has been put on a shelf in the Gallery for the use of students. A map has been mounted over one of the cases and has already proved invaluable. The necessary fitments involved a considerable amount of work for the carpenters. The Curator kindly provided a new case for the head-shrine from Goaribari Island. Throughout this revision the Curator's assistance, and his artistic sense especially, have been most valuable. In the Easter Term the Torres Straits collection was dealt with in a similar manner.

In the meantime Dr Haddon has written handbooks which not only deal with the exhibited specimens of a particular culture, with reference to the technical methods employed, but indicate the culture as a whole and its relation with other cultures in New Guinea. They are being provided with photographs and maps, and will hang by the cases to which they refer. During the Michaelmas Term the numerous specimens in the attic were given numbers. The index-cards of all the collections from New Guinea are now in process of completion.

This work could not have been accomplished without the able and indefatigable assistance of Miss A. Nicol Smith, for whose services he was indebted to the generosity of the Curator.

In the autumn the first consignment of Mr Gregory Bateson's second collection from the Sepik River arrived; the specimens have been numbered, entered and put in store. In view of the imminent arrival of the larger portion of Mr Bateson's collection, which promises to contain many specimens of exceptional value, Dr Haddon would like to point out that consideration should be given to the space to be allocated to them. Even should the space at present occupied by the Massim spatulas be sufficient, the question of the disposal of these important specimens remains to be settled.

Colonel F. J. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Fijian Collection, reports that the collections under his care have, during the year 1933, received the necessary attention, and are in good order and condition. At the close of the year 1932 Mr G. Kingsley Roth, of the Fijian Civil Service, presented this Museum with a collection of 87 exhibits illustrating modern Fijian arts and crafts, including raw materials, articles in course of manufacture, and the finished product. Native names of places and things have been furnished. During the year this collection has been registered, numbered, card-indexed and arranged so as to be readily available for teaching purposes.

After the death of the Baroness von Hügel, in December 1931, and the disposal of effects at her residence in 1932, a number of photographs, maps, diaries, and notes on the Baron's Fijian collections have been made available. Going over these has taken a great deal of time and the work is not yet finished, and until it is, the preparation of the Catalogue will be unavoidably delayed; but good progress with it has been made and things are as far forward as circumstances permit. Mrs B. M. Lock, whose personal knowledge of the Baron von Hügel and his Fijian collections is invaluable, has devoted much of her time to the task of editing these notes.

Mr C. B. Humphreys, Honorary Keeper of the Melanesian Collections, reports that he was in Cambridge for barely two and a half months during 1933. A considerable amount of work was accomplished in this limited time, however, and the results are perhaps more evident than those of other years which took longer to achieve but made less show. The time at his disposal was fully occupied by the removal from the Bevan Hall of the Evans collection of objects from North Borneo, their rearrangement, and the setting up in their place of the Maori collection. Mr Evans, the donor of the original cases, kindly allowed this change to be made. His collection is now displayed in specially built cases in the passage leading from the Andrews Gallery to the Bevan Hall, and the arrangement and labelling have been completed.

The Museum has an excellent collection of Maori objects, but they have hitherto been scattered, and have now for the first time been assembled and set up in the Pacific Gallery, to which they properly belong. They fill the north-west bay of the Bevan Hall, and a new screen-case has been provided to hold, on one side, a number of *meres*, and, on the other, a series of green-stone *tikis* and other ornaments and tools. It may be added that the Bevan Hall now houses only objects from the Pacific area—Australia, Melanesia, and Polynesia—making a uniform and compact unit. It is hoped to put on view later a representative exhibition from Micronesia, but space is limited. Dr Peter Buck, the great authority on the Maoris, very kindly spent some time working in the Museum during the summer, identifying and giving the native names of specimens.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Age Collections, reports that the routine work of entering gifts of new specimens has been regularly maintained. He would like to draw special attention to the work of the Fenland Research Committee. The finds from the site at Burnt Fen as published recently in the *Antiquaries Journal*, being of great importance in dating the Early Bronze Age, have been given to the Museum and placed in a show-case. A large and very interesting Early Metal Age collection of stone implements from Walton-on-the-Naze has been lent by Mr John Hassall and is in part also on exhibition. Finally a case has been assigned for the storage and display of prehistoric pottery.

Mr Ralph Griffin, Honorary Keeper of the Collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports that the ordinary routine work has continued and additions have been made to our collections from various counties. Mr Bushnell, home for long leave, gave us some help, and Mr G. E. Ruck has found time to make and present some rubbings from Essex. By the good offices of Mr A. B. Steel the Oundle School brass-rubbers have been interested in our collections and have presented some excellent rubbings from Northants, and from this source we are hoping in 1934 to complete the rubbings of brasses in that important county. By the kindness of Mr Mill Stephenson certain early rubbings made by the late Major Alfred Heales, F.S.A., of Doctors Commons, have come to us and form a very valuable addition as most of them were made before churches were "restored".

Mr T. A. G. Strickland, Honorary Photographer, has continued his invaluable services to the various departments of the Museum.

Two very important gifts have been made by Mr Templeton Crocker, of San Francisco; these include some hundreds of photographs, over three hundred and fifty lantern slides, and two reels of films of natives and material culture of the Pacific, many of them from islands which have hitherto been quite unrepresented in the Museum's collections. Other valuable additions to the collection of slides, making an increase of over 500 in all, have been made by Mr H. H. Brindley, Miss E. J. Lindgren, Mr F. Stephens, Mr G. Kingsley Roth and the Curator.

During the year 844 numbers have been registered in the acquisition book, and corresponding index-cards written; this does not, of course, indicate the total number of acquisitions, as one number often covers several specimens. In addition to this over 1330 specimens which have been in the Museum for many years have been numbered or re-numbered, and index-cards have been written.

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. Several members of the staff gave assistance in preparing for an exhibition of local by-gones which was organized by the Cambridgeshire Federation of Women's Institutes and held in the Guildhall in October.

LIBRARY. Thanks are due to the following for gifts of books and pamphlets: Dr F. J. Allen, Mr M. C. Burkitt, the California University Press, Mr C. E. R. Clarabut, Mr A. O. Curie, Miss E. S. Fegan, Mr Ralph Griffin, Dr A. C. Haddon, Professor Hodson, Mr J. Hornell, Mr C. B. Humphreys, Mr F. A. Kirkpatrick, Dr G. Landtman, Dr A. H. Lloyd, Professor Minns, Mr J. M. de Navarro, Mr L. F. Newman, Father Patrick O'Reilly, Mr E. E. Phillips, Mr N. T. Porter, Mr J. J. Rickett, Mr G. K. Roth, Mr R. U. Sayce, Dr S. R. Smith, Dr J. A. Venn, the Curator, and the Librarian.

ACCOUNTS. See *Cambridge University Reporter*, 30 October 1933, p. 117, under the heading "Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology".

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## APPENDIX

### LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1933

*Anonymous*: Pottery and ornaments, Roman Period, flint implements, and leaden Papal bulla, Hertfordshire (33. 541—546).

*Archer, Colonel*: Tradesmen's tokens, XVII—XIX Century, England and Canada (33. 502).

*Bateson, Mr Gregory*: Ethnological specimens, including stone-bladed axes, wooden shields, feather, seed, and boar's tusk ornaments, and three grass skirts, Mandated New Guinea (33. 822—839).

*Botany School Museum*: Models and photographs of *balsa* used on Lake Titicaca, Peru (33. 570—571).

*Bouquet, Dr A. C.*: Piece of sandstone with shallow depression, Trentishoe Down, Devon (33. 96).

*British Museum, received in exchange from*: Three strips of embroidered textile, Peru (33. 685—687).

*Bromwich, Mr J.*: Bronze pu coin, China (33. 547).

*Burkitt, Mr M. C.*: Three chipped flints, Cavenham, Suffolk (33. 788).

*Bushnell, Mr G. H. S.*: Archaeological collection, including pots and pottery fragments, stone, shell, obsidian, and bronze implements, pottery masks, bone peg, and shell and marble beads, from various sites in Ecuador (33. 626—667; 688—691).

*Cambridge Antiquarian Society*: Spearhead, Middle Bronze Age, Little Downham, Cambs.; rapier, Middle Bronze Age, Methwold, Norfolk; broken pot containing hoard of coins, Roman Period, Shelford, Cambs. (33. 503—505).

*Cammiade, Mr L. A.*: Stone tools, Diguvumetta, Gazple, and Godavari river, Madras (33. 807—809).

*Chandler, Mr R. H.*: Clactonian flakes from Lower Gravel, Swanscombe, Kent (33. 87—95).

*Childe, Professor V. G.*: Pottery fragments, Mohenjo Daro (33. 98); supposed polishing tool, Denmark (33. 798).

*Clarabut, Mr C. E. R.*: Spear with bamboo shaft and wooden point, Dutch New Guinea (33. 508); early potsherds, China (33. 701).

*Clark, Mr J. D. G.*: Flint tools and potsherds, Beaker Period, Burnt Fen, Cambs. (33. 799—800).

*Clarke, Miss G.*: String of blue glass beads, made at Bristol (33. 507).

*Clarke, Mr L. C. G.*: Extensive archaeological collection, including stone implements, bronze weapons and tools, bronze horse-trappings, beads, and two large neolithic painted pots, China (33. 1—75); fragment of painted pottery, Erösd (33. 97); archaeological and ethnographical collections of Eskimo material, Point Barrow, Nunivak Island, Wainwright, and other sites, Alaska (33. 201—296; 301—11); extensive ethnological series, including wearing apparel, shaman's outfit, horse-trappings, birch-bark boxes, cradles, tools, models, etc., collected by Miss E. J. Lindgren among Numinchen and Reindeer Tungus and other tribes, N.W. Manchuria (33. 351—454); specimens of post-war emergency money, France (33. 501); ethnological specimens, Bunyoro, Ankole, Baganda, and Bukedi tribes, Uganda (33. 510—520); bronze cruciform brooch, Anglo-Saxon, Undley, Suffolk (33. 540); socketed bronze axe, China (33. 548); jade *tiki*, bone and wooden *meres*, and wooden fish-hook, New Zealand; wooden club and bone ornament, Marquesas Islands; arrow, New Hebrides;

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- sun-spectacles, copper blade, wooden bow, and arrows, Arctic America (33. 551—567); pottery figure, pieces of textile, and cactus-spine needle, Peru (33. 668—675; 679—687); stone tools, Hockwold and Weeting, Norfolk, and Lakenheath, Suffolk; two palstaves, Middle Bronze Age, Hockwold and Methwold, Norfolk; pewter dish, Roman Period, Lakenheath, Suffolk; *magatama*, of carnelian, agate, and other stones, and specimens of currency, Japan (33. 717—725); eoliths, Bawdsey, Suffolk (33. 811).
- Collier, Mr I. C. S*: Samples of trade-beads, Abyssinia (33. 616—620).
- Copenhagen Nationalmuseet, received in exchange from*: Important Eskimo collection, chiefly archaeological, from East and West Greenland, Arctic Canada, and Siberia (33. 101—200).
- Crowfoot, Mr J.*: Red-ware pot, Dongola Province, Sudan (33. 615).
- Dabell, Mr Charles*: Fragment of bark-cloth, Republic of Honduras (33. 677).
- Dewey, Professor*: Coup de poing and flint flakes, Hanwell, Middlesex (33. 776).
- Dutton, Mr F. H.*: Women's loin-dresses, Basutoland (33. 469—471).
- Egypt Exploration Society*: Beads and pendants of glass and faience, and fragment of limestone carving, Tell el Amarna (33. 710—716).
- Fowler, Major Gordon*: Spearhead, Middle Bronze Age, Methwold, Norfolk (33. 746).
- Friends of the Museum*: Rectangular gold bar, *barrinha*, Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa (33. 599).
- Fuller, Mr A. F.*: Pottery bowl, Early Iron Age, Coveney, Cambs. (33. 608).
- Garvey, Mr R. H.*: Three stone adzes, near San Cristobal; flint from quarry, Small Malaita, British Solomon Islands (33. 572—575).
- Gore, Mrs Lester*: Three stone lamps, Alaska (33. 298—300).
- Graham, Mr C.*: Beads, bead belt, silver and glass ornaments, copper and aluminium rings, and twig and grass used for decorating pots, nearly all bought in or near Katsina, N. Nigeria (33. 576—592).
- Greist, Mrs*: Stringed bolas, Point Barrow, Alaska (33. 297).
- Guillemard, the late Dr F. H. H.*: Gilt iron currency, horn spoon, and metal hair-ornaments, Liukiu Islands; bone buckle and baker's wooden stamp, Cyprus (33. 610—614).
- Haddon, Mr E. B.*: Chipped flints, Sherahand Omdurman, Nile Valley (33. 784).
- Haylock, Mr A.*: Polished stone axe, Manea, Cambs. (33. 734).
- Jennings, Mr C. R.*: Tools of coup de poing type, flint chisel, and knife, Kennet, Higham, Tuddenham and Herrings-well, Suffolk (33. 787—788; 812—813).
- Jerusalem, British School of Archaeology at*: Specimens of flint industries from chimneys I and II and levels B to Ed, Tabun cave, Wadi el Mughara, Mount Carmel (33. 789—797).
- Kenny, Mr E. J. A.*: Sherds of large jar, Roman Period, Stagsholt, Norfolk (33. 506); Castor ware beaker and pottery fragments, Roman Period, Nordelph, Norfolk (33. 536—539).
- Lachlan, Dr R.*: Grave group, Anglo-Saxon, Barton Road, Cambridge (33. 625).
- Leaf, Mr C. S.*: Fragment of large beaker, Bronze Age, Burnt Fen, Cambs. (33. 622).
- Le Strange, Mr H.*: Flint implements, Ringstead, Norfolk (33. 601—607; 810).
- Lucas, Dr Charles*: Pottery bowl, Roman Period, Burwell, Cambs. (33. 733).
- Mahr, Dr Adolf*: Plaster cast of gaming-board, Viking Period, found at Ballinderry, Co. Westmeath, Ireland (33. 621).
- Meadows, Mr IP. A.*: Palstave, Middle Bronze Age, Little Shelford, Cambs. (33. 744).
- Millard, Mr J. F.*: Two black pottery bowls, Basuto, Herschel, Cape Province, S. Africa (33. 819—820).
- Minns, Professor*: Crystal *magatama*, Japan (33. 737).
- Moir, Mr J. Reid*: Two tertiary eoliths, Ipswich, Suffolk (33. 533).
- Nance, Mr R. Morton*: Two killicks, lie de Bréhat, Brittany and Co. Cork, Ireland (33. 534—535).
- Nash, Mr F. H.*: Set of leather puppets for shadow plays, Federated Malay States (33. 549); rolled, polished celt from shore, Lowestoft, Suffolk (33. 785).
- Newman, Mr L. F.*: Gold clip, Ashanti (33. 599).
- Page, Mr R. P.*: Enamelled silver bracelet and ear-ring, Kachin, N. Burma (33. 738—739).
- Palmer, Sir H. R.*: Wooden trident, iron-headed trident, ceremonial spear, and two models of hoes, Gambia (33.522—525).
- Prime, Mr T.*: Two glass bottles, XVIII Century, Cambridge (33. 736).
- Richardson, Mr H.*: Denarius of Trajan, Cambridge (33. 609).
- Rosier, Miss M.*: Specimens of emergency currency, Germany and Austria (33. 704—709).
- Roth, Mr G. Kingsley*: Carved stone figure, Santa Anna Island, Solomon Islands (33. 550).
- Rymill, Mr John*: Ethnographical collection from Angmagsalik, East Greenland, and objects from graves and old house-sites, East Greenland (33. 697—698; 840—850).
- Sayce, Mr R. U.*: Ethnographical collection, including dress, weapons, ornaments, utensils, musical instruments, models, and specimens of pottery, weaving, and thatching materials, Natal, Basutoland, and Zululand (33. 312—350; 461—468).
- Seligman, Mrs C. G.*: String of blue beads, Lotuko, Sudan (33. 600).
- Tebbutt, Mr C. F.*: Small stone tools, flakes, and ? ochre pencils, India (33. 99).
- Todd, Mr J. S.*: Decorated bone needle, ? Bronze Age, and grey pottery bowl, Roman Period, Cassington, Oxfordshire (33. 623—624).
- Walston, Lady*: Double jar of black pottery, Peru (33. 678).
- Warren, Mr H.*: Clactonian tools, flint implements and pottery, Clacton and Dovercourt, Essex; flint implements, Ambleteuse and Hardelot, N. France (33. 801—806).
- Way, Mr R. S.*: Decorated pottery fragments, Anglo-Saxon, Little Wilbraham, Cambs. (33. 821).
- Wayland, Mr E. T.*: Series of stone tools, including coups de poing, cleavers, ovates, Levallois flakes, and trimmed pebbles, Nsongezi, Uganda (33. 751—775).
- Westley, Miss F. E.*: Archaeological collection, including stone and bronze implements, Romano-British pottery, fine cruciform brooch, Anglo-Saxon, bronze and iron keys, pottery, and daggers, Mediaeval, from neighbourhood of Soham, Cambs. (33. 476—500; 814—818).
- Wild, Captain Robert*: Quartz ball and "god-axes", Gold Coast; flint chisel, Grimes Graves, Norfolk (33. 530—532); potsherds, stone implements, and red-painted female figure, various sites, Ashanti (33. 596—598; 692—696; 777—783).