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During the year there have been registered 1270 numbers; this implies a still greater number of acquisitions, as one number often includes several specimens. The process of registration implies carefully investigating the provenance of the objects, inquiring into their artistic and cultural connexions, and putting them into a satisfactory physical condition: if an object is deemed worthy to be exhibited, it must also be set up suitably and an informative label prepared. In the past the work of registration was not always done as fully and exactly as present practice requires, and a concurrent effort is being made to supply deficiencies in older entries.

The collections of early pottery in the Maudslay Hall have been almost entirely rearranged during the year. The whole of the wall-cases on the east side now contain foreign pottery, including the large collection from Hungary, material excavated during recent years in Poland and the Balearic Islands, specimens from the Swiss Lake Dwellings, Greece, and the Near East, and the series from China, to which a number of Neolithic polychrome urns have been added. The British pottery, mainly East Anglian, is now arranged along the south and west walls in a continuous series beginning with Beakers and ending with a few early mediaeval specimens, the bulk of the mediaeval pottery formerly on view having been put for the present into store. It is hoped that this arrangement will be more intelligible than the former one both to students and to visitors. A large case is now available for showing recent accessions, and has been filled with grave-groups from the Iron Age and Romano-British cemetery at Guilden Morden which is being excavated for the Cambridge Antiquarian Society by Mr T. C. Lethbridge. Two Early Bronze Age grave-groups have been put on view in a small hanging case. Temporary trestle-cases have been put up to show material excavated from Bronze Age occupation-sites in the Fens by Dr J. G. D. Clark and by Mr C. S. Leaf, and potsherds excavated in recent years from various local sites by Mr Lethbridge and Mr C. F. Tebbutt, arranged to show a suggested typological series of Late Saxon pottery. Another temporary case holds a number of shouldered axes and casts from various parts of Asia, to show the distribution of a type which is being much discussed at the moment.

Many additions have been made to the collection of Primitive Currency, and Mr H. F. Bird has rearranged the Chinese and one of the African cases to include them. Hanging cases have been made in the Museum to show a shell-disc belt from the Marshall Islands and a length of tapa from New Britain.

In the Babington Hall, further specimens have been added to the case of potsherds and stone implements from the Gold Coast given by Captain Wild. The Tuareg shield given by Mr A. Courtauld has been put on view above the Suaan collection, in a case made for it in the Museum, and a group of double-headed spears round one of the pillars illustrates Professor K. G. Lindblom's paper on 'Spears with two or more heads' in the 'Essays presented to C. G. Seligman.'

New specimens have been added to the case of Peruvian textiles and to the South American archaeological case below it. A temporary display has been made of some of the Eskimo archaeological material collected by Mr T. T. Paterson when with Mr Wordie's expedition in 1934.

A skull trophy from a Kenyah village in Sarawak, collected by Dr Haddon in 1899, has been put on view in the entrance-hall.

Dr A. C. Haddon, Honorary Keeper of the New Guinea Collections, reports that the arrangement of the New Guinea Collections in the gallery of the main hall is now completed, so far as any museum installation can be considered as final, and illustrated hand-books have been provided for all the main culture-areas. Mr Gregory Bateson has helped in the arrangement of the Sepik cases and has written a handbook of the culture, illustrated by his own photographs. A noteworthy addition is a small case of beautiful axes with stone blades from the newly discovered district about Mount Hagen in the centre of New Guinea. Owing to the appointment of Miss Nicol Smith to the Curatorship of the Museum at Zanzibar we shall no longer have the valuable help she has given us for several years.

Mr C. B. Humphreys, Honorary Keeper of the Melanesian Collections, is again in New Zealand and unable to make a report; he has been occupied with the rearrangement of the collections from New Britain and New Ireland.

Colonel F. J. Hayter, Honorary Keeper of the Australian and Fiji Collections, reports that the Australian stone implements moved from the Andrews Gallery last year have been arranged in a cabinet in the Bevan Hall. Various specimens in the Fiji cases have been rearranged and freshly set up. Printed information concerning the contents in twenty show-cases is now provided. Books

of reference, hand-painted illustrations, and photographs are now accessible for inspection in two drawers under the show-cases in the Bevan Hall. A considerable amount of time has been devoted to verifying native names of places, persons, and things as recorded by collectors about sixty years ago; Mr G. Kingsley Roth has kindly replied to nearly one hundred and fifty queries on such points, and has consequently provided reliable information concerning many matters previously open to doubt. Mrs Lock, who has many of the late Baron A. von Hügel's notes and records, has furnished some 900 native names for types of weapons and implements. This research makes a valuable addition to the records, but has necessitated numerous additions and alterations to nearly fifteen hundred entries relating to Fiji, and accordingly delayed the completion of a catalogue of exhibits.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, reports that a further exceedingly important series of stone implements from Miss Garrod's excavations at Mount Carmel has been arranged. Typological series illustrating the complete succession of stone industries in Uganda have been promised by Mr Wayland and have begun to arrive; it is difficult to see where this important collection is to be properly housed and set out. A show case and a few drawers have been allotted to the Fenland Research Committee to display the results of their fruitful excavations in the Cambridge fens.

Mr Ralph Griffin, Honorary Keeper of the Collection of Monumental Brass Rubbings, reports that the collection is in good order and though no special work has been undertaken in the year opportunity occurred to render the series from Derbyshire more complete, and during the autumn certain small brasses hitherto not recorded in Wiltshire were obtained. The outstanding event has been the noble gift by Mr Mill Stephenson, F.S.A. (Gonville and Caius College), of his entire collection of books and pamphlets on the subject, which has been housed in a bookcase constructed for it which stands close to the collection of rubbings and so is most convenient for anyone who wishes to deal with them. Mr Ruck and Mr Missen have continued their useful help in the surveillance of the whole.

Mr T. A. G. Strickland has continued his most valuable services as Honorary Photographer.

Mr H. H. Brindley has been appointed Honorary Keeper of the Water Transport Collections. (See *Reporter*, 5 March 1935, p. 699.)

Mr H. C. Beck kindly spent a week during the summer in working on the collection of beads.

Major Gordon Fowler has been of great assistance to the Museum on various occasions.

Ethnological specimens were lent to the Exhibition of Primitive Art held during the early summer by the Burlington Fine Arts Club.

The continued increase in the number of visitors to the Museum and the visits of classes from local schools and members of local societies show the usefulness of the Museum to the Borough and neighbourhood.

HADDON PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION. During the year the Museum has received from Dr Haddon a gift of the first importance in the shape of his collection of several thousands of anthropological photographs, accumulated by him over a very long period and from every part of the world. In honour of Dr Haddon's eightieth birthday these photographs had been put in order, prints made from the negatives, and the whole collection catalogued, uniformly mounted, and arranged in a cabinet specially made for them. A number of his friends subscribed the necessary sum, and the work of indexing and arrangement was undertaken by Miss A. Nicol Smith; Messrs Kodak carried out the technical processes. At an informal party held in the Museum on May 24, his eightieth birthday, the results of this work were shown and the cabinet presented to Dr Haddon, who accepted the tribute, but immediately gave the whole collection into the possession of the Museum. The value of this gift is inestimable, and the Board wishes to express its deep appreciation of Dr Haddon's generosity. The large number of photographs already in the Museum have now been incorporated in the collection; many hundreds have been added, chiefly by friends of Dr Haddon, and it is hoped that the collection, which will be called the Haddon Photographic Collection, will steadily increase. It is already one of the most comprehensive in existence.

LIBRARY. Two very large gifts have been made to the Library, one by Dr Haddon and the other by the Curator. Dr Haddon has presented nearly 400 books, many dealing with Africa, and an innumerable and most valuable collection of pamphlets, papers, and MS notes dealing with all branches of anthropology. Mr Clarke's gift included several hundred books and very numerous pamphlets, the majority dealing with Asia and America, two of the areas hitherto least well represented in the library. He has also kindly given four glass-fronted bookcases. Unfortunately it will not be possible, owing to lack of space, to put more than a few of these books on the shelves until the library is moved to its new quarters; but the work of incorporating them has begun, thanks to the kindness of Miss E. S. Fegan, who spent much time during November in cataloguing

Dr Haddon's books and classifying Mr Clarke's, and in making a preliminary sorting of Dr Haddon's pamphlets. The Museum is much indebted to her for this valuable help.

Thanks are due to the following also for gifts of books and pamphlets: Dr F. J. Allen, Mr E. A. B. Barnard, Mr Bodger, Mr N. Boston, Mr J. H. Bullock, Mr M. C. Burkitt, Dr J. Butter, Mr R. R. Clarke, Mr S. Cowles, Miss Guda Duyvis, Mr Ivor Evans, Miss E. S. Fegan, Miss Mary Froude, Mr L. J. P. Gaskin, the Master of Jesus College, Mr Ralph Griffin, Mr E. B. Haddon, Colonel F. J. Hayter, Mr C. B. Humphreys, Mr R. W. Hutchinson, Mr K. H. Jackson, Dr Gerhard Lindblom, Miss E. J. Lindgreu, Mr A. G. Madan, Dr Adolf Mahr, Professor Minns, Sir Robert Mond, Dr Margaret Murray, Mr L. F. Newman, Mr S. P. O'Riordain, Dr W. M. Palmer, Mr T. T. Paterson, Mr T. G. Powell, Mrs Quiggin, Dr Søren Richter, Mr J. Saltmarsh, the Master of Downing College, Mr J. A. Stanford, Mr T. A. G. Strickland, the Bergen Museum, the Fitzwilliam Museum, the Government Archivist of Ceylon, and the Manager of Publications, Delhi.

ACCOUNTS. See *Reporter*, 14 November 1935, p. 120, under the heading 'Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology'.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1935

- Akroyd, Mr B.*: Two fire-sticks, Batwa tribe, Uganda (35. 772).
Anderson, Mr B. C.: Spears, bow and arrows, poncho, and two caps made of vegetable fibre, Perene district, Peru (35. 351—355).
Bateson, Mr Gregory: Extensive and valuable ethnographical collection, Sepik River, Mandated Territory of New Guinea (35. 1—171; 178—181).
Bird, Mr H. F.: Specimens of currency, including iron double bell and Jimbu shell purses, Congo, shell arm-ring and turtle shell rings, New Britain, and fibre cord, Marshall Islands (35. 1191—1198).
British Museum: Archaeological series, including stone vessels, shell lamp, pottery nails, inscribed brick, bronze tools, weapons and ornaments, and silver rings, Ur, Mesopotamia (35. 60f—629).
Burchell, Mr J. P. T.: Early Palaeolithic flakes, Ebbsfleet channel, Lower Thames valley (35. 966).
Burton-Brown, Mr T.: Potsherds and polished stone knife, Neolithic, Erimi, Cyprus (35. 403—406).
Bushnell, Mr G. H. S.: Archaeological series, including copper tools and ornaments, pottery whorls, beads and stamps, shell axes, fishhooks, pendants and beads, and stone fragments, La Libertad, Ecuador (35. 356—378).
Butter, Dr J.: Flint scrapers, trapezes, points and other tools, from a late Tardenoisian site at Budel, South Holland (35. 201—208).
Cambridge Antiquarian Society: Palstave, Middle Bronze Age, Hunston, Suffolk; British gold coin, Early Iron Age, West Wratting, and bronze statuette of Mercury, Roman Period, Manea Fen, Cambs. (35. 976—978).
Cater, Mr J.: Stone adze-head, Easter Island (35. 409).
Cheesman, Miss E.: Shell trumpet and three clay heads, New Hebrides (35. 943—944).
Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments: Roman 'second brass' coin of Antoninus Pius, found on site of new Post Office, Cambridge (35. 650).
Churchill, Mrs Winston: Wooden spear, paddle and bow, and carved wooden shields, Eilanden River, New Guinea (35. 196—200); wooden spears, throwing club and bow, and arrows of bamboo and wood, Bellona Island (35. 936—941).
Clark, Dr J. G. D.: Series of flint implements, pygmy tools, cores and flakes, Gudunaa River culture, Jutland (35. 993—995).
Clarke, Mr L. C. G.: Perforated stone axe-hammer, Thorney Hill, Ely, Cambs. (35.209); extensive archaeological series from China, including specimens of bridge, spade, and bell currency, knife, dragon's-eye, *pu*, and other coins, jade cicada and tongue-piece, eye-beads, and a number of fine Neolithic polychrome urns from Kansu; bronze gorget, North European
Bronze Age type, and fragmentary bronze girdle, La Tène type, said to have been found in Whorlebury Camp, Somerset; seal of Clement's Inn, London, circa 1800, brass seal matrix, circa 1700, Italy, and two brass seals of Cuzco, Peru; three etched cornelian beads, provenance unknown, and string of stone beads, Asia; small gold mask from near Cuenca, Ecuador; jade pendant and beads, Costa Rica and Guatemala; one copper and two gold figurines, cast metal conch-shell, and two copper models, Colombia, S. America; specimens of early textiles, Peru; greenstone pendants, New Zealand, and two tattooing implements, Polynesia; ladle of musk-ox horn, ivory bird-bolas and other objects, bone knife and miniature combs, and fishhooks and fishing-decoy, Eskimo, Arctic America; silver seal-box, 1832, England; currency belt of coconut shell discs, Micronesia; gilt-bronze figure of Buddha, Siam; gilt and bronze figures of Buddha, and jewelled lid of amulet box, Tibet (35. 251—350); hoard of 816 Roman coins, *Antoniniani*, Elagabalus to Tetricus II, found at Linwood Farm, March, Cambs. (35. 410—598; 630—643); whale-bone and baleen scoop with wooden handle, Eskimo, Arctic America (35. 600).
Cobbett, Dr L.: Pot in the form of a group of human figures, Peru (35. 398).
Colani, Mlle.: Two shouldered stone axes, Luang Prabang, Laos, French Indo-China (35. 999—1000).
Collings, Mr H. D.: Casts of two shouldered axes, Federated Malay States (35. 934).
Cornier, Alderman J. S.: Neck of pottery bottle, Romano-British, Bourn Bridge, Abington, Cambs. (35. 186).
Conder, Mr H. S.: Ground stone axe and series of potsherds, Siparia, Trinidad (35. 399—400).
Courtauld, Mr A.: Tuareg shield of white oryx hide, Air, Southern Sahara (35. 769).
Dawson, Mr J. and Mr A. D. Passmore: Pottery vessels and sherds, including fragments of Samian and Castor ware, excavated from a Roman well, Exning, Suffolk (35. 956—965).
Dorling, Ilev. E. E.: Ivory figure of Buddha, XVIII century, Burma (35. 1272).
Easy, Mr B.: Small spearhead with loop, Middle Bronze Age, Downham Hythe, Norfolk (35. 935).
Evans, Mr Ivor: Flint and steel, two iron and two marble balls, China (35. 847—849); three bamboo mouth-flutes, nose-flute, and flageolet, Federated Malay States (35. 945—948); silver shoe ingot used as currency, China, and collection of Chinese gambling-tokens, Siam (35. 1199—1200).
Fegan, Miss E. S.: Wooden winding-wheel, *chakakara*, Katsina, Northern Nigeria (35. 247).
Fremantle, the Executors of the late Hon. W.: Carved wooden comb, West Africa (35. 768).

- Fuchs, Jt F.*: Ethnological collection, including specimens of dress, head-dresses of human hair, labrets, armlets, and other ornaments, clubs, spear, fighting-bracelets, and other weapons, vessels of wood, pottery, gourds, horn, and basketry, head-rests, game and fish traps, specimens of raw material, etc., Turkana, Rendile, and El Molo tribes, Lake Rudolf region, East Africa (35. 676—767).
- Gene, Mr A. S. F.*: Hide-covered chair with brass ornaments, Ashanti, Gold Coast (35. 651).
- Griffin, Mr Ralph*: Ten monumental brasses, some fragmentary, XV—XVII century, England (35. 980—989).
- Haddon, Dr A. C.*: Extensive and valuable collection of woven cloths, including jackets, *kalambi*, skirts, *bidang*, loin-cloths, *sirat*, and blankets, *pua*, from Sarawak, Bogobo woman's skirt and textile strip, Mindanao, Philippine Islands (35. 851—886; 888—899; 901—933).
- Haddon, Mr K. B.*: Gourd with lid, standing in grass basket, Uganda (35. 1241).
- Hall, Mr R. de Z.*: Set of ornaments belonging to a witchdoctor, decorated gourd, and box made of acacia-bark, Wasukuma tribe, Tanganyika Territory (35. 773—775).
- Herzfeld, Professor Ernst*: Shell, cornelian, and limestone beads, and flint flake, from a Neolithic grave, Samarra, Iraq (35. 996—997).
- Hose, Mr C.*: Woven skirt, *bidang*, Sarawak (35. 900).
- Humphreys, Mr C. B.*: Stone scraper, picked up at Quita Bay, Milford Sound, South Island, New Zealand (35. 942).
- Hunt, Mr and Mrs J.*: Leaf-shaped sword, Late Bronze Age, East Anglia (35. 998).
- Larin, Miss S. E.*: Drinking-vessel made of birch-bark, Lapp, Jamtland, Sweden (35. 850).
- Lawrence, Mr A. E.*: Woven skirt, *bidang*, Sarawak (35. 887).
- Leaf, Mr <f. S.*: Spear-ferrule, Bronze Age, dredged from Little Ouse above Wilton Bridge, Norfolk; ground stone bucket, Pontresina (35. 949—950); potsherds, Early Iron Age, from a gravel-pit, and two bowls, Bronze Age and Early Iron Age, excavated from a barrow, Chippenham, Cambs.; potsherds, flint tools, etc., from a Bronze Age occupation-site, Mildenhall Fen (35. 1245—1250).
- Leakey, Dr L. S. B.*: Two horn needles for sewing leather, used by Masai of Loetolil, south of Olduvai, Tanganyika; pottery bowl used in canoes as a hearth, East Coast of Africa (35. 770—771).
- le Strange, Mr H.*: Flint scraper, Sedgeford, Norfolk (35. 967); series of flint scrapers, picks, arrowheads, and other implements, Ringstead, Norfolk (35. 1201—1225).
- Lindgren, Miss E. J.*: Ethnological collection, including wearing apparel, tools, birch-bark boxes and other objects, tobacco-bags, cradle, reindeer harness, saddles and saddlebags, model tent covers, rings, roll of birchbark, etc., Reindeer Tungus tribe, Bystraya River, Ganchen tribe, Gan River, and Kumarchen tribe, Kumara River, Manchuria; Tibetan cloth, Hailar Mongol messenger's stick, and cymbals, Mongol, N.W. Manchuria (35. 776—843).
- Macgregor, Mr IF.*: Feather headdress, hair wigs, forehead bands, and necklaces, Mandated Territory of New Guinea (35. 172—177).
- Manning, Mr T. H.*: Dog-whip, bone spearhead, part of ivory snow-knife, and small flint implement, Eskimo, Southampton Island, Arctic Canada (35. 1140—1143).
- Morris, Major C. J.*: Gurkha man's garment of cotton cloth, Gurung tribe, Ghandruk district, Western Nepal (35. 599).
- Nance, Mr R. Morton*: Model of a killick, Newfoundland (35. 979).
- Noone, Mr H. V.*: Stone axes, adzes, gouge and other implements, various sites, Federated Malay States (35. 968—975).
- Norwich and Norfolk Hospital*: Collection of human skulls and casts (35. 1276—1297).
- Palmer, Dr IF. M.*: Roman box-tile, Cambridgeshire (35. 249).
- Phillips, Mr C. II.*: Flint flakes and core, and sherds of Beaker and Early Iron Age pottery, excavated from Tberfield Heath long barrow, Royston, Herts.; fragment of large Castor ware vase with figure of Hercules, Romano-British, Welney, Norfolk (35. 181—185); barbed and tongued flint arrowhead, Peacock's Farm, Burnt Fen, Cambs. (35. 408i); tradesman's token, XVII century, Royston, Herts. (35. 649).
- Preston, Mr J.*: Five glass and two stone spearpoints, and numerous microliths, Australia (35. 401—402).
- Raphael, Mr Oscar*: Jade earpick, cicada and thin axe-like implement, China (35. 844—846).
- Rogers, Mr Frank*: Iron chain with spiral links, Uganda (35. 248).
- Rogers, Dr G. F.*: Five scarabs, silver ring set with cornelian, and numerous beads of faience, agate, glass and other materials, Egypt; four jade and gold pipe-mounts, Damascus; brass icon, XVIII century, Russia; stone axe, Neolithic, Malta; specimen of paper currency, Algeria (35. 1151—1189).
- Rollleston, Mr Ian*: Small silver kohl-bottle and amulet-case, made by a Lamu man, Pemba, East Africa (35. 1239—1240).
- Riley, Mr D. N.*: Sherds of Beaker and 'Dutch Megalithic *pottery', and flint tools, cores and flakes, Bronze Age, from occupation-sites at Risby Warren and Roxby, Lincolnshire (35. 1242—1244).
- Sedgwick Museum*: Series of flints from Grimes Graves, Norfolk (35. 1237).
- Seligman, Professor C. G.*: Five spears, from west of Fly River, New Guinea (35. 193); series of prehistoric potsherds, stone axes and arrowheads, and shells from shell-mounds, various sites, Japan; incised potsherds, stone club-head, charms, and plaited necklace, New Guinea; Nuba bowl, S. Kordofan, Sudan (35. 226—247).
- Shaw, Mr IF. Kennedy*: Series of coups de poing, axes, flake-tools, pygmies, hammerstones, and other implements, from the surface of the desert north-west of Khartum, Sudan (35. 1226—1236).
- Shellshear, Mr J.*: Cast of a shouldered axe, Lamma Island, Hong Kong (35. 407).
- Sorley, the late Professor*: Basalt club, *mere*, stone axes, whale ivory cloak-fasteners and pendants, carved canoe-prow, feather-box and staff, reed basket, fishhooks, and other objects, New Zealand (35. 1251—1271).
- Trevor, Major*: Stone celt, from a tin-working near Jos, Northern Nigeria (35. 1238).
- Wayman, Miss*: Small jug, Romano-British, Denver, Norfolk (35. 250).
- Westley, Miss E. E., in memory of the late J. B. Westley*: Flint dagger, arrowheads and small tool, and Ifronze dagger, Bronze Age, and roughly-made square pottery dish, Mediaeval, from the neighbourhood of Soham, Cambs. (35. 644—648).
- Wild, Captain Robert*: Archaeological collection, including stone axes and other implements, numerous potsherds, and ancient jasper bead; and ethnological specimens, including wooden Ashanti stool, pottery cooking dish, brass and leather armlets, spindle and spindle-whorls, brass lamp, wooden comb, thatching cord, iron bars and slag, etc., various sites, Gold Coast; black wooden mask, Dahomey; black pottery vessel, Togoland (35. 210—225; 652—675; 951—955).
- Wordie Arctic Expedition, 1934*: Extensive and valuable series of archaeological material, Eskimo, excavated from houses, graves, and middens, various sites, West Greenland; ethnological specimens, Eglinton Fjord, Clyde Post, and Frobisher Bay, Baffin Land (35. 1001—1139).

DEPOSITS.

- Gordon, Mr D. C. Lindsey*: Socketed axe, Late Bronze Age, Hankley Common, Tilford, Surrey (35. D. 1).
- Thesiger, Mr Wilfred*: Three spearheads, Abyssinia (35. D. 2—4).