

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1948—49

9 November 1949.

The FACULTY BOARD OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY beg leave to present to the University their Annual Report on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology for the year 1 October 1948 to 30 September 1949.

1. Mr C. B. Humphreys of Christ's College, Honorary Keeper of the Oceanic Collections, died in Boston in January.

A citizen of the United States of America, he retired early from a business career about 1915, and having become interested in anthropology, he decided after war service to come to Cambridge and study under Dr Haddon. From 1919 onwards he spent a considerable part of each year in Cambridge, except when prevented by the recent War. He undertook many journeys to the Pacific Islands and New Zealand for the benefit of the Museum, and the results of his generosity are apparent in the accessions lists from 1921 onwards. He published *The Southern New Hebrides, an ethnological record* in 1926. He undertook the care of the Oceanic collections from 1925 and was appointed Honorary Keeper in 1930. He was of the greatest possible help to the curators under whom he served and is very much missed. In tribute to his memory the Board cannot do better than quote from a letter from an American friend "I think the most remarkable thing about him, apart from his personal qualities of gentleness and good-humour, was the blending of American and English education, speech, outlook, and sympathies".

2. Miss C. I. Fell was appointed Assistant Curator from 1 October 1948. During the year her work has been of immense value; her special field is European archaeology, but she has also been very active in cataloguing the Beck collection of beads, the Mackintosh collection of Egyptian amulets, and the Acworth collection of Egyptian antiquities, and in sorting out the African store cupboards.

3. The thanks of the Board are due to the Honorary Keepers for their care of their respective departments, and to Miss J. Liversidge who has given much time to the study and arrangement of the Romano-British collection.

4. The re-arrangement of the Museum has made good progress, though seriously handicapped by illness among the assistants, one of whom was off duty for five months and another for four and a half months.

In the Keyser Hall the Roman and Iron Age bays have been completed, and the Bronze Age bay is almost ready. The Anglo-Saxon and Medieval collections have been displayed in the old entrance hall, and the arrangement is complete apart from minor details. In the Babington Hall there has been considerable progress with the African collections. An exhibit of West African art has been arranged in the central case. The cutting of doorways leading to the new building has made it necessary to reconstruct the end case in three parts, and advantage of this was taken to build a new store-cupboard against the end wall. A new Congo exhibit is being placed in one of the rebuilt cases. All the store cupboards in this hall have undergone a preliminary sorting and some of the material has been removed into the new building.

5. After long delay, the temporary extension to the Museum was nearly ready at the end of the period covered by this Report. The workshop is partly in use and is a great improvement on the old one. The brass rubbings have been moved to their new home. The photographic studio is in use, but certain details are still lacking. Some African material has gone into the store on the first floor.

6. The Ordinances relating to the Museum have been reviewed by the Faculty Board during the year. Revised regulations have since been published (*Reporter*, 1949—50, p. 223) and approved by Grace 5 of 12 November 1949.

7. An exhibition of primitive art, drawn mainly from the Museum collections and arranged by Mr L. C. G. Clarke, was held in the Fitzwilliam Museum from January to June.

8. The Curator took part in a series of discussions with the Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum and Dr U. R. Evans, Reader in the Science of Metallic Corrosion, on the treatment of bronze disease. An improved method for the treatment of local spots of corrosion was devised by Dr Evans.

9. The Assistant Curator was selected to take part in an exchange scheme for young archaeologists organized by the Council for British Archaeology and spent six weeks in Denmark in July and August.

The Curator represented the University at the XXIXth International Congress of Americanists in New York from 5 to 12 September 1949, and paid brief visits also to the museums at the Universities of Yale, Harvard, and Philadelphia.

10. *Stone Age Collections.* Mr M. C. Burkitt, the Honorary Keeper, reports that a small cabinet has now been selected for the special series of flint implements given by Mr H. V. Noone in memory of his son, and a suitable plaque has been affixed.

The Museum has for some time housed the main part of the Stone Age collections from the oasis of Kharga, the results of the explorations made by Miss Caton-Thompson in 1931—32. A large representative series has now been presented to the Museum by Miss Caton-Thompson; this has been set out in a show case in the Keyser Hall and forms a very valuable addition to the African Stone Age collections. Ordinary routine work involving some minor changes in the show cases has been continued.

11. *Bronze Age Collections.* Dr J. G. D. Clark, the Honorary Keeper, reports that in the course of the year the arrangement of the funerary pottery, bronzes, and material from settlement sites from the Cambridge Region has been completed.

Further work remains to be done on material from other localities in the British Isles and from the Continent. The collection of pottery from Swiss localities was examined by Prof. Emil Vogt of Zurich, who singled out a pottery trumpet form as being unique; a cast of this has been made for the Swiss National Museum.

12. *Anglo-Saxon Collections.* Mr T. C. Lethbridge, the Honorary Keeper, reports that much progress has been made in arranging the exhibit in the Old Entrance Hall. Excavations at Lackford continued until the early part of 1949 when they had to be suspended owing to the planting of trees on the site. Considerable work has been done in cataloguing, restoring, and cleaning the pots found there.

13. *Monumental Brass Rubbings.* Mr G. A. E. Ruck, the Honorary Keeper, reports that the work of examining and arranging the Macklin Collection has continued during the year. He hopes to make it the basis of a secondary collection arranged according to types; this will greatly help research. He has paid a visit to Bedfordshire and with the assistance of Mr A. B. Connor, F.S.A. has made rubbings or dabbings of almost every accessible brass, besides making several new discoveries. The most important of the latter is an inscription in Lombardic letters to Walter de Irlaund, Rector, 1311, at Dean, Bedfordshire, which still contains fourteen brass letters, the brass cross commencing the inscription, and four brass stops. No other known brass of this type contains more than three or four letters. The collection is now very satisfactorily housed in its new room in the extension.

14. *The American Collections,* Mr L. C. G. Clarke, the Honorary Keeper, reports that in the Maudslay Hall a new case is being arranged in order to exhibit the Peruvian collections more logically and embody some results of recent research. A small but important collection of North American ethnological objects, mainly collected by Admiral Swaine during his voyage with Vancouver from 1792—95, was bought from the Wisbech Museum with the aid of Mr Bird's bequest mentioned in last year's Report.

A collection of pottery and stone objects from the Panamanian province of Code, received in exchange from the Peabody Museum of Harvard University, is the only one of its kind in Europe.

A gap in the Colombian collection was filled by the acquisition of a few examples of Quimbaya pottery.

15. *The Osteological Collections.* On behalf of Dr W. L. H. Duckworth, the Honorary Keeper, Mr J. C. Trevor reports that the skeleton of the Kivu gorilla has been articulated and mounted and forms a valuable addition to the series of non-human primates, specimens of each sub-family of this Order, and of all the genera of the anthropomorphous apes now being represented in the collections. Rare casts of the unrestored Eyasi skull, *Africanthropus njarasensis* Weinert, and of the occipital bone of a second (male) individual from the same site have been presented by their discoverer Dr Ludwig Kohl-Larsen of Thumen-Schlachters bei Lindau, Bavaria. Further accessions were received from the following:

Cambridge Archaeological Field Club: skulls and skull fragments of five individuals of Anglo-Saxon date from the War Ditches, Cherry Hinton, Cambridgeshire.

Messrs R. J. Green and K. P. Humphries: portions of three Romano-British skeletons from Green's Gravel Pit, Milton, Cambridgeshire.

Among overseas visitors who have worked on the osteological material during the year are Dr L. H. Wells, Reader in Human Palaeontology in the University of the Witwatersrand, and Dr Mario Cappieri of the Institute di Antropologia, Rome.

16. *Accessions to the Museum.* A list of accessions, together with the names of the donors, to whom the Board are gratefully indebted, is appended to this Report.

Report on the Haddon Library

Mrs Rishbeth, the Librarian, reports that during the summer the remaining material of the Frazer collection, comprising periodicals and reprints, were all arranged and catalogued and the thanks of the Librarian are due to Miss Sylvia Callow for help in this and in other Library work. A large number of reprints given by Mr D. Jenness

have also been catalogued. The Librarian has been fortunate in receiving a large number of books and offprints as bequests or gifts during the year. The chief accession was chosen from the library of the late Mr James Hornell and consisted of about a hundred books besides a large number of useful pamphlets mostly on ships or fishing. Mention might be made of one very rare book, a pre-publication copy of *Esquisse d'une ethnographic navale du pays annamite*, by P. Paris, presented by the author to Mr Hornell. As the whole edition was destroyed during the war there must be very few copies of this book in existence. Mrs Hornell also presented the whole of her husband's collection of photographs. An opportunity to purchase some very useful books on Africa from the Rev. Ur S. R. Smith's library was kindly given by his widow. Much help in binding books was given by Mrs Strickland.

In addition the Board is much indebted to the following donors:

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1948—49

<i>Acworth Collection, presented by Mrs M. W. Acworth: Extensive collection of Egyptian antiquities (48. 2654—2810).</i>	<i>Berkley Galleries (exchange): Stone male figure, Ecuador (49. 285—296); collection of pottery, Quimbaya, Colombia (49. 354—356).</i>
<i>Ankara, British Institute at: Pottery sherds from Margin, Asia Minor (48. 2136—2156); obsidian core, Mersin (48. 2253).</i>	<i>Betts, Mrs U.: Priest's and men's dresses, Apa Tani, Assam (48. 480—484).</i>
<i>Anonymous gift: Two pieces of tie-dyed cloth, Central Coast, Peru (49. 612 a—b).</i>	<i>Bird, H. F., bequest: Swaine collection, N.W. America, purchased from Wisbech Museum (49. 190—206).</i>
<i>Bannister, Dr H.: Iron lance. Central Provinces, India (49. 176).</i>	<i>Briscoe, Lady: Bronze skillet and iron nails, Romano-British, Lakenheath (49. 45 a—b); base of Early Iron Age pot, Lakenheath (49. 603); tiles, tessary, glass, pewter and pottery,</i>
<i>Bartlett, Mr B. D. R.: Lead spindle w horl, early fourteenth century.</i>	
<i>Little Thetford, Cambs. (49. 319).</i>	

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- Romano-British, Fenhouse Farm, Brandon (48. 2254—2263, and 2277).
- British Museum*: Three boxes of sherds, Little Woodbury, Early Iron Age (49. 173—175).
- Bromwich, Mr J. I.*: Samian and other Roman pottery, probably London (48. 2465—2469); Romano-British sherds, Tilehouse Farm, Stretham, Ely (49. 47 a—D); Samian ware from Chesterford, Carlisle, and London (48. 1870—1873).
- Bullock, Mr T. IF. I.*: Pottery heads and sherds, Mexico. Buff ware skull, Guatemala (48. 2218—2227).
- BurkiU, Dr I. H.*: Bows, beer mug, helmet, spindle, and caltrop, Abor, Assam (49. 431—436).
- Cambridge Antiquarian Society*: Iron arrowhead, Medieval (49. 172); pottery, flints, jet and bone objects from Bronze Age Barrows, Snailwell (49. 298—310); pottery and other objects from Anglo-Saxon cemetery, Lackford (48. 2278, 2279; 2281—2287; 49. 1—31; 34—36; 38, 39; 54—57; 177—181; 282—284; 427—429; 579—586); Romano-British pottery from cemetery site, Guilden Morden (48. 2290—2292; 49. 614—625, 658—667).
- Camb. Drainage Dept. C.A.E.C.*: Iron horse shoe XVth century (49. 33).
- Chambers, Mrs*: Sculptured stone figure, ?XVth century, Harlton (48. 2280).
- Clark, Mr R.J.*: Blowpipe and poisoned darts, Saki tribe, Malaya (49. 608).
- Clare, The Rev. F. C.*: Glazed tiles XVth and XVIth century, Whaddon Church (49. 439).
- Cobbett Bequest*: Lacquered book of paintings on rice paper, Japan (48. 2425); three glazed bowls. Sung Dynasty, Indo-China (49. 297 a—c).
- Collins, Mr A. E. P.*: Bronze razor, pottery and flints, Early Iron Age, Cambridge (48. 2462—2464).
- Conklin, Mr H. C.*: Cane engraved with love song, Philippines (48. 2275).
- Eastern Electricity Board*: Stone capital, late XIIth century, Milton, Camb. (49. 362).
- Evans, Mr I. H. N.*: Two strings of beads, Dusun tribe, British North Borneo (49. 311, 587); pottery and brass ware, Brunei, British North Borneo (48. 2157—2167).
- Fell, Miss C. I.*: Maglemose and Ertebølle flints from Ogaard, Aamose, Denmark (49. 589—591); roughed out stone axes and flakes. Stickle Pike, Great Langdale, Westmorland (49. 592—).
- Fosbrooke, Mr H. A.*: Quern roughening stones and two bone hoes, Tanganyika (49. 599—600).
- Fowler, Mr G.*: Pony shoes and Romano-British sherds, Fenhouse Farm, Brandon (49. 40—43) part of Romano-British clay floor (49. 46); Romano-British sherds, Littleport (49. 48—53); sherds of rusticated ware (Bronze Age), Kenny Hill, Burnt Fen (49. 438); flint saddle quern (?Bronze Age) Soham Fen (49. 439); iron spearhead, knife, bronze key ring and part of squareheaded brooch, Anglo-Saxon Pagan cemetery near Ely, Camb. (48. 2264—2267).
- Franklin, Captain II. C.*: Baskets, drum, shield, fighting stick, pipe, Sudan (48. 2270—2274).
- Gadow, the late Mrs C. M.*: Collection of ethnological material from Mexico and U.S.A. (49. 485—538; 49. 576).
- Gordon, Colonel D. H.*: Four Neolithic celts, Hyderabad, India (49. 479).
- Greene, Miss M.*: Buff ware bowl, Brazil (49. 360).
- Griffiths, Miss S. A.*: Crocheted fibre cap, Angola, Africa (48. 2202); mocassins, leggings and child's suit. North America (48. 2203—2207).
- Groom, Mr N. St J.*: Himyaritic antiquities, West Aden Protectorate, Arabia (49. 626—657).
- Haddon, Mr E.B.*: Iron basket-making tool, Uganda (49. 430).
- Hornell, Mrs*: from the collection of the late Mr J. Hornell: Model boars (49. 351—353, 361); collection of ethnological objects from India, Ceylon, Red Sea, Egypt, Sudan, Polynesia, Melanesia, etc. (49. 363—425); model boats, India (49. 668—683).
- Howell, Sir Evelyn*: Man's embroidered dress, Waziristan, India (49. 37).
- Hudleston, Mr N. A.*: Flint ovate implement, Cambridge, probably Acheulean (49. 182).
- Hulton, Prof. J. H.*: Wooden beer mug, Naga Hills, Assam (49. 318).
- Jackson, Mrs*: Iron arrowhead. Cherry Hinton, ?Medieval (49. 183).
- Jones, Mr G. I.*: Carved wooden panel, cotton cloth and raffia mats, Nigeria (49. 313—316).
- Leach, Mr G. B.*: XIVth century pottery from kiln at Ashton, Cheshire (48. 2209—2217).
- Leaf, The Hon. Mrs*: from the collection of the late Mr C. S. Leaf: Flints and sherds mostly Grooved Ware and Neolithic, Honnington, Suffolk (49. 230—260); Bronze Age sherds and flints from barrows, Chippenham and Early Iron Age sherds from Freckenham (49. 261—281); Iron Age and Late Bronze Age sherds Lamboume's pit, Chippenham (49. 601—602).
- Lethbridge, Mr T. C.*: Sherds, flints, bronze brooches, War Ditches, Cherry Hinton (48. 1874—1879); sherds and bone tools. Early Iron Age, Linton, Camb. (48. 2229—2252); iron spearhead X—XIth century, Thetford (49. 32); pottery, Late Saxon, Thetford (49. 604—607); iron chains, Romano-British, Fenhouse Farm, Brandon (49. 44); flints, beaker sherds, bronze pin. Foxhole Heath, Eriswell (48. 2276).
- Milward, Mrs M.*: One hundred plaster heads, India (49. 58—157); ethnological collection including beads, baskets, weapons, ornaments and textiles, India (48. 1895—1899; 2100—2135).
- Parsons, Miss C.*: Fused glass beads, Anglo-Saxon Pagan period, Somersham Heath (49. 184).
- Parsons, Prof. T. R.*: Iron hoe in wooden haft. Southern Nigeria (49. 598).
- Paterson, Dr T. T.*: Sinew corded horn composite bow, Netsilik Eskimo, Canada (49. 426).
- Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University*: (Exchange): A collection of pottery and other objects, Coele, Panama (49. 320—342).
- Purchased*: From Bankfield Museum, Halifax, collection of pottery from Peru, Chile and British Guiana (49.540—575); from Wisbech Museum, collection of North American ethnological material (49. 207—229); by Dr R. B. Sergeant, ethnological collection including silver work, pottery, and textiles. Southern Arabia (48. 1900—2014). Also, ivory gaming board, ? Nigeria (49. 577); medieval dagger, Littleport, Camb. (49. 588).
- Sedgwick Museum*: Ten chert arrowheads, Japan (49. 312).
- Senniitt, Miss F. M.*: Palm leaf umbrella, Southern Nigeria (49. 593).
- Smith, The Rt Rev. A. IF.*: West African money, Nigeria (48. 2208).
- Spencer-Chapman, Mr F.*: Two sealskin dresses, Eskimo, East Greenland (49. 578a—b).
- Stewart, Mrs H. F.*: Two shields and a pair of sandals, Sikh, India (49. 357—359).
- Thompson, Mr J. Eric S.*: Pottery head, Guatemala; painted bowl, Hopi XVI—XVIIth century, U.S.A.: hammock, Central America (49. 609—611); pottery Ascapotzaleo, Mexico (48. 2195—2201).
- Trevor, Mr J. C.*: Mortars, pestles, and querns, Ngorongoro burial mounds, Tanganyika, Neolithic (49. 185—189); knife in leather sheath, Tanganyika (49. 317); ethnological collection, Tanganyika (48. 1880—1894).
- Trinity College*: Sherds of XIV—XVIIIth century date from the College grounds (49. 158—171).
- Walker, Sir Gilbert*: Cane flute, India (48. 2228).
- Warby, Mr W.*: Romano-British pottery, Fridaybridge, Wisbech, and Bronze Age arrowheads and bone points. West Row, Mildenhall (49. 343—350); sixty-two Illrd century Roman coins, Wisbech (49. 437).
- Wellcome Historical Medical Museum*: Collection of ethnological material from Africa, including Nigeria, Belgian Congo, Cameroons, Angola, Ivory Coast, and Gold Coast (49. 440—478).
- Wellcome, the Trustees of the late Sir Henry*: Pottery from Abu Geili, Saqadi and Dar el Mek, Sudan (48. 2168—2194).