

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1949—50

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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 1949 to 30 September 1950.

1. Bishop Smith, Honorary Keeper of the African Collections, resigned on leaving Cambridge. It is much regretted that his long experience of Africa will no longer be available.

The death of Mrs Lock deprived the Museum of one of its few remaining links with Baron von Hügel, and of an old and valued friend whose profound knowledge of the Fijian collection was always at the disposal of the staff.

The departure of Professor and Mrs Hutton leaves another large gap among the friends of the Museum. Mrs Hutton's long service as Assistant Curator gave her a knowledge of its workings which was of inestimable value, and the present staff had the full benefit of it. The Professor's knowledge of material culture, resulting from long experience in the field, and his friendly help as Head of the Department, were very greatly appreciated. The Board wish them every happiness in their retirement.

2. The Board have pleasure in thanking the Honorary Keepers for their help, without which work in the Museum would be very greatly handicapped. Miss Liversidge has again done valuable work on the Romano-British collections. Mr and Mrs G. K. Roth, on leave from Fiji, have started work on the records of the Fijian collection, and it is hoped that they will eventually be able to undertake the preparation of the catalogue, which is intended as a memorial to Baron von Hügel. Dr Verena Bodmer Gessner, of the Swiss National Museum, Zurich, spent a month in the Museum and gave much help in cataloguing and describing the material from the Swiss Lake Dwellings. Abu Bakar bin Pawanchee, a member of the staff of the Raffles Museum at Singapore, who was studying in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, has also given valuable help in the Museum.

Conditions make it increasingly difficult for voluntary helpers to find time to work in the Museum, and their services are therefore the more appreciated.

3. Among the accessions, special mention must be made of the Egyptian, African, and American material bequeathed by Mr F. W. Green of Jesus College. The Egyptian collection in particular, which has not yet been catalogued, will be of great value for teaching purposes.

4. Considerable progress has been made with the re-arrangement of the African Hall, which will, it is hoped, be re-opened to the public very soon.

5. The old workshop has been redecorated and a start has been made on the building of cases for the exhibition of Egyptian and Near Eastern material.

6. In order to extend the usefulness of the card catalogue the cards for each year are being re-arranged geographically.

7. The pre-war arrangement of opening the Museum on Saturday afternoon was resumed on 26 November 1949.

8. For the greater part of the year the temporary extension was fully occupied, and the workshop in particular has proved to be of great benefit. The photographic studio has also been found most useful, and L. P. Morley is very fully employed there. He has taken numerous excellent photographs of objects in the Museum for scholars both at home and abroad, and has made a very large number of lantern slides for lecturers.

The storage space is still inadequate, and a temporary store for pottery, and other material which is seldom looked at, has been obtained at Short's factory building on the Madingley Road.

9. A new technique, devised by the British Museum (Natural History) for the treatment of wet perishable material by impregnation with a plastic in a water emulsion, has been introduced and is proving very useful.

10. The Assistant Curator represented the Museum at the IIIrd International Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences at Zurich in August.

11. Numerous school parties have visited the Museum, and two conducted tours have been arranged for the Workers' Educational Association.

12. The staff of the Museum had the pleasure of welcoming numerous distinguished visitors from this country and from abroad, including representatives from Austria, France, Iceland, Peru, Scandinavia, and the U.S.A.

Among these may be mentioned Mr Junius Bird of the American Museum of Natural History, Dr Izikowitz of Gothenburg, Dr Mathiasen of the National Museum at Copenhagen, Professor Pittioni of Vienna, Mr Eric Thompson of the Carnegie Institution, and Dr Valcarcel of the National Historical Museum, Lima.

Mile Helene Balfet of the Musée de l'Homme in Paris spent about six weeks studying the pottery in the Museum.

13. A number of Romano-British objects were lent to the Colchester and Essex Museum for a special exhibition during the celebration of the nineteenth centenary of the foundation of Roman Colchester.

14. Objects from the Museum have been used to an increasing extent for illustrating lectures, and many classes have been held in the galleries.

15. *Stone Age Collections.* Mr M. C. Burkitt, the Honorary Keeper, reports that during the year considerable changes have been made in the Keyser Hall. The local collections have been given more space in the show cases and a map showing where the various sites are situated has been supplied. The Indian collections have been re-arranged and some fine specimens of early pottery from Baluchistan have been put on view. Some of the South African collections have been placed in store with the result that what remains in the drawers and the show cases can be better seen, and is of greater use to students. A neolithic and early metal age collection from an excavation in Hungary, undertaken some years ago by the former curator, Mr L. C. G. Clarke, has been arranged stratigraphically down the centre of the Hall. A collection from Seamer, the Yorkshire Mesolithic site in course of excavation by Dr Grahame Clark, has been put on show. A number of specimens from various localities at home and abroad have been added to the collections; these have been or will be entered in the registers in due course.

16. *Bronze Age Collections.* Dr J. G. D. Clark, the Honorary Keeper, reports that the collections have been kept in good order, and that the exhibits have been fully labelled. The arrangement of material from the Continent and from areas in the British Isles outside the Cambridge region is complete.

17. *Anglo-Saxon Collections.* Mr T. C. Lethbridge, the Honorary Keeper, reports that the cataloguing of the Lackford cemetery material has been finished and that the report has gone to press. A good deal of work has also been done on the dating of late Saxon pottery, particularly of the fine glazed ware on which he has published an article in Volume XLIII of the *Proceedings* of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society.

Three buckets from the Linton Heath and Wilbraham cemeteries in the Braybrooke Collection have been skilfully cleaned and repaired by S. C. Lilley.

A hanging bowl, found some years ago in a gravel pit at Hildersham by the Rev. D. C. Britt-Compton and deposited by Mr Cecil Binney, has been mounted by Mr Lilley with the generous help of the Plastics Division of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Associated finds of a shield boss and studs and the butt of a spear show that it came from the grave of a man of the Pagan period. This bowl, which is one of the finest in the country, has features in common with the Baginton and Lullingstone bowls.

18. *Monumental Brass Rubbings.* Mr G. A. E. Ruck, the Honorary Keeper, reports that additions have been made to the collection from various sources during the year. He paid a visit to Derbyshire during the summer and made rubbings of a large number of brasses in that county and in Staffordshire, including a quantity of interesting eighteenth century plates. He has now decided to extend the collection to include rubbings of all known brasses up to the year 1800. This will bring in many beautifully engraved examples of heraldry and decorative design.

The Museum has been instrumental in reuniting two portions of a brass lost long ago from Sawbridgeworth, Herts, and in organizing its return to the church.

19. *American Collections.* Mr L. C. G. Clarke, the Honorary Keeper, reports that the collections from pre-Colombian Mexico have been re-arranged and moved into a case where they can be seen better. One of the larger gaps in the collections was filled by the acquisition of an important series of pottery vessels from Nicaragua and Costa Rica from the Peabody Museum at Harvard by exchange. From the same source was received a series of sherds from Dr A. V. Kidder's excavations at Pucara in the Peruvian Andes. This material is not represented elsewhere in Europe.

20. *The Osteological Collections.* On behalf of Dr W. L. H. Duckworth, the Honorary Keeper, Mr J. C. Trevor reports that, although no major accessions have been received during the year, the transfer of the human skeletal remains from the Anatomy school, mentioned in the Annual Report, dated 29 January 1947, is expected shortly to take place and will involve urgent consideration of the problem of additional space for housing and display. A great number of fragmentary specimens from the valuable series of predynastic Egyptian skulls from Naqada have been restored by much skill by C. B. Denston, the assistant, who has also done excellent work in the recataloguing of the Pearson Collection as a whole. The osteological material preserved in the Museum has continued to attract anthropologists from outside Cambridge as well as research students within the University.

21. *Staff.* The establishment of an extra maintenance assistant was authorized in November 1949. The vacancy was filled by D. Cavanagh, who is being trained to write labels, in which work he has already proved extremely useful.

22. *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 liaddon Library

Mrs Rishbeth, the Librarian, reports that full use is still being made of the Library and that the accommodation both for books and for students is strained to the utmost. Once again many books and offprints have been presented, or bequeathed to the Library, and special thanks are due to the Rockefeller Foundation for a most generous donation of over seventy new books selected by members of the Faculty. Another large collection was chosen by Professor Hutton and the Librarian from the library which, prior to 30 November 1946, was maintained by the University of Cambridge Board of Indian Civil Service Studies. Books were also selected from the collections of the late Professor R. A. S. Macalister and of the late Mr J. H. Bullock. On his retirement from the William Wyse Chair at the end of the academical year, Professor J. II. Hutton presented a number of books, mainly on India, for which the Board are most grateful. Mrs Strickland continued her valuable work of binding books until she was prevented by illness from doing so.

In addition the Board are much indebted to:

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1949—50

- Allan, Mr G. H.*: Shell money, Choiseul, Solomon Islands (50. 300).
Andrews, Mrs J. M.: Puppets and masks, Bali, Oceania (50. 301—303).
Barnes, Mrs L. G. per Mr G. I. Crawford: Gold wrist bands and disc, Bolivia (50. 304—305).
Barrington-Brown, Mr G.: Stone tools, El Estero, Peru (50. 306, 307); stone implements, Paracas, Peru (50. 510—511).
Beckett, Mr J. G. A.: Green glazed spout. Mediaeval, Chettisham, Cambs. (50. 518).
Berkeley Galleries (exchange): Three pottery bowls, Colombia, South America (50. 295).
Blackmore Museum, Salisbury: Tribulum, Madeira (50. 264).
Bond, Mr P.: Sherds, Early Iron Age, Linton, Cambs. (49. 696—700).
Bull, Miss: Lower quern stone, Cottenham, Romano-British (50. 547).
Burkitt, Mr M. C.: Black woven cap, Sweden (49. 707); bead- work belt and wristlets, East Africa (49. 708); sword club and lime spatula, New Guinea (49. 709); sword and lacquered leather hats, Japan (49. 710—711).
Butler, Mr R. M.: Samian bowl and iron-work. Great Chester- ford, Essex, Romano-British (50. 245—246).
Cambridge Antiquarian Society: Pottery and other objects from the Anglo-Saxon cemetery, Lackford, Suffolk (50. 15—242).
Caton-Thompson, Miss G.: Collection of flint and chert artefacts, Palaeolithic to Neolithic, Kharga Oasis, Egypt (50. 248—258).
Chapman, Mr M. A. W.: Small jug, possibly XIVth century, March, Cambs. (50. 299).
Clark, Dr J. G. D.: Pottery sherds and small finds from excavations at the Car Dyke, Cottenham, Cambs. (50. 595—608).
Clifford, Dr M. H.: Three worked flints, Isleham, Cambs. Neolithic or Bronze Age (50. 296).
Coleman, Mr S.: Incense cup, Mildenhall, Suffolk, Bronze Age (50. 519).
Darroch, Mr R. G.: Silver ornaments etc., Bajun Island, Kenya, Africa (50. 1—6).
Dewar, Mr H. L. S.: Wooden figure of Buddha, Upper Burma (49. 692).
Evans, Mr I. H. N.: Stone chisel, British North Borneo (50. 520).
Falkner, Mr S.: Iron socketed spear-head, Cambridge (50. 297).
Fowler, Mr G.: Upper stone of rotary quern, Littleport, Romano-British (49. 690); XVIIth century costrel, Redmere (49. 691); bronze socketed axe, Southery, Late Bronze Age (49. 695).
Gibson, Mr J.: Late Mediaeval and XVIIth century pottery, London (50. 538—542).
Goodyear, Miss E.: Three small bronze figures, Sikkim, India (50. 512).
Green, Mr F. W., bequest: Ethnological collection mainly from West Africa including bronzes from Benin (50. 265—286); obsidian figures and stone palettes, Mexico and Costa Rica (50. 287—293); carved stone pendant, British Columbia (50. 294).
Hills, Mr F. E. C.: Samian bowl. Great Chesterford, Essex, Romano-British (50. 244).
Hopkin, Mr S. R.: Sherds of Mediaeval pottery, XIIIth century, Dimmock's Cote, Cambs. (50. 517).
Homell, Mrs C. E. from the collection of the late Mr J. Homell: Wooden paddle, Gaboon, Africa (49. 712).
Howard, Mr M. F.: Samian bowl. Great Chesterford, Essex, Romano-British (50. 243).
Howe, Mr J. R.: Bronze rapier, Prickwillow, Middle Bronze Age (49. 694).
Jones, Mr G. I.: Yoruba cloth, and cult skull, Nigeria (50. 513, 514).
King's College, The Provost and Fellows of: Part of Mediaeval jug XIVth century (50. 12).
Leakey, Dr L. S. B.: Ethnological collection mainly from Kenya and Tanganyika, Africa, including material from the Kikuyu, Wamwera Swahili, Kamba, and Meru (50. 548—594).
Leicester Museum and Art Gallery: Two Romano-British pots, Ely and Cambridge (49. 701—702).
Lindgren, Dr E. J.: Silver chatelaine, Tibet (49. 704).
Matthews, Mr D.: Obsidian and chert flakes and implements, Abyssinia (50. 544—545).
Miller, Drs E. K. and E. J.: Ethnological specimens from Malabar, India (49. 684—689).
Minns, Prof. Sir Ellis H.: Replica of Bronze Age bronze idol, Galich, Russia (49. 703).
Mitchell, Mr S. R.: Stone implements of the Aborigines, Australia (50. 259—263).
Moore, Mr R.: Collection of stone implements from Brantford, Nr. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (50. 496—509).
Paterson, Dr T. T.: Snuff box and monkey skin kaross, Kenya, Africa (50. 515, 516).
Paues, Miss Anna C.: Executors of: Child's toy, Iceland (49. 705); iron knife in leather sheath, S.E. Africa (49. 706).
Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University (exchange): A collection of pottery and sherds from Peru, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama (50. 617—654).
Perry, Mr: Sherds and bones, Balsham, Cambs., Early Iron Age (50. 13).
Potts, Malcolm: Samian bowl, Great Chesterford, Essex, Romano-British (50. 14).
Powell, William: Flint axe. Midsummer Common, Cambridge, Neolithic (50. 308).
Purchased: Ethnological collection made by Dr C. von Ffurer Haimendorf, representing the Chenchus of Hyderabad, India (49. 713—750); polished stone axe, Lode Fen, Cambs., Neolithic (50. 11); worked flints and polished flint axe, West Stow, Suffolk, Neolithic (50. 247); a collection of Neolithic and Bronze Age flint implements and sherds of Beaker and Rusticated ware, Isleham, Cambs. (50. 535—537); small pottery figurine, Post- Conquest, Mexico (50. 543).
Raffles Museum, Singapore: Ethnological specimens, Malaya (50. 7—10).
Roth, Mr G. Kingsley: Stone implements, Fiji (50. 309—317).
Rowley, Mr G. W.: Collection of Eskimo archaeological material. North West Territories, Canada (50. 349—481); stone tools, Eskimo, Repulse Bay Canada (50. 482—488); ethnological collection, Eskimo, mainland opposite Yeoman Island, North West Territories, Canada (50. 489—495).
Smith, The Right. Rev. A. W.: Carved ivory tusk, Yoruba, Nigeria (50. 348).
Smith, Mrs S. R.: Ethnological collection. Southern Nigeria (50. 318—341: 50. 346—347); brass figures, Bamum, Cameroons, (50. 342, 343).
Strickland, Mr T. A. G.: Quartzite chips and flakes from deserted Maori camps, New Zealand (50. 546).
Thompson, Mr J. Eric S.: Handmade paper, Mexico (49. 693); stone blades Maya, Guatemala (50. 344); stone points, Maya, British Honduras (50. 345).
Titterton, Mr C.: Glass and shell beads, Nyasaland, Africa (50. 534).
Walker, Sir Gilbert: Two boomerangs made by donor (50. 298).
Wellcome Historical Medical Museum: Ethnological specimens from various parts of Africa including Nigeria, Gold Coast, Cameroons, Congo, and Zanzibar (50. 521—533).