

Annual Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology on the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1956-57

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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 1956 to 30 September 1957.

1. The Honorary Keepers have again given much help and support, and the Board are very grateful to them; Miss Liversidge and Mr Burkitt in particular have given much time to the care of the Roman and Stone Age Collections.

2. Mr I.H.N.Evans, an old friend and benefactor of the Museum, died in Borneo in May. In his earlier years he gave large quantities of excellent ethnological material from South-East Asia, and he maintained his interest in the Museum to the end of his life. By his Will he established an Evans Fund, under which the Museum may benefit substantially after the expiry of a life interest.

3. Dr A. E. Furness relinquished the post of Assistant Curator on appointment to an Assistant Lectureship on 1 October. The Board thank her for her able services during the past four years and are glad that they will still be able to take advantage of her knowledge of the material in the Museum. She has been succeeded by Miss M. D.Cra'ster, whose appointment dates from 1 January.

Mr S.C. Lilley, the Chief Assistant, was promoted to the grade of Higher Technical Assistant in November.

4. *Accessions.* Two accessions deserve special mention:

(i) A small Aztec stone carving representing a rattlesnake, given by Mr A. J. Hugh-Smith through the National Art Collections Fund.

(ii) One of the famous series of Neolithic plastered skulls excavated by Dr K.M. Kenyon at Jericho, from the British School of Archaeology at Jerusalem.

The considerable collection of potsherds and stone and shell implements from Tobago, which was registered during the year, is the result of an expedition by the Curator in 1955, which was financed by a grant from the Crowther-Beynon Fund and a substantial gift from Mr L.C.G. Clarke, the Honorary Keeper of the American Collections.

5. *Crowther-Beynon Fund.* In addition to the usual grant to the Disney Professor for local excavations, grants were made towards a further Danish expedition to the Canadian Arctic, an excavation in British Honduras, Upper Palaeolithic research in Britain, special work at Wandlebury, and publication.

6. *Exhibits and Stores.* The archaeological material from China, Japan, and South-East Asia in the cases and drawers in the Andrews Gallery was rearranged by Miss Cra'ster.

With the aid of Mr C. P. Mountford, the Curator began to reorganize the Australian exhibit.

7. *Photographic Department.* The services of Mr Morley were fully utilized. He made 905 lantern slides, 240 new negatives of specimens, and 810 enlargements.

8. *Visitors.* Mr C. P. Mountford, who is well known for his work among the Australian aborigines, spent several months in Cambridge working on primitive art, mainly in the Museum.

Mrs Laurence Blinks, of California, did a great deal of work on the textiles and looms in the Museum, during a six months visit.

Other visitors included Mr J.Eric S.Thompson, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington; Fr H.van Moorsel, of the University of Leopoldville, Belgian Congo; Professor J.O.Brew, Director of the Peabody Museum at Harvard; Dr H.C.Kalayan, Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments in the Lebanon; Professor H.T. Waterbolk of the University of Groningen; Dr M. Grbic of the University of Belgrade; and Mr E. M. Shook of the University Museum, Philadelphia.

9. *Roman Collections.* Miss J. Liversidge, the Honorary Keeper, reports that a further consignment of wall-paintings from Verulamium has been received for study, and part of one of the paintings found in 1955 has been reconstructed. Material from burials belonging to the collections, notably the Thornborough barrow and the Litlington cemetery, have been studied by Mr R. Jessup and Dr Amand of Tournai.

10. *Duckworth Laboratory (Osteological Collections)*. During the absence of the Director, Mr Longton has had charge of the Duckworth Laboratory and wishes to place on record his appreciation of the assistance he has received from the staff of the Museum.

The facilities of the laboratory have been further improved by the purchase of four microscopes and of a series of models illustrating various aspects of Physical Anthropology. The laboratory itself has been redecorated.

Storage space still continues to be a pressing need. Rearrangement of the material has provided temporary alleviation but with some loss of convenience.

During the course of the year ten reports have been made on osteological material brought into the laboratory and a selection of last year's reports has appeared as an appendix to 'The Wandlebury Hill Fort Excavations of 1955-56', by B.R. Hartley, published in the *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society*, 50 (1957).

On the odontological side Mr H.G.Carr is continuing his studies of the Minoan teeth in the Laboratory and during the year paid a short visit to Crete to carry out further work on the material there. Mr C. B. Denston, the Laboratory Assistant, has done a number of complete and partial reconstructions of skeletal material, among which might be singled out that of a nearly complete skeleton from Wandlebury. He has also arranged all the primate material in drawers so that they are now on permanent display and more accessible for study. His hard work and enthusiasm have greatly assisted the work of the Laboratory.

Prominent visitors included Dr T. D. Stewart of the U.S. National Museum, Washington.

11. *Publications*. Publications by the Museum staff or arising out of the Museum Collections, include the following:

- (a) Peru. (*Ancient Peoples and Places Series*, London, 1957.) G.H.S. Bushnell.
- (b) Wandlebury Iron Age Hill Fort. *Proc. Camb. Antiq. Soc.* 50 (1957). B.R.Hartley.
- (c) Saxo-Norman Pottery in East Anglia. Part n. *Proc. Camb. Antiq. Soc.* 50 (1957). J.G. Hurst.
- (d) Some early pottery of Samos, Kalimnos and Chios. *Proc. Prehist. Soc.* 22 (N.S.) (1956). Audrey Furness.
- (e) Evidence from distribution in space and time of Neanderthaloid and allied strains in Northern Africa. (In the Press.)—To be published in the special report of the Wenner Gren Conference on Neanderthal man, Diisseldorf, 1956. C.B. M. McBurney.

12. Miss Thatcher, the Librarian, reports that during the year 115 books and 51 pamphlets, were given, 143 books bought, 3 new periodicals presented and 3 bought, and 39 parts of current periodicals presented. The Library also received the current parts of about 170 periodicals to which it subscribes by exchange or purchase.

The most notable accession is that of 18 facsimiles of Mexican codices, and 36 microfilms of manuscripts on Middle American Cultural Anthropology, given by the Carnegie Institution of Washington through Mr J.E.S. Thompson. The facsimiles are rare both intrinsically and particularly in this country, and the Board are extremely grateful for this most generous gift which now forms a keystone for the collection of Central American books. A list of the facsimiles is given at the end of this Report. Mr L.C.G. Clarke's continued generosity in giving books and periodicals to the Library each year is greatly appreciated.

The Library was redecorated during the summer, and a considerable number of worn books were rebound. During the calendar year 1956, 4483 volumes were borrowed by more than 150 persons. During term the Library was again subject to considerable over-crowding.

Facsimiles of Mexican Codices. Codice Mixteco; Codex Nuttall; Codex Borbonicus; Codice Fernandez Leal; two copies of the Codex Fejervary-Mayer; Codex Vaticanus B; Codice Messicano di Bologne; Codice Troano; Codice Sierre; *Facsimiles of Aztec Picture Writing in the Possession of M. Aubin*; *The Book of the Life of the Ancient Mexicans*, Part i, by Z. Nuttall; *Mexican picture- chronicle of Cempoalldn and other States of the Empire of Aculhuacan*; *Histoire de la nation Mexicaine...* par Aubin...; *Interpretacion del Codice Gomez de Orozco* por A.Caso; *Pintura del Gobernador, Alcaldes y regidores de Mexico, Codice. . .de! excmo. Senor Duque de Osuna\ The Tonalamatat of the Aubin Collection*.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF ACCESSIONS TO THE MUSEUM, 1956-57

- Barfield, Mr L. H.*: Saxo-Norman and Medieval potsherds, Magdalene College, Cambridge (56.334).
Barker, Mr R. Wright: Figurines, potsherds, and spindle-whorls, Sta Elena Peninsula, Ecuador (56.325-31); Spindle-whorls, stone plaques and figurines, Bogota and Narino, Columbia (57.70-82).
Briscoe, Lady: Wattle-and-daub, Wangford, Suffolk (57.27).
British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem: Pre-pottery Neolithic plastered skull, bricks and plaster, stone vessels and implements, beads and amulets, and Bronze Age bone combs and bronze dagger and pins; Jericho (56.278-96, 57.159-69).
Burkitt, Mr M. C.: Stone tools, Palaeolithic and Neolithic, Manjan Karanai, Madras, India (57.109).
Cooke, Mr C.K.: Pottery, bone and stone implements, Palaeolithic and Neolithic, Khami, Southern Rhodesia (57.37-51).
Curator's Expedition 1955: Collection of potsherds, shell and stone tools from various sites in Tobago, British West Indies (57.115-57).
Dickins, Professor Bruce: Shillelagh of Sir William Ridgeway: Co. Wicklow, Ireland (57.175).
Dodd, Mrs C. H.: Two wooden clubs. Northern Territories, Australia (57.23).
Duckworth, Executors of the late Dr W.L.H.: Two daggers in sheaths, India (56.276-7).
Fanis, Mr A.: Shell and stone implements and pottery figurine. St Lucia, West Indies (57.7-9).
Flack, Mr W.: Polished flint axe, Fowlmere, Cambs (56.332).
Fortes, Professor M.: Two baskets, loom-pulley supports, strike-a-light, raffia bags, and leather sandals, Gold Coast, Africa (56.319-23).

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- Gibson-Hill, Mr C.A.*: Paddle-marked bowl, Perlis, Malaya (56.337).
- Glasgow, Mr G.*: Three eared stone axes, St Lucia, West Indies (57.6).
- Griffith, Miss S.A.*: Five pottery jars, Mochica, Peru (57.10-14); effigy jar, Maricopa Indians, Arizona (57.15); doll and beadwork bag, Plains Indians, North America (57.16-17); horn comb, Lengua Indians, Paraguay (57.18).
- Hopkin, Mr S.R.*: Medieval potsherds and spindle-whorl, Dimmock's Cote, Ely (57.29-33); Romano-British jar, Stret-ham Mere, Cambs (57.34).
- Howard, Mr M.F.*: Iron Age potsherds, War Ditches, Cherryhinton, Cambs (57.113).
- Hugh-Smith, Mr A.J.*: Through the National Art Collections Fund. Carved stone rattle-snake, Aztec, Mexico (57.110).
- Jones, Mr G.I.*: Two wooden heads, pottery dog and bird, Nigeria (57.20-1).
- Kirkpatrick, the Yen. H.F.*: Lead ink-pot, ?medieval, Launton, Oxon (56.336).
- Leavers, Mr.*: Two polished stone axes, Gold Coast, Africa (57.4).
- Malan, Dr Berry.*: Stone tools, middle Pietersburg culture, Uitloop, Central Transvaal, South Africa (57.108).
- Malaya, Government of.*: Three pottery bowls, Gua Cha, Kelantan, Malaya (57.1-3).
- Markwell, Mr P.*: Two polished flint axes, Block Fen Farm, Chatteris, Cambs (56.299-300).
- Moule, the late Reverend Professor A.C.*: Rice measure, Shanghai, and oil jar, Tientsin (57.65-6); Kettle, Peking (57.114).
- Mountford, Mr C.P.*: Pipe of crab's claw, Melville Island, Australia (57.64).
- National Art Collections Fund.*: see Hugh-Smith, A.J.
- Parsons, Executors of the late Miss C.E.*: Romano-British potsherds, Horseheath, Cambs (56.351-3); Palstave, Tours, France (57.5).
- Peacock, Mr W. L.*: Bronze dagger and polished flint axe, Southerly Manor, Downham Market, Norfolk (56.297-8).
- Porter, Mr N. Teuton.*: Wooden love-charm, Scpik, New Guinea (57.111).
- Purchased.*: Waisted flint axe, Shippea Hill, Sedge Fen, Cambs (56.333); 16th-century dagger, Cambs (57.36); casts of Palaeolithic stone tools, Oldoway, Kenya (57.52-63).
- Scott, Mr R.W.*: Two ground stone axes, Mt Douglas, Southern Australia (56.335).
- Strickland, Mrs.*: Silk embroidered coat, China (57.28); Cotton cloth with overlaid pattern, Guatemala (57.158).
- Taylor, Miss J. du Plat.*: Pottery, 1st millennium b.c. A1 Mina, Turkey (57.170-4).
- Tebbutt, Mr C.F.*: Anglo-Saxon potsherd, Medieval cooking pot, St Neot's, Hunts (57.26, and 35).
- Thompson, Dr D.*: Two spindles, netting-needle and thread. Northern Territories, Australia (57.24-5).
- Trump, Mr D.H.*: Neolithic to Iron Age potsherds, Apulia, Abruzzi, Veii, Tuscany, and Tarento, Italy (57.83-107).
- Walker, Mr F.M.*: Chert arrowheads and knives, Otaru, Japan (57.112).
- West, Mr J.F.*: Collection of fishing, agricultural, and domestic tools and gear, Nolsoy, Faroe Islands (56.301-18).
- Westropp, Mr G.F.*: Stone point, Patagonia, Argentina (56.324).
- Wilkerson, Mr J. W. C.*: Two Iron Age jars and flint flakes, Barley, Herts (57.67-9).
- Willis, Miss.*: Palstave, Horningsea, Cambs (57.19).
- Wormald, Mrs G.*: Bronze bell, Chinese, 18th Century, Burma (57.22).