

Report of the Faculty Board of Archaeology and Anthropology

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year 1925-26

(During the greater part of the period under review control of the Department was still vested in the Board of Archaeological and Anthropological Studies.)

During the year the Department has lost the two chief founders of the School of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge by the death of Professor Sir William Ridgeway, Sc.D., F.B.A., while still serving as its chairman, and by the retirement of Dr A. C. Haddon, F.R.S., from the Readership in Ethnology, which he had held ever since its creation.

During the Michaelmas Term, besides classwork and discussions with students, the Reader gave two lectures each week on the Races of Man and two on Practical Ethnology; the latter were continued during the Lent Term, and he also gave one lecture each week on the Ethnology of Africa and Melanesia respectively; and during the Easter Term he gave four lectures on the Ethnology of Africa, and demonstrations in the Museum, and held conversation classes. The lectures on the Races of Man were attended by 69 students, including 53 students from the Department of Geography. For the courses specially designed for the Anthropological Tripos and Diploma there were 16 students, of whom 13 took the Tripos, 5 being placed in the First Class. Mr Armstrong gave courses of lectures with discussions during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms on Social Anthropology (two lectures) and Primitive Religions (one lecture) to a total of 34 students, and also held a conversation class on one evening each week. Mr Miles C. Burkitt gave his usual lectures and demonstrations with practical work on Prehistory in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms to a total of 22 students. He also gave a two-term course of Subsidiary Lectures on Early Archaeology to some 70 students taking the Ordinary Degree. Miss C. H. Wedgwood lectured twice each week during the Lent Term on Material Culture and Distribution and gave Museum demonstrations; she also measured and catalogued the human skulls belonging to the Department.

Valuable additions were made to the collection of human crania and casts.

Professor A. Radcliffe Brown has been appointed Professor of Anthropology in the University of Sydney, N.S.W., and Mr T. T. Barnard, Professor of Social Anthropology in the University of Cape Town. Mr T. F. McIlwraith has been appointed Associate Professor of Ethnology in the University of Toronto. Dr Cyril Fox has been appointed Director of the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff.

Mr A. B. Deacon is doing intensive field-work in Malekula, New Hebrides, and Mr H. A. Stayt is engaged in field-work in Sociology in South Africa.

Mr C. B. Humphreys published *The Southern New Hebrides: an ethnological record*.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

In the Bevan Hall the Curator has continued the arrangement of the Melanesian and Polynesian collections. Year 1926

In the Maudslay Hall Miss O'Reilly has nearly finished the re-arrangement of the Romano-British collections; all the specimens have been cleaned and remounted. A number of objects of the late Saxon and Viking Periods has been arranged in a window-case by Mr Lethbridge and Miss O'Reilly. Four hanging cases have been made in the Museum and filled with beads of the Anglo-Saxon Period, classified and chosen by Mr Horace Beck, F.S.A. They have been hung on the window-splays near the cases containing the Anglo-Saxon collections; a similar case has been also set up containing a series of fragments of bone combs from the cemeteries at Girton College and St John's Cricket Field. The Curator with the aid of Mr E. G. Benson has begun the arrangement of the Mediaeval collections.

Mr M. C. Burkitt, Honorary Keeper of the Stone Implements, reports the addition of a number of interesting specimens to the collections under his charge. The Museum is especially indebted to the Curator for the important Dolmen Age objects from Portugal and Brittany; there have also been gifts of English pygmy implements from the Pennine region presented by Mr F. Buckley. Additions to our Tasmanian, Danish and Nigerian collections have been made and a type series of prehistoric pottery from Thessaly and Macedonia has been arranged in a show-case. As will be seen from the Appendix there are many further specimens from interesting localities other than those just mentioned. The congestion in the department has become acute and in many cases glass-topped drawers in which specimens should be placed on show have had to be retained as store-cases, objects being packed almost solid. Further expansion will undoubtedly be aided when the African stone collections are removed from the Andrews Gallery and placed in the new show-case in the Babington Hall. The Honorary Keeper would like to draw the attention of the University to the fact that even with this extra case available there is none too much space to spare, considering the number of important specimens which are being presented to the Museum.

A number of important gifts has been received, among others (1) a magnificent Haida Indian totem-pole 45 feet high and a Kwakiutl Indian house-pole in the form of a grizzly bear from