

*THE MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA*

THE Hearst collections in archeology and ethnology of the University of California, were opened for public exhibition on October 4, 1911, in its temporary quarters at the Affiliated Colleges in San Francisco, with a reception tendered by Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst and the regents of the university to 400 guests.

Mrs. Hearst organized expeditions in California and in Peru, Italy and Egypt in 1899 and 1900, though more or less systematic collecting had been supported by her for some years previous. In 1901 a department of anthropology was organized, of which F. W. Putnam was director from 1903 to 1909. In 1903, owing to lack of suitable building on the campus at Berkeley, the bulk of the collections was removed to the vacant western building at the affiliated colleges, which measures about 75 by 100 feet and includes three stories and a basement. Here the collections were gradually unpacked, ordered, catalogued and put into a condition of accessible storage, which rendered them available for study and for the inspection of limited parties of visitors.

During 1911 Mrs. Hearst provided for placing the greater portion of the collections under glass, to assure their protection and make possible their public exhibition. The museum is now open to visitors daily throughout the year, excepting Mondays, but including all Sundays and holidays, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. The exhibits displayed consist of: Ethnology of the California Indians; Archeology of Peru; Archeology of Greece and Italy; Archeology of Egypt, and a revolving exhibit. This last is changed periodically at intervals of about two months, a new unit collection illustrating some definite point in the history of man, or showing some new accession, being installed each time. In addition, exhibits of the ethnology of the Indians of the north Pacific coast, and of the southwest, are in course of preparation.

A part of the Peruvian and Egyptian collections, all the abundant series of specimens illustrating the archeology of California, and

the material from the Plains Indians, the Pacific Islanders, the Philippines and other regions, must remain, for the present at least, in storage, awaiting either the permanent building that will ultimately be the home of the collections, or a more extensive equipment than is now available.

Mrs. Hearst's gifts to the museum and the researches carried on in connection with its work have approximated a million dollars, making the largest single contribution to the furtherance of anthropology ever made in America and perhaps in the world. The present value of the collections may be estimated to be several times their original cost. A number of other patrons who have supplemented Mrs. Hearst's efforts have helped to round out the collections and bring them up to a total of 70,000 well coordinated specimens. There are only two other university museums of anthropology in the country that are comparable in scope and importance, and only the great general museums in New York and Chicago, and the National Museum in Washington, surpass the university's museum in size. Both as regards magnitude of the collections, therefore, and the extent of investigations prosecuted, as represented in the publication in American archeology and ethnology, the university occupies a distinctive place among the institutions of the country that have given their attention to anthropology.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Symons gold medal of the Royal Meteorological Society has been awarded to Professor Cleveland Abbe, of the United States Weather Bureau.

DR. J. M. T. FINNEY, associate professor of surgery in the Johns Hopkins University, has declined to permit the committee of trustees in charge to present his name for the presidency of Princeton University.

PROFESSOR R. DEC. WARD has been elected a corresponding member of the Deutsche Meteorologische Gesellschaft.