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Mr. M. R. Harrington continued his archaeological expedition in Arkansas until October 1st, 1917, during which time he added many interesting specimens to his previous work in that region, some of the most striking being effigy pottery of animals form and also a series of rare oval bowls. He also found some very fine chipped blades of unusual size. November and December were occupied in excavating a shell heap and burial ground found by him, located at the foot of Schley Avenue, Throggs Neck, New York, which is within the limits of New York City. The Museum is extremely fortunate in finding this site, practically intact, and there has been taken from it a most interesting series of bone and stone objects besides two entire potter vessels and several skeletons. Mr. Harrington is continuing this work until his leave of absence starts the first of May.

Mr. A. B. Skinner was occupied excavating with the Hendricks-Hodge expedition in Hawikuh from May 22nd to August 27th and in the past month has been working at Schley Avenue site in New York City.

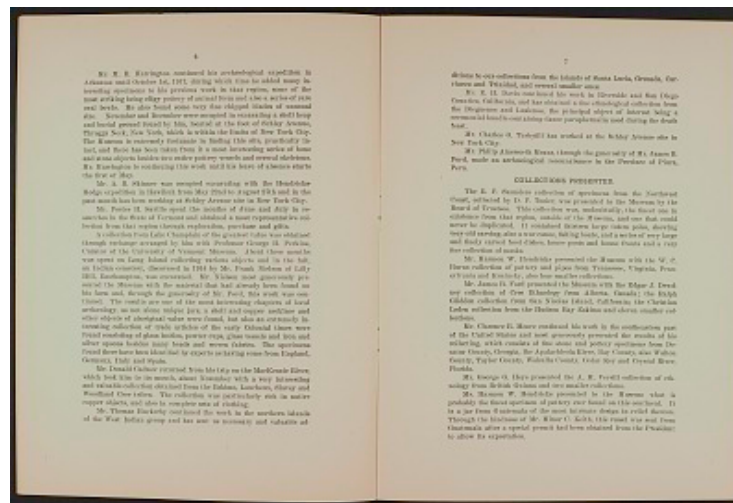
Mr. Foster H. Saville spent the months of June and July in researches in the State of Vermont and obtained a most representative collection from that region through exploration, purchase and gifts.

A collection from Lake Champlain of the greatest value was obtained through exchange arranged by him with Professor George H. Perkins, Curator of the University of Vermont Museum. About three months was spent on Long Island collecting various objects and in the fall, an Indian cemetery, discovered in 1914 by Mr. Frank Nielson of Lilly Hill, Easthampton, was excavated. Mr. Nielson most generously presented the Museum with the material that had already been found on his farm and, through the generosity of Mr. Ford, this work was continued. The results are one of the most interesting chapters of local archaeology, as not alone unique jars, a shell and copper necklace and other objects of aboriginal value were found, but also an extremely interesting collection of trade articles of the early Colonial times were found consisting of glass bottles, pewter cups, glass vessels and iron and silver spoons besides many beads and woven fabrics. The specimens found there have been identified by experts as having come from England, Germany, Italy and Spain.

Mr. Donald Cadzow returned from his trip on the MacKenzie River, which took him to its mouth, about November with a very interesting and valuable collection obtained from the Eskimo, Loucheux, Slavery and Woodland Cree tribes. The collection was particularly rich in native copper objects, and also in complete sets of clothing.

Mr. Thomas Huckerby continued the work in the northern islands of the West Indian group and has sent us necessary and valuable ad-
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ditions to our collections from the islands of Santa Lucia, Grenada, Carriacou and Trinidad, and several smaller ones.



Mr. E. H. Davis continued his work in Riverside and San Diego Counties, California, and has obtained a fine ethnological collection from the Dieguenos and Lusienos, the principal object of interest being a ceremonial bundle containing dance paraphernalia used during the death feast.

Mr. Charles O. Turbyfill has worked at the Schley Avenue site in New York City.

Mr. Philip Ainsworth Means, through the generosity of Mr. James B. Ford, made an archaeological reconnaissance in the Province of Piura, Peru.

COLLECTIONS PRESENTED.

The E. F. Saunders collection of specimens from the Northwest Coast, collected by D. F. Tozier, was presented to the Museum by the Board of Trustees. This collection was, undoubtedly, the finest one in existence from that region, outside of the Museum, and one that could never be duplicated. It contained thirteen large totem poles, showing very old carving, also a war canoe, fishing boats, and a series of very large and finely carved food dishes, house posts and house fronts and a very fine collection of masks.

Mr. Harmon W. Hendricks presented the Museum with the W. C. Burns collection of pottery and pipes from Tennessee, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky, also four smaller collections.

Mr. James B. Ford presented the Museum with the Edgar J. Dewdney collection of Cree Ethnology from Alberta, Canada; the Ralph Glidden collection from San Nicolas Island, California; the Christian Leden collection from the Hudson Bay Eskimo and eleven smaller collections.

Mr. Clarence B. Moore continued his work in the southeastern part of the United States and most generously presented the results of his collecting, which consists of fine stone and pottery specimens from Decatur County, Georgia, the Apalachicola River, Bay County, also Walton County, Taylor County, Wakulla County, Cedar Key and Crystal River, Florida.

Mr. George G. Heye presented the A. H. Verrill collection of ethnology from British Guiana and two smaller collections.

Mr. Harmon W. Hendricks presented to the Museum what is probably the finest specimen of pottery ever found on this continent. It is a jar from Guatemala of the most intricate design in relief thereon. Through the kindness of Mr. Minor C. Keith, this vessel was sent from Guatemala after a special permit had been obtained from the President to allow its exportation.

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