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from a region heretofore not represented, namely, from the Eskimos of the northern part of the west coast of Greenland, and in return we sent pottery specimens from New Mexico. We also received from the National Museum of Copenhagen, a very valuable Iroquois type jar in exchange for some specimens of pottery from Tennessee and Arkansas.

An exchange was made with the Idaho Historical Society of some archaeological specimens from a cave in Idaho, for some pottery specimens from Canyon County, Idaho.

A quilled band from Sikanni Indians of British Columbia was exchanged with Mr. Joseph Keppler, for a Seneca baby carrier.

Another exchange was made with the Southwest Museum of Los Angeles, California, of a piece of center post with masks carved on it from the Delaware Indians of Oklahoma, for some southwest potter.

[[centered]] LOANS [[centered]]

Although it is against the policy of the Director to make loans, at the same time several very important specimens could only be acquired in that way for study in the Museum. Therefore, a very valuable collection of western plains ethnology has been accepted as a loan from Mr. Arthur Billings Hunt.

A number of Stockbridge Indian specimens have been most kindly loaned by Miss Mabel Choate.

Also the loan of some gold and silver specimens from the coast of Peru has been made by Mr. Dwight Prouty, Jr.

Some specimens have been loaned by The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, for study purposes.

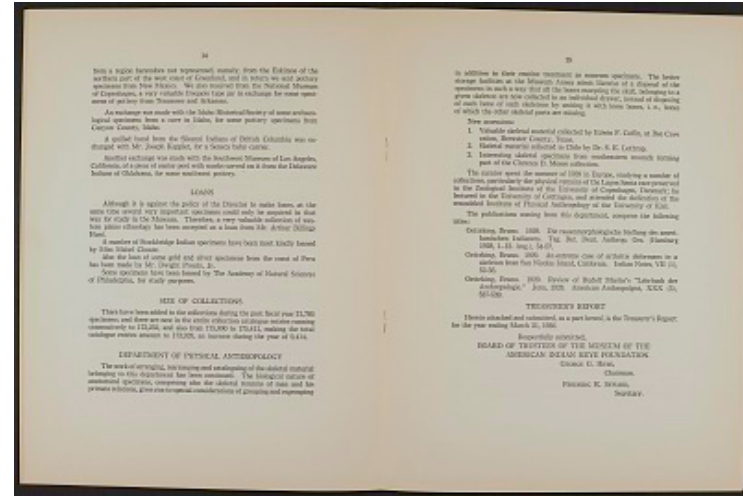
[[centered]] SIZE OF COLLECTIONS [[centered]]

There have been added to the collections during the past fiscal year 21,785 specimens; and there are now in the entire collection catalogue entries running consecutively to 173,232, and also from 175,000 to 175,411, making the total catalogue entries amount of 173,929, and increase during the year 9,414.

[[centered]] DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY [[centered]]

The work of arranging, rearranging and cataloguing of the skeletal material belonging to this department has been continued. The biological nature of anatomical specimens, comprising also the skeletal remains of man and his primate relations, gives rise to special considerations of grouping and regrouping

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in addition to their routine treatment as museum specimens. The better storage facilities at the Museum Annex admit likewise of a disposal of the specimens in such a way that all the bones excepting the skull, belonging to a given skeleton are now collected in an individual drawer, instead of disposing of each bone of such skeletons by uniting it with loose bones, i.e., bones of which the other skeletal parts are missing.

New accessions:

1. Valuable skeletal material collected by Edwin F. Coffin, at Bee Cave canon, Brewster County, Texas.
2. Skeletal material collected in Chile by Dr. S. K. Lothrop.
3. Interesting skeletal specimens from southeastern mounds forming part of the Clarence B. Moore collection.

The curator spent the summer of 1929 in Europe, studying a number of collections, particularly the physical remains of the Lagoa Santa race preserved in the Zoological Institute of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark; he lectured in the University of Gottingen, and attended the University dedication of the remodeled Institute of Physical Anthropology of the University of Kiel.

The publications coming from this department, comprise the following titles:

[indent] Oetteking, Bruno. 1929. Die rassenmorphologische Stellung des amerikanischen Indianers. Tag. Ber. Deut. Anthropol. Ges. (Hamburg 1928, 1.-13. Aug.), 54-57.

[indent] Oetteking, Bruno. 1929. An extreme case of arthritis deformans in a skeleton from San Nicolas Island, California. Indian Notes, VII (1), 52-56.

[indent] Oetteking, Bruno. 1929. Review of Rudolf Martin's "Lehrbuch der Anthropologie." Jena, 1928. American Anthropologist, XXX (3), 537-539.

[[centered]] TREASURER'S REPORT [[centered]]

Hereto attached and submitted, as a part hereof, is the Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 31, 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN HEYE FOUNDATION.

GEORGE G. HEYE, Chairman.
FREDERIC K. SEWARD, Secretary.

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