

However much or little of such symbolization the tablets are capable of bearing, the archaeological student of Ontario will now have an opportunity to examine for himself in Toronto, with as much satisfaction as if he had the originals before him.

Of the other specimens I procured when away, the following may be enumerated :—

From North Carolina—Three large flints, one fragment of a steatite dish, four fragments of pottery, one pure quartz arrow-head, and thirty-five other arrowheads.

From Georgia—Fourteen arrow-points, mostly of quartz.

From West Virginia—Two smoothly wrought and peculiarly formed implements, one steatite ornament perforated with two holes, one small discoidal gambling (?) stone and four war arrowheads.

From Tennessee—One stone axe and eight flints.

From Mississippi—Seven war arrowheads.

From Alabama—Two rudely-formed axes, one spear-head and eighteen arrowheads of various kinds.

From Kentucky—Two pestles, four grooved axes, five plain axes, one hammer stone, one stone ornament, two fragments of pottery, twelve pieces of corn cobs and some burnt corn, two drills and eighty-six flints of great variety.

From Ohio—Five stone axes, two bone implements, three bone beads, two perforated unio shells, three smoothly-finished stone implements of unknown purpose, one perforated slate tablet, one small discoidal stone, one copper button-like specimen, three flint cores and twenty-four flints of different sizes and shapes.

From Indiana—Eight grooved axes, thirteen plain axes, nine discoidal stones, four fragments of pottery, one partly made axe or hammer, one perforated slate tablet or gorget, two paint-cup stones (?), five flint drills and thirty-three arrowheads. For many of these American specimens we are indebted to Miss Maria Tipton, of Paris, Kentucky; Mr. E. T. Hummell, of Decatur, Alabama; Mr. L. Deming, of Cincinnati; the Brothers of St. Mary's Institute, Dayton, Ohio; and to others whose names are mentioned in what follows.

From Arkansas mounds—Thirteen whole or nearly whole specimens of pottery vessels, which formed part of a collection made by Mr. C. W. Riggs, of Cincinnati, during the past twelve years. Also five ditto from the collection of Mr. W. K. Moorehead.

Owing to the extreme difficulty of procuring perfect, or comparatively perfect, specimens of earthenware, "modern antiquities" are frequently prepared and sold to the unsuspecting, most of whom are usually found among European tourists and travellers, and as the vessels in question were almost the only articles I procured involving any outlay, I was very careful to make inquiry relative to Mr. Riggs, his antecedents and reputation, the result in every case going to prove him thoroughly trustworthy in all respects. To private collectors and to directors of museums I can confidently recommend Mr. Riggs as not only a gentleman having the largest private collection for sale in the United States, but as one upon whom the most implicit confidence can be placed.

With two exceptions these are the only perfect specimens of earthenware in our collection, all the rest being mere shreds or fragments. Should we be able to secure good Ontario or Canadian pieces in the course of time, those will prove interesting and instructive by way of comparison, and in any event they will form an exceedingly valuable adjunct to our collection as illustrative of the work performed by a branch of the same people who were aboriginal in this country.

For more than a quarter of a century have our American scientific neighbors acted towards Ontario in a most friendly manner, visiting us frequently, carrying off to Washington and elsewhere every specimen worthy of preservation in their cabinets, and it seemed to me only fair even at this late day, to evince a spirit of good fellowship by way of reciprocity. It is therefore gratifying to state that acting upon this principle we have been able to add about five hundred objects of interest to the Provincial Archaeological Museum in connection with the Canadian Institute.

Shortly after the issue of our last report a meeting of the Provincial Land Surveyors was held in the Institute. An invitation having been extended to the members of the Association to inspect our cases, Mr. James Dickson, P.L.S., of Fenelon Falls, expressed

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