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Curators Report for

88-89

Report on the Section of Aboriginal Pottery in
the U.S. National Museum, 1889.

By William H. Holmes, Honorary Curator.

Little work has been required in this section beyond the reception and installment of new accessions. The collections and additions for the year fall considerably short of those of preceding years. Through our official collectors, chiefly agents of the Bureau of Ethnology, 532 specimens have been received. Through purchase we have 151, and through donation 355.

Among the more important collections are donations of pottery from a mound near Lake Apopka, Florida, by Dr.

Featherstonehaugh, and of pottery from a mound on Perdido Bay, Alabama, by Mr. F.H. Parsons. The latter collection is one of the most important ever received from the Gulf Coast.

Researches connected with this section made by the Curator were limited to a study of the pottery of the Potomac

tide water region; a paper upon this subject will appear in
the July number of the American Anthropologist.

The last catalogue number of June 1888 is 134497.

The last catalogue number of June 1889 is 135131.

The whole number of entries for the year is 269.

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The work of cataloguing and installing the great collection of aboriginal pottery is practically completed; as a consequence little has been done during the past year save to properly care for new accessions. A brief statement of the additions is given below. This list includes all material received by the Museum directly, as well as all collections made by the Bureau of Ethnology.

Through our official collectors 509 numbers have been received; through exchanges 2; through purchase 304; and through donation 20.

Four collections of considerable importance are included, one from the Pueblos of Jemez Valley, New Mexico, by James Stevenson, one from the Cherokee and Catawba Indians of North Carolina, by James Mooney, a third from Chiriqué, South America, by J.A. McNeil, and a fourth from Mexico, by Ward Bachelor.

The only researches made by the ~~is~~ Curator were a study of the origin and significance of the textile ornament upon the pottery of the Eastern United States, and a study made in the

field of the relation of the ancient and recent ceramic remains of Northern New Mexico. The former paper was read before the Anthropologic Society of Washington and will probably be published by the Bureau of Ethnology, and the latter study is not yet ready for presentation.

The last catalogue number of June, 1887, is 132955.

The last catalogue number of June, 1888, is 134497.

The whole number of ^{entries} ~~accessions~~ for the year in this section is 835.

Wm. H. Holmes
Hon. Curator