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PREFACE.

THE following account of the Department of Anthropology of the University of California has been compiled in order to preserve for future reference the history of the inception and establishment of the Department, and to present a statement of what has been accomplished during the first four years of its existence.

In the plans which Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst caused to be made as suggestions for the gradual architectural development of the University a large building for a museum is one of the prominent features of the scheme. The time must come when such a museum will be established on the University grounds. In this museum will be exhibited series of collections illustrative of the history of man, as exemplified by his osseous remains, his mental conceptions, and the work of his hands, from his primitive condition to his accomplishments in the highest intellectual and artistic realms.

That there should be materials ready for a part of such a museum, to which the instructor and the student should have access, Mrs. Hearst resolved to do what she could to secure a portion of the collections relating to the history of man. During her travels she ever had this object in mind, and from many lands archaeological and ethnological collections and works of art were secured and sent home. Soon she realized that in order to make the collections of greater value, systematic and scientific explorations and researches were essential, and several such were established, which have been the means of securing invaluable material for the University Museum.

These extended researches and the desire to have them properly supervised, cared for, and made useful as soon as possible, led to the establishment of the Department of Anthropology as set forth in the following pages.

The establishment of the Department is also intended to be an expression of impersonality on the part of Mrs. Hearst, who places all these valuable collections in the keeping of the University as her contribution, in part, towards the formation of a Museum which shall be worthy of the educational interests of the state. In thus making this broad and comprehensive foundation for a Museum illustrating the History, Culture, and Arts of Man, it is the hope of Mrs. Hearst that others will become interested and will give their aid, so that by the help of both individuals and the state the Museum will soon be an important aid to study and research and will prove an incentive to the highest culture among the students of the State University.

F. W. PUTNAM.

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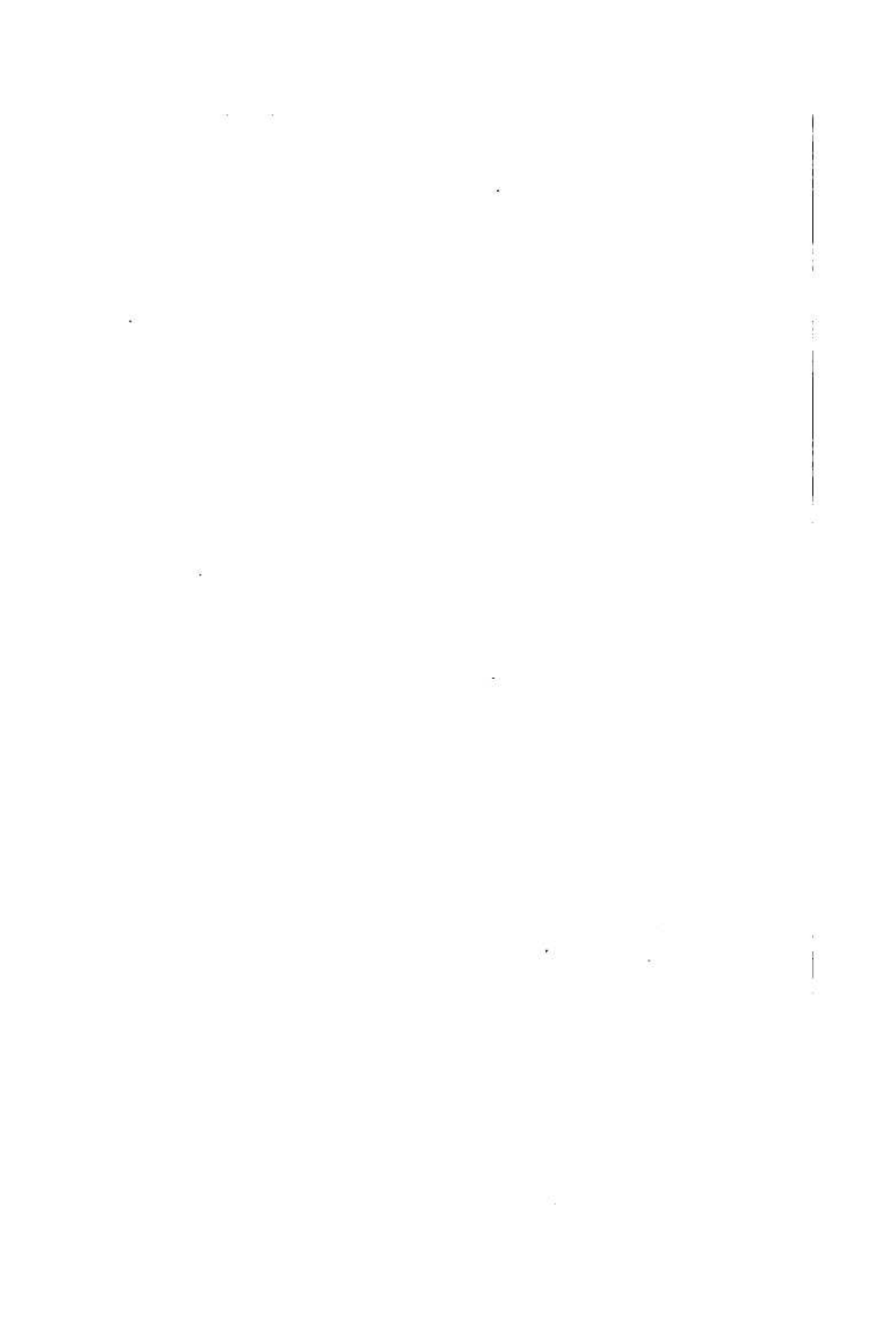
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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY.

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION.

THE Department of Anthropology was constituted by the Regents of the University of California September 10, 1901, as the outcome of numerous archaeological and kindred researches carried on for the University of California for some time previous through the generosity of Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst. These investigations were of such importance and the collections formed in connection with them had assumed such large dimensions, that a more definite organization seemed desirable for their direction and coördination. The purposes of the Department were defined as the conducting of special researches in the field and museum in the various subdivisions of the Department, the preservation of materials and facts secured and the formation of a museum, the diffusion of knowledge by publication and lectures, and the establishment of courses of instruction and research in the University. The Department was placed under the direction of an advisory committee, a year later succeeded by an executive committee. Professor F. W. Putnam, of the Peabody Museum of Harvard University and of the American Museum of Natural History, was chairman of both committees. In 1903 Professor Putnam definitely assumed headship of the Department by his appointment as Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Museum of Anthropology, resigning his position in the American Museum of Natural History.

The policy and work of the Department are directed by the Executive Committee. The various investigations are carried on and the collections formed by the officers and collectors of the Department.

The researches supported by Mrs. Hearst have been most extensive in Egyptian archaeology, Graeco-Roman archaeology, and North and South American archaeology and ethnology, but