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THE antiquities discussed in the following pages are, with a very few exceptions, in the Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and of Ethnology; some were presented at the time of the excavations; the rest were preserved at Girton College until 1924, when the Council of the College deposited them in the Museum as a Loan.

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