ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

The 509th meeting of the society was held in the lecture room of the Carnegie Library on March 19. At this meeting Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, of the department of anthropology, Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, delivered a lecture on "The Pagan Tribes of the Philippines."

Dr. Cole first described the peopling of the islands, and the intermingling of peoples which has resulted in the present population. The pigmy blacks or Negritos were held to be the aboriginal inhabitants of the islands. The invading peoples are believed to have come in several waves, the earliest of which appears to have been composed of a people who were physically allied to the Polynesians. These were followed by successive invasions of primitive Malays. The effects of movements of alien peoples and beliefs was also outlined. Traces of the Hindu-Buddhist movement are evident in the folk-lore, while the great effects of the introduction of Mohammedism and Christianity are a matter of historic record.

The greater part of the evening was devoted to a description of the most fundamental facts of the religious, social and economic life of three pagan tribes—the Bagobo of southern Mindanao and the Bontoc Igorot and the Tinguian of northern Luzon. The Bagobo live on the lower slopes of Mt. Apo, in whose lofty summit a host of spirits are supposed to dwell. The people also believe in a class of powerful spirits which inhabit the realms of the earth. The Igorot and Tinguian, living in a rugged country, have terraced the mountain sides for the cultivation of rice, and have developed an elaborate system of irrigation. Until recent years both the last-named tribes have been ardent head-hunters, but the motive for taking the skull, as well as its final disposition, differ in the two districts. These tribes resemble each other in language and physical type but differ in political organization and in the construction of dwellings.

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Errata: In making up the article on the Industrial Fellowships of the Mellon Institute, by Dr. R. F. Bacon, published in the issue for April 27, pp. 399 to 403, two errors occurred. The footnote on p. 402 should read: "The system of industrial research founded by the late Dr. Robert Kennedy Duncan was initiated at the University of Kansas, and later transferred to the University of Pittsburgh." The name of William A. Hamor, M.A., assistant director, should have been included among the officers of administration.
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