



"THIS MUSEUM DISPLAYS IDEAS, NOT THINGS," ANNOUNCED THE PLAQUE THAT WEL-  
 COMED VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM FOR FIVE DECADES. THE PHRASE WAS FIRST READ BY  
 KATHARINE BARTLETT IN A PUBLICATION OF THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES OF  
 PHILADELPHIA IN THE 1930S. SHE THOUGHT IT CAUGHT THE ESSENCE OF MNA'S MIS-  
 SION AND SUGGESTED ITS USE. NOTE THE HAND-PAINTED HOPI TILES BORDERING THE  
 CASE. (MNA COLLECTIONS N25.26)