

Report of the Keeper of the Somerset County Museum from 22 June 1949 to 20 June 1950

WHILE the present Keeper did not take over from Mr. H. St. George Gray until October 1949, he arrived at Taunton in mid-July and also attended the Centenary Meeting in June, so he was able to follow all the events of the Society and the work in the Museum from the date of the Annual Meeting (21 June 1949).

As already mentioned in the Annual Report the increased financial help from the Somerset County Council has been the mainspring in new and increased activities at Taunton Castle. It has enabled part of the Society's own income to be diverted to repairs and redecoration, long overdue, and has greatly encouraged the furtherance of a liaison between schools and the Museum.

During the year under review, besides considerable renovation at Castle House, taken over by the new Keeper in November, the Adam Library, Stairs, Entrance Hall and Constable's Tower have been distempered and repainted. A much smaller selection of drawings, prints and decorative woodwork has been replaced on the walls, so that the architectural features can be seen to advantage. Three glass panels have been inserted into the door leading into the garden giving far more light to the hall and the beautiful Wellington reredos. In addition to this redecoration a beam, which had given way over one of the windows in the Great Hall was replaced by a girder, and minor repairs were made to the windows and the lead roofing, while dislodged and broken tiles were replaced to make the building as watertight as possible.

It is encouraging to report that during the three school terms of the year under discussion no fewer than 1,151 children with 88 teachers have visited the Museum, almost all being from within the county and coming from as far as Yeovil, Minehead, Shepton Mallet and Street. While it is felt that far more schools could make use of the facilities offered them for visits

to the Museum, a most important development has been the establishment of a weekly class from Huish's Grammar School in the Wyndham Galleries; the Master in charge, Mr. T. J. Hunt, has had access to objects from the reserve collections and the boys have been allowed to handle, draw and describe various objects connected with their lessons. It is hoped that considerable further co-operation with the schools through the Somerset Education Committee may develop in future years.

The Wyndham Hall has been in constant use, not only for talks and lectures by the Society and its sections, but also by many private and public associations, as well as by commercial firms for auction sales and other purposes. As the accounts show the Hall Fund now stands at a reasonably high figure, and the Council has considered how it may improve the use of the building by better lighting arrangements and the purchase of an epidiascope.

The policy of returning objects, which come from places outside the county to museums where they will be more fully appreciated and appropriately housed, is continuing. Other museums are following this policy and interesting Somerset folk material and archæological specimens have arrived at the Museum during recent years. The Council has also granted short and long term loans of material, particularly south-western Iron Age B pottery sherds, with which the Museum is unusually well supplied, to other museums, universities and schools. A large collection of estate maps from Somerset and other counties has been taken over by the County Record Office; those not pertaining to Somerset have been passed to the appropriate archivist.

The portrait of Mr. St. George Gray, painted by Mr. A. B. Connor, F.S.A., has been hung at the head of the Library Staircase.

The principal gifts have already been given in the Annual Report (p. 6) and mention has been made of the theft of rings and coins by four Taunton boys in March. It may be added that the boys concerned were apprehended and brought before the Juvenile Court at the Shire Hall on Monday, 24 April. The loss amounted to one gold fifteenth-century ring, one plated ring and part of another gold fifteenth-century

ring (the other half, badly damaged, and its uncut diamond were recovered); also seven silver nineteenth-century coins. Two rings and one Victorian florin were recovered. Compensation for the loss (a nominal value of £18 for the missing articles) was paid by the Sun Life Insurance Company.

The Society still has large stocks of its *Proceedings* for sale and almost any volume can be supplied covering the last sixty years. One or two early volumes are, however, very rare although it is still possible to make up one or more complete sets. Reorganization of the Library is long overdue and it is hoped to get the work in hand during 1951. It is encouraging to report the re-formation of the Entomological Section. Meetings of all four Sections are held regularly, either in the Library or in the Wyndham Hall.

In the autumn of 1950, the Council agreed to raise the salary of Mr. A. D. Hallam, Assistant Keeper. By virtue of his office and his specialized knowledge in many directions his responsibilities under the new keepership have much increased. The salary of Miss A. Helliar, Assistant, has also been raised to the appropriate grade for female clerks in the General Division as from mid-May. Miss Helliar has now learned typing and has taken on considerably more general office work. Mr. Catto appointed in 1949 to help with the accounts of the Society had to resign early in 1950 on taking up full-time work with the Civil Defence organization. His place has now been taken by Mr. H. C. B. Smart, who is employed part time at a small monthly salary to keep the accounts of the Society.

The Museum and Library were visited by 17,711 persons in 1945, 18,853 in 1946, 16,908 in 1947, 17,484 in 1948 and 17,087 in 1949. To-day Museum visitors are just double the number of fifteen years ago.

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Keeper of the Somerset County Museum.*

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I. ARCHÆOLOGY

FRAGMENT of pottery bowl, Belgic form; fragment of hæmatite; 2 fragments of glass, probably Roman; *minimum* of c. A.D. 400. All found near north end of Ham Hill, within the ramparts, 1947 or earlier.—Given by the Rev. C. K. W. WARREN.

All the antiquities found during the eighth season's excavations in Field 3, Meare Lake Village (East Village), August–September, 1949.—Given by Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, O.B.E., M.A., F.S.A.

Flint implements, flakes and cores from Mesolithic site, Duck Decoy Wood, Shapwick; flint-flake, Parchey sand-batch, Stawell; excavated finds, flints, etc., Bancombe Hill, Somerton; root-casts, Greylake Sand-quarry, Middlezoy.

Romano-British pottery from clay-pits, Combwich; Huntspill Cut; Brue pottery-mounds; Bush Marsh, Knowle, Bawdrip; King's Sedgmoor Drain; Butcher's Hill, Ham Hill; Bradley Hill, Somerton; Limepits Field, Catsgore, Somerton.

Oviform jar, grey earthenware, with countersunk handles, from Huntspill Cut.¹

Lead line-sinker (?), found in a field between Butleigh and Street with Romano-British or Iron Age pottery and worked flints.

Bronze amulet (?) of uncertain date, Melbury, Somerton.

Medieval and later pottery from: Clay-pits, Bridgewater-Bawdrip road; tile-yard, Dunwear; St. Mary Street, Bridgewater; Bincombe Stream, Nether Stowey; Bush Marsh, Bawdrip.

Roofing-tiles from: Hundred Court-House, Ashcott; from Rooks Castle, Broomfield; from the old Church, Shapwick, all probably medieval.

Human skull, medieval (?), from churchyard extension, Pawlett.—All the above given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

¹ Described in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, xciv, 161–2, Fig. 8.

Ridge-tile, glazed earthenware, from Pibsbury, near Langport.—*Purchased* (through Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR).

Romano-British pottery from Gaunt's Farm, Pawlett.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR and Mr. W. A. SEABY.

Whetstone, fine-grained silt-stone, with V-shaped groove, possibly a needle-grinder. Probably Bronze Age or Iron Age. Found at Odcombe.—Given by Mr. C. HUTCHINGS (through Mr. J. A. WILSON).

Hand-axe, chert, probably Acheulian. Found in Prior's Wood Lane, Cheddon Fitzpaine.¹—Deposited by the finder, ALAN BELLAMY.

Five flint and stone implements, four of which are hafted. All recent foreign specimens.—Given by Miss WHISTLER (through Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY).

Large urn, white marble, oviform body, with cover. Possibly late Classical.² Said to have been found in the neighbourhood of Hobb's Boat, near the mouth of the Axe.—Given by Mr. J. BRANDON.

Bronze fibula, dolphin type. Probably found in the neighbourhood of Shapwick.³—Given by Mrs. CALLAWAY.

Pottery, glass and other objects, medieval and later, dug up by donor at Woodspring Priory, including two nearly complete late medieval jugs and two fragments of a pilgrim bottle of polychrome ware.—Given by Mr. J. STEVENS COX, F.S.A.

Collection of medieval and later pottery, found during the construction of the main drain, Stogursey.—Given by the Rev. B. R. TUCKER.

Collection of Romano-British pottery and briquetage from south side of Huntspill Cut, near Woolavington-Huntspill road.—Given by Mrs. D. P. DOBSON HINTON, F.S.A.

Romano-British and a few medieval potsherds (with MS. report by Lady Fox) from site of Roman Villa, Birdcombe Court, Wraxall.—Given by Mr. C. M. SYKES.

II. FOLK MATERIAL, BYGONES AND ETHNOGRAPHY

Club-brass, Fivehead.—Given by Mr. J. J. ROSEWELL.

Collection of bygones, including a vase of wax flowers, made

¹ Described on p. 168 of present *Proceedings*.

² Described on p. 172 of present *Proceedings*.

³ Described on p. 177 of present *Proceedings*.

1840-50 by Eliza Hancock, Sharpe House, Wiveliscombe.—Given by Mr. R. W. LUTLEY.

Two oil-lamps, sheet-iron, probably used for lighting Bruton Church during the earlier part of the XIX Century.—Given by the VICAR and CHURCHWARDENS of BRUTON.

Water-barometer, clear glass, XIX Century.—Given by Mr. HAROLD BROWN (through Mr. E. L. KELTING).

Part of the uniform of Major J. T. Hyatt, 3rd Volunteer Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry (1874-1901).—Deposited by Col. J. W. HYATT and Dr. A. W. HYATT.

Model of Mail-Coach, sheet-iron, painted, c. 1830-37.—Given by Mrs. H. S. WHITE.

Spinning-wheel, mahogany, made c. 1795 by Antis, of Fulneck, near Bradford, Yorks. With MS. instructions by maker.—Given by Miss RUTH RICKETTS (through the late Mr. A. H. and the Misses BLENCOWE).

Doll, dressed as a pedlar-woman, XIX Century.—Given by Miss WARDEN.

Pump, sheet-zinc, late XIX-early XX Century.—Given by Mr. GAMMON.

Drag-shoe, iron, for carriage, XIX Century.—Given by Mr. GRAHAM WYATT.

Brewing-copper from Huish Champflower Rectory.—Given by the Rev. P. HANCOCK.

Folding fruit-knife, thimble-case, needle-book and needle-case; all XIX Century.—Given by Mrs. W. B. WINCKWORTH.

Jeweller's balance, in japanned metal case, with guinea and half-guinea weights, XVIII-XIX Century.—Given by Miss BRAITHWAITE.

Key-ring, steel, made to clip on to belt, with a number of XVIII-early XIX Century keys; a large number of marbles of various sizes, XVIII Century or later.—Given by the executors of Miss VIALLS-STRANGWAYS (through Mr. J. STEVENS COX, F.S.A.).

Tobacco-box, brass, with combination-lock in lid; on front is engraved 'MOSES CARPENTER' and the date 1756 is engraved on the back.¹—Given by the executors of Miss VIALLS-STRANGWAYS (through Mrs. CALLAWAY).

Balance for testing guineas, made by T. Pyke, Bridgwater,

¹ Described in *Country Life*, cviii, no. 2815, p. 2228 (29 December 1950).

late XVIII-early XIX Century. Smock, white linen, XIX Century.—Given by Mrs. CALLAWAY.

Pair of child's riding-boots, worn by Joseph Kingsbury, an ancestor of the donor, late XVIII Century.—Given by Mrs. LORRY.

Facing-axe, used for trimming Ham-stone.—Given by Mr. S. MONTACUTE.

Constable's stave, wood, painted, bearing Royal Arms and monogram of George IV. Ends silver-mounted, the upper of which is inscribed: HUNDRED OF MARTOCK, SOMERSETSHIRE; another with monogram of William IV and inscribed: WINCANTON TOWN.—Given by Salisbury, S. Wilts and Blackmore Museum (through Mr. H. de S. SHORTT, Curator).

Back-stick, used in cutting corn with sickle, from Crowds Farm, Long Sutton. Whizzer, for twisting straw bonds used for binding sheaves, etc., from Knowle, Long Sutton.—Received in exchange.

French copper sou, XVII Century, found in cleaning gutter, Grendon House, Bishop's Lydeard.—Given by Mr. EDWIN THEAKSTON.

Farthing, George III, 1773, found under thatch of Bob Beaton's cottage, Yeovilton, 1949.—Given by Mr. J. STEVENS COX, F.S.A.

Casket, oak, elaborately turned and consisting of five sections. Inside there is an ivory plaque recording that it was made from a timber arch from Timsbury Church, and that the casket was presented to John Parish esq. for 'his disinterested exertions in rebuilding' that church in 1825.—Given by Mr. J. A. DANIELL.

Piece of equipment used for making casks. Found at the Treasurer's House, Martock, which was formerly occupied by a cooper.—Given by Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, O.B.E.

Doll, mid-XIX Century.—Given by Mrs. HUNTER.

Pair of spectacles, steel-framed, early XIX Century.—Given by Miss LYTHALL.

Two back-hair combs, tortoiseshell.—Given by Miss L. MARTINEAU.

Pair of lady's shoes, yellow satin, late XVIII Century. Another, red leather, early XIX Century.—Given by the Misses VASSALL.

Watch, silver case, with London Hall-mark for 1846; movement by Samuel Chave, Taunton.—Given by Mr. G. H. RICHARDS.

‘Pence-jug’, purple and white wool, knitted by donor’s great-aunt, XIX Century.—Given by Miss M. STUCKEY-CLARK.

Snuff-box, papier-mâché, lid inscribed ‘Anstie’s S.P. Snuff’. This firm (of Devizes) is still in existence and they date this box *c.* 1860.—Given by Mr. S. LLOYD HARVEY.

Two brass and copper hunting-horns, XIX Century.—Given by Mrs. R. C. BLENCOWE.

III. CHINA, POTTERY AND GLASS

Small earthenware vessel, possibly a measure, found in a crevice in the wall of a house at Aller.—Given by Mr. A. J. BENNETT.

Jar, earthenware, glazed inside, and partly slip-covered outside; probably made at Donyatt, XVII–XVIII Century.—Given by Mrs. CALLAWAY.

IV. NUMISMATICS AND PLATE¹

Pewter flagon, the body of which bears the pricked inscription:

Thomas Marsh
William Gifford

Churchwardens
of Willington (*sic*)

1683.

—Given by Mr. MARK FIELD.

Tea-spoon, silver, which formerly belonged to Anne Maria Stacy (1745–1811), great-great-grandmother of the donor.—Given by the Rt. Rev. Abbot E. HORNE. F.S.A.

Three coiner’s moulds, brass, set in iron, cast from shillings of Charles II, Anne and George I respectively.—Given by the executors of Miss VIALLS-STRANGWAYS.

Set of money-scales and weights, made by James Osmond Band, Bridgwater.—Given by Mr. CHARLES FORTE.

Third Brass of Constantine II (A.D. 337–361). *Rev.* GLORIA EXERCITVS type. Found in garden of Sussex Lodge, Claverton Down, Bath.—Given by the finder, Mr. W. E. GUYON.

Brass Coin Weight of James I to value of five shillings and

¹ See also p. 42.

sixpence in gold (half-angel). Found in garden of 73 Combe Park, Bath.—Given by the finder, Mr. E. F. RAINEY.

Medal commemorating the victories of A. A. Hood, Lord Bridport, Admiral of the White, 23 June 1795.—Given by Mrs. M. G. HARFIELD.

**V. MANUSCRIPTS, DRAWINGS, ENGRAVINGS,
PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTED MATTER, ETC.**

Oil painting on canvas of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton; painter unknown, about mid-XVIII Century. This is the original of the engraving in 'Some Account of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton', by the Rev. James Cottle (1845), plate facing p. 77.—*Purchased.*

Lithograph of Yatton Church, by G. Hawkins, from a drawing made c. 1860–5.—Given by Mr. W. O. BEAMENT.

Photograph, coloured in water-colour, of the tessellated pavement with scenes from the life of Æneas, found at the site of the Roman Villa, Low Ham.—Deposited on loan by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

Four mounted water-colour paintings by Gerald Ponsonby (1829–1908), acquired from the collection of his daughter, Geraldine, Countess of Mayo:

- (a) Font in Stoke (under-Ham) Church, (no date).
- (b) (Crusader Tomb) in Brympton Church, (no date).
- (c) Brympton (the Tudor Front and Church), 1st May, 1862.
- (d) Brympton (South Front, by Inigo Jones), (no date).

—Given by Mr. V. P. SABIN.

Portfolio containing 119 photographs of churches and buildings in Somerset, mid-XIX Century.—Given by Mrs. B. BAMBER.

Plan of excavations on traditional site of St. Cross Nunnery, Chew Stoke, March–September 1949 (photo-lithograph); with eight photographic enlargements taken during the excavations and two letters from the Staff Welfare Officer, Bristol Water-Works Co. to donor.—Given by the Rt. Rev. Abbot E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Fourteen photographs taken during repairs to Manor Farm, Dowlish Wake, April 1950.—Given by Engr. Rear-Admiral E. L. DYKE ACLAND, C.B., M.V.O.

Report upon the discovery of a Basement in the Old Market House, Milborne Port, dating from the XVIII Century, by the Secretary of the Society and a member of the Council, May 1950.—Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY, F.S.A.

VI. NATURAL HISTORY

Striped Hawk Moth (*Deilephila livornica*, Esp.), taken at North Curry by donor, early September 1949.—Given by Col. C. C. CHAMPION.

Two specimens of Vestal Moth (*Sterrhia sacraria*, L.), taken by donor at Nynehead, near Wellington, 1949.—Given by the Rev. W. O. EDWARDS.

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Archæologia, vol. xciii (1948).—Given by the Society of Antiquaries.

The Genealogists Magazine, vol. x, No. 10, June 1949, containing an article *The Library and Peregrinations of a Non-Juror: Wm. Andrews of Wedmore*.—Given by the Writer, Mr. COSMO W. H. RAWLINS.

The Church Bells of Somerset, by Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, F.S.A., 1873; *The History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*, in 3 volumes, by the Rev. John Collinson, F.A.S., 1791; *The City of Wells*, official guide, undated; *Short Guide to Englishcombe Parish Church*, by C. C. Titchmarsh, 1939; *The Chapel of Vicars Close, Wells*, by Rev. H. Parnell, 1929.—Given by the Executors of the late Rev. F. L. BRIDGES, F.S.A.

Somerset, by Sylvia Townsend Warner, 1949.—Given by Messrs. Paul Elek, Ltd., publishers.

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, nos. 599 and 600 (1948–9), on the Vegetation of the Somerset Levels, by Drs. H. Godwin and A. R. Chapman; *Festival of King Alfred the Great*, King's College, Taunton, 1949.—Given by Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, O.B.E.

The Compleat Angler of Izaak Walton and Charles Cotton, 1824; *English Farming, Past and Present*, by the Rt. Hon. Lord Ernle, new edit. by Sir A. D. Hall, 1936; *The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* in 7 volumes in portfolio form, privately printed, by Henry John Elwes, F.R.S., and Augustine Henry, M.A., 1906–13; *Everyday Book*, 2 vols and *Table Book*, by William Hone, 1838–9; *The Creative Centuries*, by H. J. Randall, D.LITT., F.S.A., 1949; *A Royalist's Notebook: The Commonplace Book of Sir John Oglander, Kt. of Nunwell (1622–52)*, transcribed by Francis Bamford, 1936.—Given by E. B. WHISH (died 1949).

The Story of a Local Museum (Haslemere Museum), published in the *Journal of the Royal Society of Arts*, No. 4802, vol. xcvii, August 1949, by A. S. Edwards; *Through Corridors of Time: Haslemere Educational Handbook*, undated, prepared by E. W. Swanton, O.B.E.; *A County Museum. The Rise and Progress of Sir Jonathan Hutchinson's Educational Museum at Haslemere*, 1947.—Given by the Author, E. W. SWANTON, M.B.E., A.L.S.

Somerset Master Lodge, no. 3746, *Transactions* (1948) ix, pt. 2, 1949.—Given by Mr. H. H. HALLETT.

Racedown and the Wordsworths, reprinted from *Review of English*

Studies, viii, No. 29, January 1932, by Bergen Evans and (Lady) Hester Pinney.—Given by Lady PINNEY.

Hand list of the Records of the Board of Guardians in the County of Somerset, preserved in Somerset Record Office, with introduction by Norah L. Cooke-Hurle, 1949; *Some Examples of English Hand-writing* by Hilda Grieve, 1949.—Given by Somerset County Council, through the Somerset Record Office.

The Alfred Jewel, by Allen W. Seaby, 1947; *St. Decuman's Church, Watchet* (pamphlet undated).—Given by Mr. W. A. SEABY.

The Church of St. Mary, Ashill (pamphlet, undated).—Given by the author, Mr. H. M. BOOKER, B.A.

Journal of the British Arch. Ass. 3s., vol. xi (1948); *Nunney Castle, Somerset*, pamphlet by Ministry of Works, 1947. Lundy Island Field Society Pamphlet, undated; *Short History of All Saints Church, Holcombe Rogus*, by Rev. E. J. Barton, M.A., Vicar, (pamphlet), 1936.—Given Anonymously.

Monograph of Aston Hall, Warwickshire, by W. Niven, undated.—Given by Mr. A. RUSCOMBE EMERY.

The Longleat Views, by Mrs. R. R. Pocock, undated.—Given by Mrs. A. B. CONNOR.

The Discovery of Man, by Stanley Casson, 1940; Ilchester Monographs: no. 5, *The Almshouse and St. Margaret's Leper Hospital, Ilchester*, by J. Stevens Cox, 1949; *Wells*: Album of 14 photographure postcards, undated; *Primitive Folk: Studies in Comparative Ethnology*, by Elie Reclus, undated.—Given by Mr. J. STEVENS COX, F.S.A.

Maen Castle, Cornwall, interim report, undated.—Given by the writer, Rev. C. B. CROFTS, M.A.

The History and Origins of Druidism, by Lewis Spence, undated.—Given by Mr. M. R. RICHARDS.

Birmingham City Museum, *Evans Collection of Postage Stamps*, short guide (1949).—Given by the writer, Mr. F. E. WILSON.

Flora of County Kerry, by Reginald W. Scully, F.L.S., 1916.—Given by Dr. W. WATSON.

Old Cheshire Churches, by Raymond Richards, F.S.A., 1947.—Given by the Author, through Dr. F. C. Eeles.

London Wind Instrument Makers of the 17th and 18th Centuries, reprinted from the *Music Review*, vii, 2.—Given by the Writer, Mr. LYNDESAY G. LANGWILL.

The Birdlip Early Iron Age Burials: A Review, reprinted from the *Proc. Prehistoric Society*, 1949, pp. 188-90.—Given by the Writer, Mr. CHARLES GREEN.

Head-Hunters, Black, White and Brown, by Alfred C. Haddon, SC.D., F.R.S., undated.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

A Family History, 1688-1837: The Wyndhams of Somerset, Sussex and Wiltshire, by the Hon. H. A. Wyndham, 1950.—Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY, F.S.A.

The History and Antiquities of the Town of Wellington, collected from authentic records, cyclostyled typescript, 1950.—Given by the Author, Mr. R. L. THORNE.

Report on Somerset Birds, 1948 ; *British Birds*, for the current period, 1949–50.—From the Ornithological Section.

A Geographical Handbook of the Dorset Flora, etc., by Ronald Good, M.A., 1949 ; *Drawings of British Plants* : pt. iii, *Cruciferae*, by Stella Ross-Craig, 1949 ; *The Flora of Sussex*, by Lt.-Col. A. H. Wolley-Dod, 1937 ; *The Flora of Westmorland*, by Albert Wilson, F.L.S., F.R.MET.SOC., 1938 ; *The British Islands and their Vegetation*, 2 volumes, by Sir A. G. Tansley, 1949.—From the Botanical Section.

The Water Bugs (Rhynchoia-Hemiptera) of North Somerset from *Trans. Soc. Brit. Ent.*, viii, pt. 7, by G. A. Walton, 1943 ; Fresh-water Biol. Ass. of Brit. Emp. *Pub. No. 1 : Key to British Corixidæ (Hemiptera-Heteroptera)*, by T. T. Macan, 1939 ; *Pub. No. 2 : Key to British Plecoptera (Stoneflies)*, by H. B. N. Hynes, 1940 ; *Pub. No. 4 : Key to British Water Bugs (Hemiptera-Heteroptera)*, by T. T. Macan, 1941 ; *Pub. No. 7 : Key to the British Ephemeroptera (Keys to Genera of Nymphs)*, by D. E. Kimmins, 1942 ; *Pub. No. 8 : Key to British Aquatic Megaloptera and Neuroptera, etc.*, by D. E. Kimmins, 1943 ; *Pub. No. 9 : Key to British Simuliidæ (Keys to Species in Adult, Pupal and Larval Stages)*, by John Smart, 1944 ; Royal Ent. Soc. of London, vol. i, pt. 5, *Handbook for British Insects : Dermaptera and Orthoptera*, by W. D. Hincks, 1949 ; vol. i, pt. 10, *Handbook for British Insects : Odonata*, by Lt.-Col. F. C. Fraser, 1949 ; vol. xi, pt. 1, *Handbook for British Insects : Diptera (Introduction and Key to Family)*, by H. Oldroyd, 1949 ; *Check List of British Insects*, by G. S. Kloet, F.Z.S., F.R.E.S., M.S.B.E., and W. D. Hincks, M.P.S., F.R.E.S., M.S.B.E., 1945.—Given by the Entomological Section.

Downside Archaeological Society, *Proceedings*, i. No. 2, 1949.—Given by the Society.

The National Trust, *Report for 1948–9. List of Properties*, Sept. 1949.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, *36th Annual Report*, 1950.

Proceedings, Som. Arch. and N.H. Soc. and Branches (to go into stock), 71 volumes from Mr. Herbert E. Perham ; 9 volumes from Mr. Ernest M. Chapman (died Dec. 1949).

Somerset County Gazette, 1949–50.—From the Proprietors.

Somerset County Herald, 1949–50.—From the Proprietors.

The following Museum and Library Reports : Ashmolean Museum, 1949 ; Bournemouth, Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, *Bulletins*, 1949–50 ; Bristol, City Museum, 1948 ; Bristol, City Art Gallery, 1948 ; Cambridge, University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, 1948–9 ; Cardiff, National Museum of Wales, 42nd Report, 1948–9 ; Colchester and Essex Museum, 1947–8 ; Haslemere Educational Museum, 1948 ; Hull, Wilberforce House, *Guide*, 1949 ; Leicester City Museum and Art Gallery,

43rd Report, 1947-9; Liverpool, Public Museums, 1948-9; Newport, Mon., Public Library and Art Gallery, 78th Annual Report, 1948-9; Norwich, City Museums, 1949; Paisley, Museum and Art Galleries 1947-9; Salisbury, South Wilts and Blackmore Museum, 1948-9; Wells, Museum 1949.

MANUSCRIPTS, ETC.

Brass Rubbings of Prior Cantlow, Old Church, Widcombe, Bath, rubbed by Robert George Naish (for other brass rubbings given by Mr. Naish see *Proceedings*, lxxxix (1943), 32.—Given by the widow of R. G. NAISH (through Mr. H. B. Painter, Roman Way, Glastonbury).

Notebooks (5) comprising *The Sepulchralia of Somerset*, vols. i-iii, compiled 1893-6: a collection of Somerset Epitaphs, also a history of the parish of Evercreech with Sepulchral Inscriptions.—Given by the compiler, Mr. E. W. SWANTON, late Curator of Haslemere Museum.

Index-Boxes (2) containing about 7,000 Epitaphs written on slips of paper in envelopes and arranged under Somerset parishes, collected during the late XIX and XX Centuries, by A. S. Macmillan, author of *Somerset Epitaphs*, 1st Series, No. 18 of Somerset Folk Series, 2nd Series, No. 25 of Ditto, 1914-16.—Given by MRS. BREWSTER, the daughter of the late A. S. MACMILLAN.

Taunton Field Club. Minute Books and other papers (the Taunton Field Club was wound up in Feb. 1950).—Given by the Secretary, Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, O.B.E.

Wyatts of Keats of Buckland, being poems and paragraphs by Philip Wyatt (1770-1838), Walter Wyatt (1845-1918) and W. H. Wyatt. Typescript in manilla covers.—Given by the compiler, Mr. W. H. WYATT.

Provisional List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest for consideration in conservation with the Provisions of Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Yeovil Rural District). Foolscap typescript carbon copy.—Given by the compiler, Mr. E. C. FRANCIS, F.S.A.

Memorandum on: *Some Archæological Problems as I see them*. Quarto typescript.—Given by the writer, Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

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