

REPORT OF THE KEEPER OF THE SOMERSET
COUNTY MUSEUM FROM 27 JUNE 1951
TO 31 DECEMBER 1952

So much of the re-organisation at the museum has taken place in the last six months that the year preceding it fades to insignificance, yet the whole period was not without progress and development both in the Museum and Library. Gifts, loans and purchases, particularly costume and folk material, have continued to come in and the collections have been enriched by the purchase of three important Anglo-Saxon coins, two of the Taunton Mint and one of the Watchet Mint. In addition, the British Museum Laboratory has made two excellent facsimiles of the Chilton Polden enamels in exchange for some Iron Age B pottery from Meare and Glastonbury. Two early nineteenth-century wine coasters from the collection of the late Mr. William Wyndham are being purchased from the executors and a small silver eighteenth-century memorial ring has been given by the Secretary.

Of books and documents, by far the most important is the MS. Beauchamp Register (published by the *Somerset Record Society*, xxxv, 1920) from the Marquess of Ailesbury's collection, deposited at Taunton Castle on long loan. Other manuscripts include transcriptions of the Brent Knoll Registers presented by Mr. A. Ruscombe Emery and MS. notes on Martock from Prebendary G. W. Saunders. The policy of keeping the Library up-to-date with the more important archaeological, historical, topographical and natural history reference works, essential for study and research in the county and surrounding region, has continued, while the Library Committee has found it necessary to sell off books redundant to the requirements of the Society to offset the cost of the new items.

In September 1952 Miss A. Maltby joined the staff, initially in a voluntary capacity, as Library Assistant. Under the general supervision of Mr. K. D. Leach of the Borough Library, Taunton, she has commenced the re-cataloguing and re-arrangement of the Library on a modified Dewey system.

In June 1951, Mr. Francis L. Hannam, A.R.I.B.A., of Messrs. Burrough and Hannam, Chartered Architects of Bristol, was appointed by the Council to draw up a schedule of the essential repairs to the fabric of the museum and to get estimates from builders for carrying out the work. A summary with estimated cost of repairs and rebuilding together with an outline of what had been proposed for the re-arrangement of the collection in the Great Hall and Somerset Room, was put forward at the Annual Meeting in Bristol this year (see p. 7). The contracts are being carried out by Messrs. W. Potter and Sons Ltd. of Taunton, who, with sub-contractors supplying the new heating and lighting systems have, at the end of 1952, completed more than half of the work. A scheme has also been prepared in outline for displays in the Great Hall and Somerset Room. These have as their main objective the presentation of what is fundamental in the scenic history of the countryside, as well as many aspects of social and economic life and something of the arts and crafts of Somerset from Roman times.

In addition to the grants from the Pilgrim and Carnegie Trusts, mentioned in the Annual Report, which made possible the inception of the scheme, a most unexpected and generous gift of £3,000 from Lord Dulverton in July this year was sufficient guarantee to enable the Council to carry out all necessary repairs on the two principal rooms before starting any re-arrangement or re-casing of the specimens. A further anonymous gift of a magnificent eighteenth century staircase from the bombed vicarage of St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol, has considerably helped in the advancement of the planning, for it is to be used as a means of communication from the Great Hall to the Somerset Room. Not only will it add grace and dignity to the Hall but from its steps and from the gallery, planned to run at the south-west end as well as along the south-eastern length of the hall, will be viewed the unique pavement from the Low Ham Villa, illustrating scenes from Virgil's Story of Aeneas and Dido (*Proceedings*, xcii (1946), i, 25-8). The Ministry of Works has now given permission for this important Roman mosaic to be removed from the site of the villa and re-laid at Taunton. Other features of interest which come in the scheme of re-planning are :

(a) a late medieval fireplace ; (b) a display showing a basket-maker at work (from Mr. Geoffrey Musgrave of Stoke St. Gregory) ; (c) a workshop showing the making of hand-made shoes (from Messrs. C. and J. Clark of Street ; (d) eighteenth and nineteenth-century costumes, collected mostly from Somerset families ; (e) a collection of topographical drawings and maps, arranged on specially designed wall and centre screens ; and (f) a display of domestic and church plate.

During the removal of the wooden floor in the Great Hall advantage was taken to test the foundations and to excavate in the rammed red loam which composed the earlier surface. The work was carried out by Mr. Raleigh Radford, M.A., F.S.A. and the Assistant-Keeper, Mr. A. D. Hallam, M.A., B.Sc., with help of students and paid labour. It was found that the earliest Norman building consisted of a wide double barrel-vaulted undercroft, about half the length of the present hall, with central rubble wall supporting a chamber and hall above, almost certainly of timber. This must have proved structurally unstable for it had been replaced early in the thirteenth century by a longer ground-floor hall slightly narrower and two-thirds the length of the present hall. Thereafter a number of structural changes and modifications took place, including a considerable amount of re-building in the late seventeenth or early eighteenth century and repairs in the nineteenth. A 22 ft. well was found near the north-east end, proved to be steined and filled up with soil and debris during the seventeenth century. Most of the large earthenware vessels with slip decoration and fragments of iron arms and armour from the filling can be dated to about the middle of the century, so that the well may have been in use during the Civil War. A full report of the excavations, with the fresh light which they throw on the architectural history of the Castle, will be published by the excavators in a later volume of the *Proceedings*.

The Joint Committee of the Natural History Sections met several times during the summer with Sir William Savage representing the Council of the Society. It was agreed to form one Natural History Section (comprising the Entomological Section, the Botanical Section and the Geological Section) which should have a common programme for all field meetings and lectures. In addition the

Section wished to become an integral part of the Society with full representation on the Council as well as receiving financial and constitutional recognition by the parent body. The Ornithological Section, however, wished to retain its separate identity while co-operating with the other Sections in its programme arrangements. As a result the Council decided to draw up new rules giving the two Sections constitutional authority to carry out their important work of promoting interest in the several branches of Natural History within the county, and of publishing the results of their findings in volumes of the *Proceedings*, and in the annual *Bird Report*. The rules were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on 15 November 1952 in the Wyndham Hall and come into operation from 1 January 1953.

Three lectures, each illustrated by lantern slides, were held in the autumn of 1952 ; all were well attended :—

‘ “ King ” Monmouth ’ by Mr. F. A. Ollett, M.A., Senior Resident Tutor in Dorset for Bristol and Southampton Universities, on 15 November ;

‘ The Historical Development of the Landscape of South Western England ’ by Dr. W. G. Hoskins, M.A., F.R.HIST.S., Reader in Economic History at Oxford, on 18 October :

‘ English Timber Crafts ’ by Mr. W. A. Seaby, F.S.A., Keeper of the Society. This was the last public appearance of the Secretary before his resignation at the end of 1952 to take up the post of Director at the City Museum and Art Gallery, Belfast.

Staff-duties have been heavy during the period. The very difficult task of clearing both the contents of the Somerset Room and Great Hall and storing the collections was supervised by Mr. Hallam in consultation with the Secretary. Miss Maltby also took a share in the work. Excavations in the Great Hall and subsequent sorting of the finds and repairing the pottery have been carried out by Mr. Hallam, while earlier in the year he was responsible for much of the secretarial work of the Joint Committee of the Natural History Sections and for getting out the programme of the excursions run by the Sections.

Miss Helliard, as the Assistant Secretary, has taken full responsibility for many matters connected with the Society membership, such as recording new members in the books, supervising and checking postal lists, duplicating programmes for despatch, and

collecting and receipting members' subscriptions. In addition she has typed all the Secretary's letters and interviewed at the door a great many visitors and members.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Court as Gardener-Handyman and Turnstile Attendant (during the summer months) have carried out their respective duties satisfactorily.

The Museum and Library were visited by 17,484 persons in 1948, 17,087 in 1949, 17,811 in 1950 and 17,727 in 1951. The figure for 1952 was 11,287 up to 28 August when the building was closed for repairs and alterations.

ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM

From 27 June, 1951 to 31 December, 1952

ARCHAEOLOGY

'Macehead', with hourglass perforation, made from pebble of brown quartzite: dug out of rabbit-hole at Pulsworthy Bridge, Twitchen, North Molton, Devon.—Given by Mr. AARON BLACKFORD (through Mr. P. J. D. WAY).

Axe, ground and polished flint, re-chipped in ancient times. Found in garden, Salisbury House, Shepton Beauchamp.—Given by Major A. C. W. CRANKO.

Two polished stone axes, both apparently broken and re-ground: Danish type. Said to have been found at Bucklegrove, Rodney Stoke.—Deposited by Mr. STANLEY T. DUDDEN.

Flint implements from Uphill and two hammer-stones, one from Charlton and the other from Stawell.—From ARTHUR BULLEID Coll.—Given by Mrs. BULLEID.

Five flint and one chert implements, Mesolithic: from Shapwick Heath.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

Collection of flint implements from: Castle Hill, Wiveliscombe; Quaking House, Milverton; Brendon Hill; Guphill, West Anstey, Devon; Sandford Hill, Banwell; Charterhouse-on-Mendip.—Given by Mr. M. J. WAY (through Mr. P. J. D. WAY).

Flint and chert implements and chippings, Mesolithic, from Duck Decoy Wood, Shapwick and Greylake Sand-quarry, No. 1, Middlezoy. Specimens of spotted dolerite from Prescelly Mountain, Pembrokeshire.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

Collection of flint and chert implements, cores and flakes collected by donor and his son from: Quarne Hill; North Hill, Minehead; Higher Sminhays Farm; Cothelstone Hill; Orchard Portamn; Thorne Hill, Thornfalcon; Churchstanton; Buckland St. Mary; Castle Neroche; St. Audries; Hawkcombe Head, Porlock; Milborne Down; Sigwells, Charlton Horethorne.—Given by Mr. W. A. SEABY, F.S.A.

Flint implements, flakes, etc., found by donor at Hawkcombe Head and Blackland, Withypool.—Given by Mr. L. G. PERRY.

Pottery and miscellaneous antiquities found at Nunney Castle at various times since it was taken over by the Ministry of Works, including a silver baluster-headed spoon, with London Hall Mark for 1566.—Deposited by H.M. MINISTRY OF WORKS.

Part of a hypocaust tile with incised combed decoration, from a hitherto unrecorded site of Roman Villa, between Highbrooks and Catsgore, near Somerton.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

All the finds from the site of the Roman Villa at Littleton, near Somerton, excavated 1951-2.—Given by Mrs. G. HARDING.

All the finds from the site of the medieval hamlet of Bineham, Long Sutton.—Given by Mr. A. W. MEAKER.

All the antiquities from the tenth season's work at Meare Lake Village (East Field 3).—Given by Mr. H. St. GEORGE GRAY, F.S.A.

Medieval pottery from Old Sarum and Uphill; antiquities from Neuchatel, Switzerland, Middlezoy, Glastonbury Lake Village, Meare Lake Village, Stony Littleton, Holcombe, Highbridge.—From A. BULLEID Coll.—Given by Mrs. BULLEID.

Romano-British pottery from Huntspill Cut.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

Fragments of two inlaid paving tiles, found near the site of Mynchin Buckland Priory.—Given by Miss D. GREENSHIELDS.

Romano-British pottery from Cadbury Camp, South Somerset.—Given by Mr. J. STEVENS, COX, F.S.A.

Fragments of pottery, ridge-tiles, etc., medieval and later, from Hinton Priory, Hinton Charterhouse.—Given by Major P. C. FLETCHER.

Four whetstones, sandstone, probably late Bronze Age, from Shapwick Turbarry. Pottery, Iron Age type, bones and flint flakes, from Breaun Down. Tesserae, etc., from site of Roman Villa, Hurcot, near Somerton (cf. *Proceedings* xcvi (1951) 47).—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

Fragment of inlaid paving-tile, probably late XIII century, dug up in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells. Handle and part of rim of jug, XIII-XIV century, dredged from River Axe, near Knowle Bridge, Wookey.—Given by Mr. A. D. HALLAM.

Mortar, coarse sandstone, possibly medieval, found in ruins of Bullen Farm, Knighton, Stogursey.—Given by Mrs. F. KNOX.

Electrotypes of two of the enamelled bronzes from the Polden Hill Hoard, 1800. Made in the British Museum Laboratory.—Received in exchange from BRITISH MUSEUM.

Large part of a decorated pot, Iron Age 'B' type: dug up at Combwich Brick-pits, 1952.—Given by MR. C. BAZELL.

Various fragments of painted wall-plaster, mozaic, etc. and part of a mortar of Purbeck Stone, all from site of Roman Villa, Low Ham.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

Brooch, silver, head decorated with trumpet-pattern, formerly filled with red enamel, Irish V century A.D. Penannular bracelet bronze, Iron Age. Both said to have been found at Long Sutton. From collection of the late Rev. A. R. TURING BRUCE.—Given by MRS. WALKER (through Lt.-Col. C. D. DREW, F.S.A.).

Spear-head, bronze, with loops at base of blade, Middle Bronze Age. Found in peat, Shapwick Heath, by MR. R. FOSTER and Mr. C. H. FOSTER.—Given by ECLIPSE PEAT CO., LTD.

Base of jug, Donyatt Ware, XVIII century and small pot, salt-glazed stoneware, both dug up in Church Square, Taunton, 1952.—Given by BOROUGH ENGINEER, TAUNTON CORPORATION, (through Mr. PALFREY).

Antiquities from Barrows 2, 4, 5, 6, Chewton Mendip, excavated by the Ministry of Works, 1941.—Given by Mrs. AUDREY WILLIAMS, F.S.A.

Pottery from site of Roman Villa, Hally Hill, Kingsdon. Pottery, medieval and later, from Morthoe, Devon.—Given by Mr. W. A. SEABY, F.S.A.

A large quantity of potsherds of late XVII—early XVIII century date rescued by donors when trench was being dug in a field near St. Andrew's Church, Taunton.—Given by ROGER HEWLETT, IAN MORTON and ROGER CROCKER.

Medieval and later pottery, etc., found during excavations on site of South Bradon Church near Ilminster.—Deposited by Rev. R. BATHGATE.

BYGONES

Three-pronged fork, iron, with barbed prongs and tang for wooden handle. Purpose and date uncertain. Found at Bickenhall, near Taunton.—Given by Mr. R. DIX.

Full dress tunics of Somerset Light Infantry and Royal Engineers.—Given by Brigadier R. H. A. D. LOVE.

Working model of 8 h.p. steam engine used on the incline on the Grand Western Canal at Thorne St. Margaret, Wellington.—Given by Mr. A. LITTLEWOOD SMITH.

Pair of curtain ropes, XIX century.—Given by Mr. P. STURDY, F.S.A.

Mineral water bottle, inscribed FEWINGS & CO., AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS, TAUNTON, c. 1885.—Given by Mr. F. GREGSON.

Ploughshare, late XIX century type.—Given by Capt. L. J. MACKINNON.

Number plate of the first motor vehicle licenced in Somerset (Y.1), issued to the late Dr. R. H. Walter, Stoke-under-Ham.—Given by Messrs. V. RICHARDS & SONS.

Pair of corsets, XVIII century.—Deposited by Mrs. R. T. COMBE.

Two petticoats, pair of drawers, muslin bed jacket, part of a lawn dress, c. 1828, two silk parasols, c. 1900.—Given by Mrs. W. B. WINCKWORTH.

Silk dress, c. 1900; skirt and bodice, c. 1875; three petticoats; child's scarlet waistcoat, bag and bonnet; small piece of embroidery; belt with silver buckle; frock coat, dinner jacket and waistcoat, c. 1905.—Bequeathed by Mrs. A. NICHOLLS.

Two black lace shawls; black square; taffeta skirt, c. 1865; wedding dress, c. 1882; two petticoats; paisley shawl: parasol.—Given by Miss A. BRUFORD.

Seven XIX century concert programmes, all local except one.—Given by County Library, Bridgwater (through Miss N. MCCRICK).

Powder horn, made from buffalo's horn, date and provenance uncertain; three horseshoes, XVIII century or earlier, another modern type, all found in neighbourhood of Hardington; two ox-cues, ploughed up at Ashcott.—Given by Mr. R. COLEMAN-SMITH.

Two letters dated 1834 and 1835 respectively and two contemporary Valentines.—Given by Miss G. W. SALMON.

Two samplers dated respectively 1720 and 1764 and another of late XVIII—early XIX century date, all probably Scandinavian.—Bequeathed by the Hon. Mrs. AGNES LAWLEY.

Pair of scissors for trimming wick of paraffin lamps, late XIX-XX century.—Given by Mr. S. MONTACUTE.

Jeweller's balance, with weights, case with trade-label of Thomas Clarke, Plumber and Brazier, Yeovil: XVIII century. Letter-balance, brass, late XIX century.—Given by Mr. L. F. BURT.

Copy wool-embroidery of parts of Bayeux Tapestry, worked by mother of donor.—Given by the Rev. GUY HALLIDAY.

Horn-lantern, XIX century.—Given by Mr. J. STEVENS COX, F.S.A.

MS. book of music, dated 1843; another of printed music, dated 1844; another, second half XIX century.—Given by Mr. R. W. LUTLEY.

Smock, white linen, said to be from Somerset.—From A. BULLEID, Coll.—Given by Mrs. BULLEID.

Cooper's chive and downright.—Given by Messrs. MASTILL & DUKE, Coopers, Norton Fitzwarren.

Gold watch, with London Hall Mark for 1822, maker, Robert Downes, Long Acre.—Bequeathed by Mr. I. FITZROY JONES.

Marlinspike, iron, XIX century.—Given by Mrs. F. KNOX.

Mourning ring, silver, bezel with initials EB, XVIII century.—Given by Mr. W. A. SEABY, F.S.A.

Lord Lieutenant's uniform, XIX century.—Given by Mrs. ENID CAMPBELL.

Full dress uniform, West Somerset Yeomanry, c. 1895.—Deposited by C.O. and OFFICERS, 255 MED. REGT., R.A. (W.S.Y.) T.A.

Lead weight, stamped with F in circle, weight 1 lb. 14 ozs. Possibly XVII-XVIII century. Found at Knowle St. Giles.—Given by Mr. W. D. CLOSE.

Turnpike ticket, Stoberry Gate, Wells Turnpikes, dated 1 September 1823.—Given by Messrs. ARTHUR W. PARKER & Co.

Shingle, oak, from steeple of Burwash Church, Sussex.—Given by Mr. A. K. HUDSON.

Five Civil Defence armllets, 1939-45, two Civil Defence badges and Defence Medal.—Given by Major R. P. S. ELDERTON

Two lady's dresses and girl's pair of socks, all c. 1800-08.—PURCHASED.

Nickel-plated travelling inkpot, French, c. 1900.—Given by Mr. O. SWANSTON.

Pocket-knife, single-bladed, bone-handled, ? XIX century: dug up at Somerton.—Given by Mr. C. REED.

Two G. W. R. handbills, advertising excursions to London from Taunton and neighbourhood, 1912.—Given by Mr. F. A. BARBER.

Set of wig-maker's equipment, XIX century.—Given by Mr. J. STEVENS COX, F.S.A.

Spur, latten, formerly gilt, with engraved decoration; XVII century. Said to have been found on site of Battle of Sedgmoor. From the collection of the late A. R. TURING BRUCE.—Given by Mrs. WALKER (through Lt.-Col. C. D. DREW, F.S.A.)

CERAMICS

Tea pot, 2 basins, cup and saucer, probably New Hall; 3 tea caddies; probably Continental, late XVIII century; saucer, pink lustre with transfer-printed cottage scene, probably Sunderland; a jug and a mug, decorated with pink lustre, and transfer-printing, Sunderland, early XIX century; 3 dishes, tin-glazed, Dutch, late XVII century.—Bequeathed by the Hon. Mrs. ROBERT LAWLEY.

Wash-basin, porcelain, decorated in underglaze blue, Chinese, early XIX century.—Given by Miss BROAD.

Jug, earthenware, decorated with trailed slip: made at Donyatt, late XVIII-early XIX century. Dredged from the River Yeo, at Bicknell's Bridge, Langport by Mr. F. LOCK.—Deposited by Somerset Rivers Board (through Mr. E. L. KELTING, O.B.E.)

Twelve pieces of lustre ware, XIX century.—Given by Mrs. R. C. BLENCOWE.

Small earthenware vessel, perhaps a measure: dug up in garden of Claverton Rectory.—Given by Mrs. HOPLEY.

NUMISMATICS AND PLATE

Black-jack, leather, silver mounted, XVIII century with XIX century silver escutcheon bearing initials VJ in monogram.—Given by Miss VASSALL.

Note for 100 piastres, Khartoum, April, 1884 and signed by General Gordon.—Given by Rev. G. M. EVANS.

Crown, Victoria, 'Gothic' type. Proof.—Given by Mr. P. G. WATERFIELD.

Two XIX century medallions, without inscriptions, copper silvered and gilt metal.—Given by Mr. A. P. PALLETT.

Billon tetradrachm, Trajan, Alexandria; another, Hadrian, Alexandria; two sous, Louis, XVI, 1791; twelve deniers XVI, 1791; XVII century token, Ed. Clarke, haberdasher, Cambridge; another John Chalyn, tallow chandler, Cambridge.—Given by Mr. A. MUGGLETON.

Penny, William I, type V, Rev. BRIHTMIER ON LW, (London). Dug up at Saltford, near Bath.—PURCHASED.

Penny of Cnut, type 8D. Rev. GODCIL ON PEC; another, type 8D, Rev. ÆLFSIG ON TANTV; another, type 8D. Rev. ALFSIG ON TANTV.—PURCHASED.

Two antoniniani found at Kingston Seymour: (1) Obv. GALLENVS AVG., Rev. FELICIT PVBL. (2) Obv. AVRELIANVS AVG., Rev. CONCORDIA MILITVM.—Given by Reading Public Museum (through Mr. W. A. SMALLCOMBE, Curator).

Silver Communion Cup and Cover, both with date letter for 1662.—Deposited by the VICAR and CHURCHWARDENS of Nether Stowey.

MSS., DRAWINGS, PRINTS, ETC.

Original plan, by Samuel Hasell of the Roman Villa at Pitney. It differs slightly from that published by Colt Hoare.

Water colour sketch of the East Gate, Taunton Castle, by G.R. Lewis, 1805. This appears to be the original from which N. Frier made his copy (reproduced in *Proceedings*, lxxxvci, frontispiece).—Given by Mr. L. J. BROOKE.

Pencil drawing, dated 1849, of plaster in room at 18 Fore Street, Taunton, by A. A. Clarke.—Given by Rev. Preb. G. W. SAUNDERS.

Portrait of William Stradling, by Catterson Smith, P.R.H.A., oils on panel; collection of miscellaneous engravings and sketches, some by Stradling. From Stradling Coll.—PURCHASED.

Miscellaneous photographs, drawings, newspaper cuttings, etc., mainly connected with the archaeology of Somerset, from A. BULLEID Coll.—Given by Mrs. BULLEID.

Series of photographs of prints and drawings of old Taunton with photographs, taken by L. E. J. Brooke of the same places in 1951.—Given by Messrs. L. A. GRAY, LTD.

Two engravings (1) of Brympton and (2) of Orchard Portman, drawn by L. Knyff and engraved by I. Kyp. Early XVIII century.—PURCHASED.

Photograph of coachman and two footmen in livery who manned the High Sheriff's coach when it was last used. Late XIX century.—Given by Mr. F. J. BETTY.

Two lithographs, (1) Portishead Church and (2) the ruined church, Walton, near Clevedon, mid-XIX century.—Given by Mrs. BAILWARD.

FURNITURE

Cut-out wooden figure of house-boy, with mop, and similar figure of a girl; both painted in oils. Late XVIII century, probably Scandinavian.—Bequeathed by the Hon. Mrs. ROBERT LAWLEY.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

From 26 June 1951 to 31 December 1952

DONATIONS

History of the Privy Council, by Sir Almaric FitzRoy, 1928; *Historical Introduction to the Rolls Series*, by W. Stubbs, 1902; *Hartland Church Accounts 1597-1706*, by Ivon L. Gregory, 1950; *Maps and Mapmakers*, by R. V. Tooley, 1949; *Prerogative Court of Canterbury: Register "Scroope" (1630) Abstract and Index*, edited by J. H. Morrison, 1934; *Letters of Administration (1620-1630 inclusive)* edited by J. H. Morrison, 1935; *Wills, Sentences and Probate Acts (1661-70) inclusive*, edited by J. H. Morrison, 1935.—Given by the late Mr. I. FITZROY H. JONES.

Somerset Non-Parochial Registers, by Edward Dwelly, 1933; *The Ancient Highways of Somerset*, by G. B. Grundy; *The Great Cartulary of Glastonbury*, by Dom Aelred Watkin, 1947; *Society of Genealogists' Magazine*, vols. i-ii (1925-1951) and five odd parts; *A Marriage Index on a New Plan*, by P. Boyd (Soc. of Genealogists) 1928; *National Index of Parish Register Copies*, by K. Blomfield and H. K. Percy Smith, 1939; *Catalogue of the Parish Register Copies in the possession of the Society of Genealogists*, 1937; *A History of the Surnames of the British Isles*, by L. G. Ewen, 1931; *English Place Names*, by H. G. Stokes, 1948; *Village Survey Making*, by C. V. Butler, 1931; *Old Cottages*, published by the Somerset Rural Community Council, 1931; *Handbook for Churchwardens*, by K. M. Macmorran, 1946; *Air Survey and Archaeology*, by O. G. S. Crawford, 1928; *Notes on Archaeological Information in Ordnance Survey Maps*, part i, by O. G. S. Crawford, 1922; *Papers read at the British Association Meeting on Ordnance Survey*, by E. M. Jack, 1926; *The Growth, Building and Work of a Cathedral Church*, by R. H. Malden, 1945; *Alfred and the Great White Horse of Wiltshire*, by Dom J. Trethowan (from the Downside Review); *Bristol Wills 1572-1792*, edited by E. A. Fry, 1897; *Bristol Cathedral Register (1669-1837)*, edited by C. Roy Hudleston, 1933; *The Family of Eyre of Eyrecourt and Eyre of Eyreville*, by A. S. Hartigan, n.d.; *Royal Arms and Commandments in Churches*, by H. M. Cautley, 1934; *Boutell's Heraldry*, revised by C. W. Scott Giles, 1950; *Local Heraldry*, part ii, by A. J. Jewers, 1884; *Bridger's Index to Pedigrees of English Families*, by C. Bridger, 1867; *A General Armoury of England*, Burke and Burke, 1862; *The Coat of Arms*, vol. i Nos. 1-8, 1950; *Formulare Anglicanum (Ancient Charters)* by T. Madox, 1702; *English Court Hand*, parts i and ii, text and plates, by Charles Johnson and Hilary Jenkinson, 1916; *The Later Court Hands*, Parts i and ii, text and plates, by Hilary Jenkinson.—Bequeathed by the late Mr. I. FITZROY H. JONES.

Some Notes on the Hippisley Family, collected by Alfred E. Hippisley, edited and extended by I. FitzRoy Jones, 1952.—Received from Mrs. HIPPISELY after the death of the editor.

The Roll of Honour of the County of Somerset 1939-45, compiled by the Committee of the Somerset County War Memorial Fund; *Joseph and Alexander Harbin: Two Barbados Merchants, their Families and Offspring*, by Sophia W. Rawlins (The Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, vol. xix, No. 1, November 1951); *The Story of Brymore*, by A. W. Vivian-Neal.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL.

England's Greater Churches: A Pictorial Survey, by C. B. Nicholson, n.d.; *The Cathedrals of England*, by H. Batsford and C. Fry, 1934; *The English Country House*, by R. Dutton, 1935; *English Church Craftsmanship*, by F. H. Crossley, 1941; *The Towers and Steeples of Sir Christopher Wren*, by Andrew T. Taylor, 1881; *A History of Architecture on the Comparative Method*, by Sir Bannister Fletcher, 1928; *English Social History*, by G. M. Trevelyan, 1944; *The Middle Ages*, by F. Funck-Brentano, 1922.—Given by Miss E. T. ELLIS from the library of the late H. A. R. ELLIS on leaving The Solar, Galmington.

A Descriptive Catalogue of Fourteen Manuscripts in the Library of Henry Yates Thompson, by Henry Yates Thompson, 1912; *Illustrations from the One Hundred Manuscripts in the Library of Henry Yates Thompson*, vols. v and vi, by Henry Yates Thompson, 1916; *Illustrations from the Life of Bertrand Duguesclin by Jean Cuvelier from a MS. of about 1400 A.D.*, edited by Henry Yates Thompson, 1909; *The Book of Hours of Yolande of Flanders*, with a description by S. C. Cockerell and photogravures by Emery Walker, 1905; *A Psalter and Hours for Isabelle of France*, with a description by S. C. Cockerell and photogravures by Emery Walker, 1905.—Given by Col. C. W. H. PETERS.

A Short History of the Village of Saltford, by Emmie Gollidge, 1933.—Given by Miss M. FEDDEN.

Some Wiltshire Fonts (reprinted from the Wiltshire Archaeological Magazine liii and liv), by A. G. Randle Buck.—Given by the AUTHOR.

The Castlewitch Ringwork: a new henge monument in S.E. Cornwall (reprinted from the Antiquaries' Journal vol. xxxii).—Given by the AUTHOR.

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