Report of the Curator of the Somerset County Quseum, from July 18, 1934, to July 16 (Annual Peeting), 1935

SINCE the last report the Wyndham Galleries have been completed and the builders finally left in September 1934. The Opening Ceremony was held on 3 October, as fully reported in the *Proceedings* of the Society, vol. lxxx, pp. xlviii—lii, and in *The Museums Journal*, vol. xxxiv (Jan. 1935), pp. 385–7. All the show-cases so far provided for these rooms have been presented by Mr. W. Wyndham. In some of them a large number of the remains found in the two Lake Villages of Somerset have been exhibited, and some of the duplicate material stored in drawers. Much additional work will be necessary here in the coming months.

The chief event in re-arrangement in the Museum is the work of improving the Society's Geological collections and making them more presentable for the general public. Mr. A. D. Hallam, who came as a temporary assistant in Geology in October 1934, is now engaged upon this work, and for the better display of the collections the cases allotted to this department have been relined and coloured, and many of the labels have been executed by the junior assistants who are trained to do

this class of work.

The list of additions to the Museum show that 'Bygones' were far more numerous than any other series. The reason is that the Bygones room has been a source of attraction to many local people who have been in a position to add a specimen here and there.

At the end of May the bequest of the late Misses M. M. and L. M. Badcock (see obituary notice at the end of this vol.) was moved to the Museum. It consists of a good series of English Pottery, Porcelain and Glass. It has yet to be catalogued and arranged.

As will be seen by the following pages the additions to the Library have been larger than in most years. All of them have been catalogued, and the usual attention has been given to the binding of the periodicals received from kindred societies in exchange.

The Saxon Charters of Somerset, by Dr. G. B. Grundy, issued in parts in the *Proceedings*, can now be obtained complete in paper wrappers for 2s. 6d. (2s. 10d. by post). The Society also has a number of bound copies of C. S. Orwin's *Reclamation of Exmoor*, 1929, to sell at 5s. each (5s. 6d. by post).

Not only were the Meare Lake Village excavations continued during the year under review, but in May the Curator carried out a survey and excavation of a large mound, 10 miles south of Taunton, known as 'Combe Beacon', a paper on which is published elsewhere in this volume of *Proceedings*.

The Wyndham Lecture Hall has been increasingly used, and this branch of the Society's activities makes considerable claim on members of the staff.

The South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries held its autumn meeting at Cheltenham on 19 October 1934, and the annual meeting at Exeter took place on 12 April 1935, when Mr. F. R. Rowley's term of office as President came to an end.

The Botanical Section of the Society held its annual meeting at headquarters on 2 May 1935, the Entomological Section on 13 February, and the Ornithological Section on 21 March, this Section's autumn meeting being held on 9 October 1934. The Taunton Field Club held conversaziones at the Castle on 31 January and 21 March (the latter jointly with the Ornithological Section).

The Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 990 members in July 1935, including twenty-two life members and five honorary life members.

The Museum and Library were visited by 9,108 persons in 1930, 9,404 in 1931, 8,869 in 1932, 8,738 in 1933, and 8,865 in 1934.

H. St. George Gray, f.s.a.

Assist.-Secretary and Librarian, Som. Arch. and Nat. Hist. Society.

Curator of the Somerset County Museum.

Additions to the Quseum

From 18 July, 1934, to 16 July (Annual Meeting), 1935.

I. ARCHÆOLOGY

(1). STONE IMPLEMENTS

IMPLEMENT of honey-coloured chert of discoidal form, having a bi-convex cross-section; Palæolithic Age (Levallois series); found in the donor's nursery-garden at Bradford-on-Tone.—Given by Mr. E. C. Russell.

Celt of flint, chipped and for the most part highly polished, Neolithic; found in the peat moor in the parish of Chilton Polden.—Given by Miss S. A. K. CARVER.

Celt of flint, chipped, found at Norton Camp, near Taunton, and figured in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* liv, ii, 134.—Given by Mr. Charles Morris.

Celt of flint, chipped and partly polished; found on the surface on Backwell Hill, Somerset.—Given by Mr. R. EGERTON GODWIN.

The cutting-end half of a polished flint celt of Neolithic type, considerably calcined; found when Wyrral House, Glaston-bury, was being built.—Given by the Executors of the late John Morland.

(2). Miscellaneous

The Antiquities found during the second season's excavations at the Meare Lake Village, field no. 3, 1934,—this field being the property of Mr. WM. WILLCOX, who presented the objects discovered.

Knife-dagger of bronze, thin, with a now bent blade, length 103 mm., width 32 mm.; weight including both the attached and the locse rivet 30·26 grammes. Found in pipe-laying on Mendip in 1935, on the south side and very close to the Roman

road midway between the Water-works tanks and Tyning's farm, in the parish of Rowberrow, and near the boundary of Shipham parish.—*Purchased* (per Mr. G. B. Slater).

Greater part of an urn of 'Cossington pottery', height $9\frac{1}{2}$ iu., containing fragments of cremated bone belonging to a young adult, and apparently of an uncremated infant also; Romano-British, probably third century A.D. Found in a lias quarry at Long Sutton in 1893 or following year.—Given by Dr. A. BULLEID, F.S.A.

Two urns were found in the superficial soil over the upper bed of stone; but the other specimen was much broken and partly lost. These urns were found near the right side of two extended skeletons lying parallel, about 6 ft. apart. The skeletons were buried in separate graves excavated into the upper layers of lias and clay, and bordered with thin slabs of lias on edge. Similar slabs covered the remains. In one case the head was lying beside the pelvis on the right side; the head in the other case is said to have been discovered between the legs. (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, xl, 272-4.)

Small pair of iron shears, leaf-shaped spearhead of iron, twisted piece of bronze wire, two flint scrapers, and a sand-stone whetstone; all found at Bedmore Barn, Ham Hill, S. Somerset.

Loom-weight of Ham Hill stone, perforated, found in the foundations of an old house at Bower Hinton, near Martock.

Considerable remains of XV Century earthenware cookingpots; found in Mrs. Lewis's garden, 'Tanybryn', Stokeunder-Ham.

Given by Dr. S. L. BRIMBLECOMBE.

Disc of Ham Hill stone, diameter $3\frac{1}{8}$ in., found in a quarry in the middle of Charlton Mackrell.—Given by Mr. W. J. Long.

Comb of bone, made up of three longitudinal parts; total length in its present condition $8\frac{7}{8}$ in. Found at a depth of between 60 and 70 ft. between the Mansion House and the Royal Exchange, London; apparently of the Viking period, 9th-11th centuries A.D.—From the Executors of the late John Morland.

Ornament, or dress-fastener, consisting of a bronze oval plate with broken hook at one end; the plate is enamelled in green and white. Found in the donor's garden on Hendford Hill, Yeovil, at a depth of 2 ft.—Deposited by Mr. A. G. Petts.

Two stone spindlewhorls (one, flat, thin and six-sided), and part of a large flint scraper; found in a garden at Whitewick Farm, Stolford, Stogursey.—Given by Mr. A. D. HALLAM, B.SC.

Tiger jug, height $7\frac{7}{8}$ in., XVI Century; found when extending Messrs. Goodman's printing-works, North Street, Taunton, across the filled-in outer moat on the east side of Taunton Castle, 1926.

Three glazed tiles, from Carthage and Abbotsbury Abbey. Given by Mr. A. E. GOODMAN.

Framed drawings of antiquities found by the donor on Ham Hill, S. Somerset.—Given by Mr. A. V. CORNISH.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY AND BYGONES

Collection of nineteen Club-brasses, Somerset, etc., which were deposited in the Museum by Capt. W. R. W. Kettlewell on loan in 1922, and which are listed in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, lxix, p. lxvi.—Bequeathed by Mrs. F. B. Kettlewell.

Cider-mill from the Quantocks, said to be over 200 years old, and last used in 1933.—Given by Miss Blanche Martin.

Painted wooden doll's house, with double doors or front covering four well furnished rooms; Victorian.—Given by Miss Austin, Hillside, South Yarra, Melbourne, Australia (formerly of Hillside, Baltonsborough, Som.).

Shop-sign in the form of a padlock, height $25\frac{3}{4}$ in., which, up to about 1885, hung outside the shop of Mr. Joseph Buckland, ironmonger, 4, East Street, Taunton.

It was taken down as a sign when the new shop-front was put in, when the sons, Joseph C. and Frank Buckland, joined in the business. The premises passed into the hands of Timothy White & Co. in 1934. The padlock is of zinc with a wooden arm, and originally it appears to have been gilt. It was fixed up about 1875.

'Kangaroo' bicycle,—pioneer of all the 'safety bicycles'.
—Given by the Rev. Dr. John Darlington, who purchased it from the makers in 1887.

Pair of lady's shoes, can ary-coloured cloth 'uppers', c. 1725; part of a waist coat, English needlework; Victorian

sunshade, with collapsible carved ivory handle; hat-stretcher of wood; two tortoiseshell combs for lady's back hair; a 'kiss-me-quick' of blue silk, used as a shade, placed over the front of a poke-bonnet; Empire dress bodice; tambour collar, finely worked; needle-made lace for 'poke' bonnet; brown silk dress, 1820-30; quilted garment of white silk for hoops or crinoline, and 'fichu' for same; bag with painted designs; bag made of sprigged waistcoat; lacquered metal snuff-box, with inscription; trinket-box of wood in form of a shoe; wooden 'machine' for crimping gentlemen's shirt frills; three pairs of steel snuffers; sugar-cutter of steel; phleme for bleeding cattle; two metal moulds, for making single candles; Lane's telescopic view of the opening of the Great Exhibition, 1851; 'The Traveller's New Guide', etc., printed in red on linen handkerchief; Cocker's 'Arithmetick', 1698; 'The Dandies' Ball, or High Life in the City', 1819.—Given by Miss S. A. K. CARVER.

Two oblong carved oak panels, probably Burgundian or Flemish, $c.\ 1400$; sold at Hartrow Manor, Stogumber.

Tobacco-stopper of silver, prancing-horse and rider; mid XVIII Century, probably George II.

Given by Mr. WILLIAM WYNDHAM.

Set of five bells, of latten, used to warn travellers of approaching vehicles; these bells have the hood of leather complete; XIX Century.—Given by the Executors of the late JOHN MORLAND.

Man-trap, length 5 ft. 7 in.—Given by Sir WILLIAM MEADE-KING.

Cane, of rattan, gold mounted, length $37\frac{1}{2}$ in., which belonged to Richard Meade, solicitor, Powlett House, Taunton. He took the additional name of King in 1830 and moved to Pyrland Hall.—Given by Dr. R. L. Meade-King, greatgrandchild of Richard Meade.

Collapsible candle-lantern in the form of a tin box (book-shaped), dated 1840.—Given by Miss D. E. Crosskey.

Patent candle extinguisher and snuffers of steel, first half of the XIX Century; apple-pruning chisel of iron, length $11\frac{5}{8}$ in., with a side hook.—Given by Mr. Philip Sturdy.

Flint-lock pistol tinder-box with priming-pan enlarged into

a receptacle for the tinder, steel handle, XVIII Century; miner's safety-lamp, early type.—Received in exchange from Salisbury Museum.

Three moulding-planes of beech, used by Mr. Ivey of Sparkford; oak double purpose rebate and fillister plane, used by the donor.—Given by Mr. W. I. PITTARD, Sparkford (per Mr. P. Sturdy).

Two moulding-planes, XIX Century.—Given by Mr. R. W.

Fox.

Tortoiseshell comb for lady's back hair.—Given by Miss R. Clatworthy.

Memorial gold brooch, William Stuckey, born at Muchelney Abbey, 1773, died 23 August 1849, and his wife Susannah Ball of Ash, Martock, ob. 5 March 1835; hair bracelet, 1835; pair of Honiton lace sleeves which belonged to Miss Grace Stuckey, Muchelney, c. 1850; pair of embroidered cuffs, early XIX Century; pincushion in form of shoe containing woman and ten children, second quarter XIX Century; beadwork pincushion; small silver vinaigrette, G. B. Stuckey, Muchelney; sequin and Brussels net fan, c. 1735, which originally belonged to Hannah Goodden of Bower Hinton, ob. 1782.—Given by Miss M. STUCKEY CLARK.

Dark blue riding-habit, without skirt, c. 1860, which belonged to the donor's aunt, Miss H. F. Kean.—Given by Miss B. M. Kean.

Silk needlework purse with drawing-string, Victorian.—Given by Miss E. M. HARDING.

Stay-busk, of wood, length $12\frac{1}{2}$ in., richly carved with panels of ornament, inscribed BESSEY IAMES, 1787 and I. LANE, 1787.

—Given, in memory of his father, by Mr. A. B.MARCHANT, B.Sc.

Special constable badge of bronze, Burgh of Calton (Glasgow); dug up in a garden at Chard.—Given by Mr. C. E. FAULKNER.

Cannon-ball of stone, somewhat pitted, picked up by the donor in War Meadow, below Stogursey Castle.—Given by Mr. Darby Haddon.

Cannon-ball, of lias stone, found in 1934 in the walls of an old stone-built blacksmith's shop at Somerton.—Given by Mr. J. G. WILLIAMS.

Cannon-ball of iron, found on the site of the now filled-up pond close to Banwell Church.—Given by Mr. Charles Morris.

Horse pit-halter eye-guard.—Given by Mr. ARTHUR VEATER (per Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Steel bit, the first type used in the process of breaking-in a colt, weight 13 oz.—Given by Mr. ARTHUR T. VEATER (per Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Candle-box of tin, mid XIX Century.—Given by Mr. J. S. W.

POPE.

Pole-trap for trapping birds of prey.—Given by Mr. F. C. Vickery.

Two mole-traps of primitive type.—Given by Mr. James Bryant.

Harrow appliance (?).—Given by Mr. F. de F. Daniel.

Zoetrope, or wheel of life, with pictures; pair of oriental shoes.—Given by the Misses M. and R. Goodman, and Mrs. Revell.

Snuff-box of brass, with bust of William IV.—Given by Mr. John Wedlake.

Small cyclindrical clear glass bottle, with coloured fabric designs inside next to the glass; obtained at Combwich.—Given by Dr. P. HALLAM.

III. CHINA, POTTERY, AND GLASS

Staffordshire group in the form of a watch-stand, Victorian.
—Given by Mr. S. J. Wine.

Terra-cotta vase, height 14½ in., made in the eighties of the XIX Century by Dr. A. Bulleid at the Glastonbury potteries.

—Given by the Executors of the late John Morland.

Glass wine bottle, with seal bearing the initials I.M.N. and 1717.—Given by Miss L. M. BADCOCK.

Larger end of a so-called 'yard of ale' of Nailsea glass, but more probably a 'coach-horn' similar to *Connoisseur*, xxx, 98, no. xv (top); obtained at Combwich.—Given by Mr. P. HALLAM.

IV. NUMISMATICS

'First brass' coin of Claudius I, A.D. 41-54, found, recently, on Ham Hill, S. Somerset.—Given by Mr. W. R. WATERMAN.

'Third brass' coin of Maximinus II Daza, A.D. 305-313.—Given by Mr. Kenneth Brimble (per Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

XVII Century trade token of William Sealy, Bridgwater,

1652.—Given by Mr. J. B. Clark (Cerne Abbas).

XVII Century trade token, Christopher Cooke, Taunton, 1667; found in donor's garden.—Given by Mr. R. BARRINGTON, Bishops Lydeard.

XVII Century trade token, Mathew Munday, Taunton; found in the garden of Ina Cottage, Mill Lane, Taunton.—

Purchased.

Public house check, Lighthouse Coffee Tavern, Bath.—Given by Mr. W. Perkins.

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

Water-colour, in gilt frame ($21\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $16\frac{3}{4}$ in.), of a sunset off the coast near Burnham-on-Sea, with Steep Holme, by the late W. Matthew Hale, R.W.S.

Oil-colour, in gilt frame (70 in. by 49 in.), 'Winter Twilight', by the above artist, who regarded it as reminiscent of the Abbot's Pool at Abbotsleigh, Som.

Given by the Executors of the will of the late Mrs. W. M.

HALE.

Two sand pictures which were once the property of Benjamin Gray the younger, Lady Warrington's great-grandfather, who lived at Pond House, Henstridge.—Given by the Rt. Hon. Lord WARRINGTON OF CLYFFE.

B. Gray was an exhibitor at the Shows of the Bath and West Agricultural Association, and he won prizes in four successive years in the first decade of the XIX Century. The pictures are in their original maple frames, (1) Cows and goats in landscape, $37\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $31\frac{3}{4}$ in., and (2) two rams, $25\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $21\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Copy of oil-colour portrait (the original now at Orchard Wyndham) of Sir Wadham Wyndham, judge, born in Somerset in 1610, the ninth son of Sir John Wyndham (1558–1645) of Orchard Wyndham by Joan daughter of Sir Henry Portman of Orchard Portman.

He was concerned with the proceedings against the regicides, and at the end of those trials he was, on 24 November 1660, promoted to be a judge of the King's Bench, receiving the customary order of knighthood. Sir Wadham died at his seat at Norrington, 24 Dec. 1668.

Copy of oil-colour portrait of 'Sr. John Popham Knight Lord Chiefe Justice of Englande in her Matis. Most Honourable Prive Counsell'; the original at Orchard Wyndham. Sir John Popham (1531?–1607) was buried in the chapel on the south side of Wellington Church.

Given by Mr. WILLIAM WYNDHAM.

Engraved portrait (framed) of Sarah Biffin, or Beffin, miniature painter, born at East Quantoxhead in 1784.—Given by Dr. P. HALLAM.

She was born without arms or legs, and her height never exceeded 37 in. By indomitable courage and perseverance she contrived, by means of her mouth, to use the pen, the pencil and paint-brush, and even the scissors and needle. She had trained instruction and was patronized by the royal family, but with increasing years she fell into poverty, and died at Liverpool on 2 October 1850, aged 66 years.

Six enlarged photographs of portraits by Thomas Beach of the children of John Hippisley Coxe of Ston Easton, and his wife Mary, daughter of Stephen Northleigh, of Peamore, Devon.—Given by Mr. I. FITZROY JONES.

(a) Richard, born 1742, M.P. for Somerset 1768, 1774, 1780; died 26 August 1786; (b) John, born 1744; died January 1782; (c) Charles born 1752; died 14 June 1788; (d) Robert Stephen Northleigh, born 20 September 1756; died September 1777; (e) Frances Susannah, married 16 August 1780 to Francis (Basset) Baron de Dunstanville, Baron Basset of Stratton, Bart., etc., of Tehidy Park, Cornwall; she died 14 June 1823; (f) Amie, married the Rev. William Hames, of Ash, died s.p., 29 November 1819.

Water-colour drawing of the Jury and Witnesses' Rooms, Taunton Castle, by H. Frier, 1899 (this building was demolished in 1931, and the site is now occupied by a new Wyndham annexe).

Wash-drawing of the interior of the old Guildhall, The Parade, Taunton, by H. Frier, 1901.

Print of Colonel Kirke pointing out to a lady the hanging body of her brother, dated 1803.

Engraving of 'Poor old Tom Thumb, now living in Bristol, at the age of 105', dated 1790, Thomas Barker, pinx.

Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL.

Enlarged photograph of Charles Tite, formerly an honorary secretary of the Somerset Archæological Society (framed).—
Purchased.

Monochrome drawing, St. Mary's Chapel, Glastonbury Abbey, by John Whitaker, Bath; pencil sketch of Long Ashton Church, by Samuel Jackson (1794–1869); pen-and-ink sketch of Sir Thomas Dyke Acland; seven pencil drawings: (1) Heale Bridge, Bradford-on-Tone; (2) Bradford-on-Tone, with Church; (3) Pitminster Church; (4) Bridge at Pitminster; (5) Corfe, cottages; (6) Shoreditch, near Taunton; and (7) Bishops Lydeard, cottages.

Given by Mr. H. STUART THOMPSON, A.L.S.

Coloured lithograph in black frame entitled 'A Sketch of a Roman Tessellated Pavement lately discovered at Whatley, near Frome, on the property of John H. Shore, Esq.' (Vict. Co. Hist., Som., i, 317).—Given by Mrs. B. H. Cunnington.

Lithograph (framed) of the Rev. John Hawkes Mules, vicar of Ilminster (1822–53) and Isle Abbots.—Given by Mr. F. C. VICKERY.

Album of pencil drawings, mostly of Taunton before the XX Century.—Given by Miss L. M. BADCOCK.

Seven ladies fashion plates, 1862–75.—Given by Messrs. Butland Bros.

Photogravure of Henry Irving as Philip of Spain.—Given by Mr. Philip Sturdy.

Engraved sketch of Witham Friary Church, 1760.—Given by Mrs. A. Croom-George.

Two photographs of Tone House, Taunton, demolished 1930.

—Given by Mr. H. J. WICKENDEN.

Expanding diorama or telescopic view of the Thames Tunnel projected by Brunel, opened for foot-passengers 25 March 1843.—Given by Miss M. STUCKEY CLARK.

VI. NATURAL HISTORY AND GEOLOGY

Bittern, Botaurus stellaris stellaris (L.), in case; shot on low-lying ground in the parish of Wedmore, c. 1884, by the donor's father, John Frederick Bailey.—Given by Mrs. J. C. Smith.

Skins of ten birds from the H. H. Slater Collection.—Given by Mr. F. Potter, Taunton School.

Common badger, *Meles taxus*, on stand.—Given by Mrs. M. NATION.

Collection consisting of about sixty specimens, chiefly from the Lower Lias of Lyme Regis and Watchet.—Given by Mrs. HARVEY BLAKE.

It includes some interesting reptilian, fish and crinoid remains, among which may be mentioned a nearly complete skeleton of *Ichthyosaurus* sp. from the Lower Lias of Lyme Regis; another from the Lower Lias of Watchet; and a well preserved specimen of *Dapedius politus* Leach, also from the Lower Lias of Watchet.

Remains of an Ichthyosaurus (Ichthyosaurus intermedius Conybeare), found on 13 September 1934, 25 ft. from the foot of the wooden steps leading down to Melwell Bay at Watchet.

—Given by Mr. F. C. Eeles, who has sent a number of notes with the specimen.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Leather model, of Bishops Lydeard Church made by W. Weston, apprentice to Mr. Porter, saddler, Taunton, 1850–60.

—Given by Mrs. Payne.

Model of engine bearing inscription, 'Built by W. E. Metford, c.e., 1844–45'. This must have been when he was twenty years of age, as William Ellis Metford was born at Flook House, Taunton, 4 October 1824.—Given by Miss L. M. ΒΑDCOCK.

Large mahogany book-case, with cupboards in the lower section; it belonged to the donor's grandfather.—Given by Mrs. E. Wardell-Yerburgh.

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DONATIONS

Regional Architecture of the West of England, by A. E. Richardson and C. Lovett Gill, 1924.—Given by Mr. Philip Thursfield.

The Lake-Dwellings of Europe, by Robert Munro, 1890; Collections of Historical Portraits in Great Britain, by W. G. Constable; Norman London, by F. M. Stenton.—Given by

Dr. R. L. MEADE-KING.

Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Devon, vol. i, by Rev. G. Oliver, 1840; The Beauties of England and Wales: Devonshire, by J. Britton, 1803; Devonshire Pedigrees recorded in the Herald's Visitation of 1620, pts. 1-6; The Dying Speeches . . . of those . . . Protestants who suffered in the West of England under the . . . Sentence of . . . Justice Jeffreys; Report of Proceedings on the Claim of the Earldom of Devon, 1832; Dialogues . . . of the Old Farm House at Weston-super-Mare, 1826, by C. E. Wilson; A Pindarique Ode upon Her Majesty's Accession to the Crown, by T. Coney, rector of Chedzoy, 1702; Country Life, articles on Poundisford Park, 4 and 11 August 1934.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

The Grammar School of King Edward VI, Bath, by K. E.

Symons, 1934.—Given by Mr. H. M. PORTER.

Parochial Histories of Devon, (1) Okehampton, by Dr. E. H. Young, (2) Holsworthy, by W. I. Leeson Day.—Given by the Devonshire Association.

Dwelly's *Parish Records*: Wells Transcripts, vols. 1-6; North Petherton Registers, vol. i.—Given by the Rt. Hon. Henry Hobhouse.

Transactions, Reports of the Birmingham and Midland Institute, 8 vols., 1870–9.—Given by Miss A. L. Doble.

Weaver's Somerset Incumbents (with MS. notes); Bibliotheca Dorsetiensis, by C. H. Mayo; Chronicles of Devizes, by J. Waylen, 1839; Materials for the History of Wellington, Som., by A. L. Humphreys, 1889; Norton-sub-Hamdon, by C. Trask, 1898; North Curry, by H. P. Olivey, 1901; The Story of the Battle of Edington, by W. H. P. Greswell, 1910; Records of Romsey Abbey, by H. G. D. Liveing, 1906; A Pastoral Letter on the present Aspect of the Times, by Bishop G. H. Law, 1831; Observations on . . . Navigations . . . between Bath, Bristol and London, 1825; Gilbert Crispin, Abbot of Westminster, by J. Armitage Robinson, 1911; Keltic Researches, by E. W. B. Nicholson, 1904.—Given by Mr. F. de F. Daniel (in memory of his father, the Rev. Preb. W. E. Daniel).

Weaver's Somerset Incumbents (with a few MS. notes).—

Given by Mr. J. O. Lewis.

The Roll of the Drapers Company of London, by Percival Boyd.—Given by the Company.

Glastonbury Abbey during the Crusades: Extracts from Adam of Domerham; John Morland of Glastonbury, 1837–1934: A Friend.—Given by the Compiler, Mr. H. F. Scott Stokes, f.s.a.

Dorset Charters, pt. 1; The Ancient Highways . . . of Worcestershire and . . . Severn Basin, pt. 1.—Given by the Compiler, Dr. G. B. Grundy.

The Book of Bournemouth, Medical Association, 1934.—Given by Mr. Herbert Druitt.

The History of Fordington.—Given by the Author, the Rev. R. G. Bartelot, f.s.a.

Stonehenge and its Date, by R. H. Cunnington.—Given by the Publishers.

Diocese of Bath and Wells, Cathedral Reform, 1880; Charges delivered by Bishop G. W. Kennion, 1898, 1901; Guide to Kewstoke Church, by Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar; Cleeve Abbey as I see it, by C. Clapp; Guide to Minehead, 8th edit.; Exmoor, N. Devon and W. Somerset Guide, 1st and 2nd editions.—Given by Mr. F. C. Eeles.

Everyday Life in the Old Stone Age, and Everyday Life in the New Stone, Bronze and Early Iron Ages, by M. and C. Quennell; A History of Everyday Things in England, 1066–1499, also the volume for 1500–1799, by M. and C. Quennell; Life and Work

of the People of England, in 4 vols., 14th to 17th centuries, by Dorothy Hartley and M. M. Eliot, 1925–28.—Given by Mr. I. Fitzroy Jones.

Blake, General-at-Sea, by C. D. Curtis; Joseph Wolff, by H. P. Palmer; Economic Survey of the Somerset Willow Growing Industry, by C. V. Dawe and J. E. Blundell (typescript); The Works of Dr. Thos. Sydenham, 5th edit., by J. Swan, 1769; The National Food Economy League Handbook for Housewives, 1914–19; Philips' Map of Somerset, 1850–55.—Given by Mr. Philip Sturdy.

Southcomb of Rose Ash, pts. 1, 2; Copleston of Offwell; Radford of Lapford; Some Axminster Worthies, pts. 1, 2; Vicars of Knowston-cum-Molland, 1767–1915; Members of Parliament for Honiton, 1640–1868.—Given by the Author, Major W. H. Wilkin.

A Complete English Peerage, by the Rev. A. Jacob, 2 vols. in four, 1776–7; Martyrology and Lives of the English Divines, by S. Clarke (1599–1683); The Western Martyrology: or Bloody Assizes, 5th edit., 1705; The Philistines, by R. A. S. Macalister, 1914; The Ancient British and Irish Churches, by Wm. Cathcart, 1894; Middlesex in British, Roman and Saxon Times, by Montagu Sharpe, 1919.—Given by the Executors of the late John Morland.

History of the Great Western Railway, 1833–1921, by E. T. MacDermot, 2 vols. in three.—Given by the Railway Company.

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