Report of the Curator of the Somerset County Quseum, from July 17, 1935, to June 9 (Annual Deeting), 1936

Owing to the fact that the Annual Meeting at Wells was held earlier in the summer season than usual, the report covers a period of nearly six weeks short of a year. However, it has been the custom to date this series of reports as covering the

weeks elapsing between successive annual meetings.

The Society's application to the Somerset County Council-(County Education Committee) for an annual grant for the more rapid development and re-arrangement of the museum and the increase of staff has been favourably received, and the County Council has thought it fitting to recognize the great work the Society has done in the cause of education for many years past. This is a matter of satisfaction to those responsible for the proper conduct of the museum. The Education Committee has nominated two of its members as representatives on the Council of the Society, one of whom also serves on the Museum Committee.

One of the chief efforts in the Museum has been the completion by Mr. A. D. Hallam of the cataloguing and re-arrangement of the Society's geological collections. In this work he received the assistance of other members of the staff. At the request of the Museum Committee Mr. Hallam has drawn up a special report which is printed in the following pages. It will interest geologists and will be found useful for reference.

Members and others have been much attracted by the work which has been in progress in the new Wyndham galleries. During the early spring a cork flooring was laid in the lower gallery to match the flooring upstairs; and Mr. Wyndham, having come forward with another donation towards the

¹ Mr. Hallam arrived on 22 October 1934, and left on 29 July 1936.

provision of show-cases, an order was given when this report was closing for the supply of a range of cases for the south side of the lower gallery. During the year an island case was provided in the upper gallery for lake-village models and pottery, and a stand was made at the east end of the room on which the best of the quern-stones found in the Meare Lake Village are now exhibited.

The collection of Folk material is fast growing and many objects have been given by Mr. E. A. Mattock on leaving Lowton House, Pitminster. Other specimens were given by Mr. R. Neville Grenville, most of them being pictures, etc., illustrating some of the developments of the Great Western Railway.

The 'treasure-trove' hoard found in peat-digging on Shap-wick Heath in May has for the most part found a home in the Somerset County Museum. This is an important addition to the Roman collections, and the discovery is described in this volume, pp. 163–170.

The Badcock collection of Glass has been arranged in a cabinet in the approach to the new galleries. In the Great Hall, besides the geological work, other improvements have been carried out including the removal of some obsolete casing in which fish and tortoises were exhibited. The albino Kangaroo has been cleaned and the lender, Miss Walter, has now presented this interesting animal to the Museum. The pair of Great Bustards have been set up by Mrs. St. George Gray in a case provided by Dr. R. L. Meade-King.

The need of more space is being felt for the Society's growing Library. Now that the manuscripts of the manor of Taunton Deane have been transferred to the Somerset Record Office, the spare rooms, known as 'The Exchequer', will now be available for book storage when properly prepared and shelved for the purpose.

The Library has been added to chiefly by the Roland Paul bequest of books and drawings, which has yet to be catalogued and arranged.

Mr. F. de F. Daniel has presented a complete run of the publications of the Oxford Historical Society, and Mr. E. Luckock has given a number of works on natural history,

chiefly on birds. By purchase the last edition of Bryan's

Dictionary of Painters has been acquired.

Excavations were conducted at Glastonbury Abbey during the summer of 1935, followed in September by a season's work at the Meare Lake Village, which produced some very interesting timber-work and another series of specimens for the Museum. During the year under review the Museum has received as a gift from Dr. A. Bulleid his model of a single typical hut illustrative of the lake-villages.

The South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries held its autumn meeting at Yeovil on 18 October 1935, and the annual meeting at Bath took place on 3 April 1936, when Mr.

Reginald Wright's term as president came to an end.

The Botanical Section of the Society held its annual meeting at headquarters on 30 April 1936, the Entomological Section on 14 February, and the Ornithological Section on 26 March, this Section's autumn meeting being held on 17 October 1935. The Taunton Field Club held conversaziones at the Castle on 5 December 1935, and on 12 March and 16 April 1936. A party of students from London University used Taunton Castle as their headquarters for a few days at the end of March when studying the geography and geology of the neighbourhood.

The Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 974 members in June 1936, including twenty-two life members and five honorary life members.

The Museum and Library were visited by 9,404 persons in 1931, 8,869 in 1932, 8,738 in 1933, 8,865 in 1934, and 8,780 in 1935. A new signboard has recently been set up outside the Castle gates, and a decided increase of visitors for the year 1936 is expected.

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Curator of the Somerset County Museum.

Report on the Geological Collections in the Somerset County Quseum

In re-arranging the Geological collections in the Museum two objectives have been held in view:

- 1. The exhibition of specimens illustrating the Geological History of Somerset and the neighbouring counties.
- 2. The formation of reserve collections for the use of students and others who wish to bring specimens to the Museum for identification.

It was decided that it would be best to begin from the beginning and make a proper catalogue of the collection. Owing to the great number of fossils, many of which came from distant parts of England and even from abroad, and from formations and facies unrepresented in Somerset, and for which there was not sufficient drawer-space in the Reserve Collection, it was resolved to weed out all those specimens which either had no direct bearing on the Geology of the County or from bad preservation and lack of data as to locality were of no value. Of these, all fossils which were worth preserving were packed in wooden boxes and put into store, and those which were valueless were thrown away. All this was done from time to time during the making of the Catalogue.

Each fossil reserved for exhibition or for reference-purpose was given a number, which, when practicable, was painted on it in black or white, and entered, with all available particulars of name, horizon, locality and donor, in a typewritten catalogue.

Owing to the amount of labour which would be involved, the lack of a first-class geological library such as could only be found in a university or similar institution, and to the fact that many branches of the Animal Kingdom are in the process of revision, it was early realized that it would be impossible to make a systematic catalogue or catalogues, as is done for instance at the British Museum, where the modern catalogue is really a monograph. The Catalogue which has been made must, therefore, be looked upon as being simply in the nature of an 'Acquisition Catalogue', which is unfinished and may be added to as fresh specimens come in.

The Geological Collection in the Museum is made up chiefly of seven main collections:—

1. The Bower Collection. This was formed from 1828 to 1874, by the Rev. E. Bower, Rector of Closworth, near Yeovil. The collection was purchased from his widow by the then Lord Portman and presented by him to the Society in 1890. It consists mainly of Jurassic and Cretaceous fossils from the neighbourhood of Yeovil. 3,122 specimens have been cata

logued.

2. The Williams Collection. Formed by the Rev. David Williams, Rector of Bleadon, near Weston-super-Mare: the collection was purchased after his death by the Society in 1852. It consists of a large number of fossils from the Devonian and Carboniferous formation of Cornwall, Devon and West Somerset, a fine series of reptilian remains from the Lower Lias, chiefly of Street, and a collection of fossils from the Upper Greensand of the Blackdown Hills. 907 specimens have been catalogued. Besides these there is a fine collection of bones of Pleistocene Mammalia from the Mendip Caves. This has not been catalogued or separated from the Beard Collection of similar remains, which was bought by the Society in 1862, though the cataloguing was started by the late W. A. Sanford in 1867. Only the Felidae were, however, completed. These remains will be noticed further on in this report.

3. The Parsons Collection. This was bequeathed to the Society by the late Dr. H. Franklin Parsons in 1913. The collection consists of Palaeozoic and Mesozoic fossils mainly from the neighbourhood of Frome. 799 specimens have been catalogued. Although this collection is smaller than the last two, it is, in many respects, of more scientific value, as most

of the fossils are marked with the locality.

4. The Moore Collection. This consists of fossils collected by Charles Moore, a well-known geologist in his day, who was born at Ilminster in 1815, but spent most of his life at Bath, dying there in 1881. The greater part of his collection was purchased from his widow, and is now in the Museum at Bath. The remainder was given by Mrs. Moore to the late Rev. H. H. Winwood, who presented it to the Society in 1905. The collection consists mainly of Jurassic fossils from the neighbourhoods of Ilminster and Bath. 752 specimens have been catalogued. It is understood that there is more of this collection in store, which has not yet been unpacked.

 The Fox Collection. This is a very fine collection of fossils from the Upper Greensand of the Blackdown Hills, presented in 1880 by Mr. C. H. Fox of Wellington. 1,306 specimens

have been catalogued.

- 6. The Tomkins Collection. Fossils collected by Dr. Charles Tomkins, of Weston-super-Mare, and presented to the Society by his son the Rev. W. S. Tomkins, Vicar of Durston, in 1896. 345 specimens have been catalogued.
- 7. The Meade Collection. A collection of fossils, chiefly from the neighbourhood of Castle Cary and Warminster, presented in 1878 by Canon R. J. Meade, of Castle Cary. 294 specimens have been catalogued.

Besides these there are small collections and single specimens given by various donors, and a large number with no known history. In all 8,359 specimens have been catalogued.

The accompanying Table gives an analysis of the distribution of the several divisions of the Animal Kingdom among the different Geological Systems. The bottom row of figures gives the total number of specimens belonging to a phylum, class or order, and the right-hand row the total number of specimens in each formation,—e.g. it may be seen at a glance that there are in the Museum Collection 1,433 gastropods, and 300 fossils from the Oxford Clay. It will be found on adding up the figures on the Table that the total comes to 8,222. 137 less than the total number of specimens in the Catalogue. This discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that some of the specimens which are numbered separately are component parts or moulds of a single individual, and are counted as one specimen in the Table, five specimens have been added to the collection since the Table was drawn up, and there are occasional coprolites, rock-specimens, stalactites and other objects which, because of their nature or their doubtful systematic position cannot be included.

Also although they have not been included in the Catalogue, it is as well to make some mention of the large number of bones of Pleistocene Mammalia in the Museum. This collection, which is probably unique, at any rate as far as the provincial museums are concerned, was chiefly the result of the labours of the Rev. D. Williams (who has been mentioned earlier in this report) and Mr. W. Beard, of Banwell, during the first half of the nineteenth century. The Williams Collection, as has been mentioned above, was purchased by the Society in 1852; the Beard Collection was bought in 1864. The remains come chiefly from caves at Banwell, Bleadon, Burrington, Hutton,

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ANALYSIS OF THE COLLECTION OF FOSSILS IN THE SOMERSET COUNTY MUSEUM TO JULY 1936

Sandford Hill, Uphill and Wookey Hole. In 1867 the first part of a catalogue of the Pleistocene Mammalia in this Museum was published, but only that part dealing with the Felidae was completed. Numerous specimens, however, have been described and figured by Falconer, Boyd Dawkins, Sanford and Reynolds. A list of works in which reference is made to the Pleistocene Mammalia is given below.

In spite of the fact that this Museum was well known to geologists during the last century there are, besides the Pleistocene Mammalia, few figured specimens here. The two following may be instanced:

- No. 5795, Lepidotus elvensis (Blainv.), from a quarry in the Upper Lias, Shelway Lane, Barrington, Som., Preb. J. Hamlet Coll., 1927. Described by Sir A. Smith Woodward in Proc. Som. Arch. & Nat. Hist. Soc., vol. lxxv, 1929, pt. ii, pp. 91–93, Pl. XI.
- No. 6122, Lima (Acesta) clypeiformis d'Orb., from the topmost bed of the Upper Greensand of Chard, presented by Mr. N. W. Spicer, 1862. Described by H. Woods, "The Cretaceous Lamellibranchiata", vol. ii, pt. iii, p. 27, fig. 5, Palæontographical Society, 1904. At the time of writing only one other British specimen was known.

All the specimens catalogued, except those which are on exhibition, have been systematically arranged and put into drawers for the use of students and others. In the Catalogue, opposite each entry is written the number of the cabinet and drawer where each specimen may be found. Those marked "E" are on exhibition, either in one of the show-cases or on the north wall of the Great Hall.

The fossils have been arranged in stratigraphical and zoological order starting at the oldest (Silurian) at the west end of the Great Hall. Only formations present in Somerset are represented in the cases, and all fossils, as far as possible, are specimens collected in Somerset. In many cases Maps have been placed showing

- 1. The present distribution of a given series of rocks in Somerset.
- 2. The geographical conditions in the area now covered by the British Isles during the laying down of a given series of rocks.

As well as these a number of typical sections showing various formations have been drawn and placed in the cases.

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LIST OF WORKS WHERE REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE PLEISTOCENE CAVE-MAMMALIA IN THE SOMERSET COUNTY MUSEUM

- DAWKINS, W. BOYD, and SANFORD, W. A. The British Pleistocene Mammalia, Felidae. Palæontographical Soc., 1864, 1867, 1868, 1871. (The majority of the specimens figured are in Taunton Museum).
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- DAWKINS, W. BOYD. On the Distribution of the Post-Glacial Mammals. Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc., xxv (1869), 192.
- FALCONER, H. On the species of Mastodon and Elephant occurring in the fossil state in Great Britain, pt. 2.
 Palæontological Memoirs, ii, 159, 161, 167, 172, 177, 179, 180. (References to remains of Elephas from Mendip Caves in Taunton Museum).
- 8. ,, Note on the occurrence of *Spermophilus* in the Cave Fauna of England. *Ibid.*, ii, 452, Pl. 35, figs. 1–3.
- 9. ,, Note on the occurrence of Felis spelaea in the Mendip Caverns. Ibid., ii, 455, Pl. 35, fig. 11.
- 10. REYNOLDS, S. H. British Pleistocene Mammalia, vol. ii, pt. 1.

 The CAVE HYAENA, Pal. Soc., 1902. (Most of the specimens figured here are from the Taunton Museum).
- 11. "British Pleistocene Mammalia, vol. ii, pt. 2. The Bears, Pal. Soc., 1906. (Several specimens from Taunton Museum figured).
- 12. ,, British Pleistocene Mammalia, vol. ii, pt. 4. The Mustelidae, Pal. Soc., 1911, p. 9, fig. 1, c,d,e. (Gulo luscus).

Additions to the Guseum

From 17 July, 1935, to 9 June (Annual Meeting), 1936

I. ARCHÆOLOGY

(1). STONE IMPLEMENTS

IMPLEMENT of chert, length $6\frac{1}{4}$ in.; Palæolithic; from the Broom Gravels, parish of Hawkchurch, West Dorset.—Given by Dr. R. A. Fawcus.

Collection of small flint implements of Neolithic type, mostly scrapers:—Eleven from Stoke St. Mary, three from Wrantage, three from Sigwells Camp, and three from the Blackdown Hills.—Picked up by and given by the boys of King's College Archæological Society.

Arrowhead of flint with single barb, length 27 mm.; picked up on the surface by the donor at Norton Fitzwarren Camp.—Given by Mr. P. G. Summers.

Javelin-head of flint, ploughed up at Norwich, Ontario.—Given by the Very Rev. Ethelbert Horne, F.S.A.

(2). Miscellaneous

The Antiquities found during the third season's excavations at the Meare Lake Village, field no. 3, 1935,—this field being the property of Mr. WMLCOX, who presented the objects discovered.

Model of a typical circular dwelling (the original about 14 ft. in diameter), Somerset Lake Villages; constructed by the donor.

Whetstone, found at the base of one of the piles, when the timber trackway described in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, lxxix, 19–29, was destroyed in 1935.

Given by Dr. A. Bulleid, f.s.a.

Palstave of bronze, with a loop on either side, length 168 mm. (6½ in.), width at cutting-edge 43 mm.; weight 490 grammes (approx.). Found, in 1934, in digging a deep hole for a wooden post in the yard of a small holding known as 'Mount Pleasant' in the parish of Curland, and 6 miles s.s.e. of Taunton. It was found at a depth of about 3 ft. by the owner of the holding, D. G. Dicks, who gave it to Dr. Fawcus of Chard. (Illustrated and described in *The Antiquaries Journal*, vol. xvii, pp. 63–69). —Given by Dr. R. A. Fawcus (per Capt. W. S. L. Henderson, of Forton).

Palstave of bronze, without loop, of a long attenuated form, length 184 mm. ($7\frac{1}{4}$ in.). Found near Quimper, Brittany, with others bound together by a bronze ring.—Given by the Rev. C. J. Pring.

Cheese-shaped object of earthenware of a reddish tinge and very smooth; ornamented by six almost vertical incisions at the sides, equally spaced; diameter 38 mm. $(1\frac{1}{2} \text{ in.})$; perhaps Roman; found on Priory Farm, Stogursey.

Spindle-whorl of brown-coloured stone, highly polished, max. diam. 34 mm.; perhaps of the Early Iron Age; uprooted by a large tree which fell in Monk Wood, Priory Farm, Stogursey.

Given by Mr. HAROLD A. WARNER.

A few fragments of pottery and glass from the Roman legionary fortress, Caerleon.—Given by Mr. J. C. M. HALL-STEPHENSON.

Seal of latten, diam. 21 mm.; early XIV Century; the blundered lettering reads: S' IOHIS DE WAYNE (or MAYNE); said to have been picked up on the surface of Norton Fitzwarren Camp.—Given by Mr. A. P. PALLETT.

Small glazed earthenware vessel (height 2 in.), probably of the late XVIII Century, found built up in a wall of No. 1, The Borough, Montacute (a XVI Century building with cusped window lights).—Given by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (per the late A. R. Powys, F.S.A., Secretary).

Part of a 'tiger-ware' handled jug, part of a handled brown ware jug, both probably of the XVI Century, etc.; dug up in alterations at the back of the Co-operative Stores, East Street, Taunton.—Purchased.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY AND FOLK MATERIAL

Half-bushel measure, of gun metal, with a pair of handles partly wood; exterior diameter, excluding handles, $15\frac{1}{2}$ in.; height 7 in. Inscription around one side of the rim, IMPERIAL STANDARD HALF BUSHEL; around the body, COUNTY OF SOMERSET; below, BATE.LONDON, and the figures 1785 (probably not a date). It has verification marks on the upper rim, seven in number, including royal cyphers of William IV, Victoria and Edward VII; probably first quarter of XIX Century.—Purchased, for a small sum, from Major HERBERT C. Dent, M.B.E.

Statuette of the Duke of Wellington, height 16 in., cast in iron by F. Wills, engineer, Bridgwater; end of XIX Century.

Copper (painted) fire emblem with representation of the west front of York Minster; inscribed YORKSHIRE. 1824.

Copper dish, circular, 11 in. in diameter; the rim, 2 in. in width, is ornamented with foliage, repoussé work; made by an apprentice at the works of Messrs. J. W. Singer & Sons, Ltd., of Frome, c. 1880.

Pair of gun-metal candlesticks, height $10\frac{1}{2}$ in.; early XIX Century.

Walker's patent 'Neptune' ship-log, from H.M.S. *Viper*, wrecked on the Channel Islands after a very short period of service, c. 1900.

Five glass pictures, early XIX Century—two of fish, the others depicting scenes in the lives of Queen Caroline and Princess Charlotte.

The following items having reference to the Great Western Railway:

Two curved name-plates, G.W.R., PERSEUS and HIRONDELLE—brass letters on steel.

Large engine number-plate, G.W.R. No. 477.

Engine number and date-plate of brass, the lettering in high relief: 'Great Western Railway Co. Swindon, No. 191, Sep. 1869'.

Photograph (in frame $51\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $39\frac{1}{2}$ in.) of the North Star Broad Guage Passenger Engine, G.W.R. This engine was built by Robert Stephenson & Co. in 1837; one of the first

engines employed by the G.W.R., which continued to work till December 1870, running a total of 429,000 miles.

Photograph (in frame $51\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $39\frac{1}{2}$ in.) of the 'Lord of the Isles' Broad Guage Engine, G.W.R., which was exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851, and continued to work till July 1881, running a total of 789,300 miles. The first engine of this class, the 'Great Western', was built at the Swindon works in 1846 from a design by (Sir) Daniel Gooch; it worked the expresses from Paddington to Bristol from 1846 to 1888.

Framed coloured print of the railway engine, 'La France'. Framed photograph of the 'Butleigh Court' railway engine,

G.W.R., 1905.

Two photographs, framed together, of drawings of early Erecting and Boiler Sheds, G.W.R., Swindon.

Given by the late Mr. R. NEVILLE GRENVILLE.

Two iron man-traps of the square, 'humane' type, without spikes, c. 1850.

Dress sword, c. 1770, length $39\frac{1}{4}$ in.; double-edged.

Double-edged sword, with blade fluted on one face and ridged on the other face; broken off short, and re-pointed; present length $18\frac{1}{2}$ in.; said to have been dug up in Castle Green, Taunton; late XVIII Century.

Sword with gilt handle and guard, length $38\frac{1}{4}$ in.; gilt band at mouth of sheath inscribed 'Prosser (late Cullum) sword cutler, &c. to the King & H.R.H. Duke of York, Charing Cross'; blade engraved, including G.R. surmounted by a crown; late XVIII—early XIX Century.

Large wrought iron 'pipe-kiln', formerly used in the process of cleaning clay tobacco-pipes; three-legged, length 19 in.

Eight-sided tobacco-box of lead, painted cover, knob in form of negro's head; XIX Century.

Three churchwarden pipes, in cardboard box with printed label, 'William Southorn & Co's celebrated small Broseley (Salop) Churchwarden Pipe'.

Japanned metal calendar frame, black and gold, containing a calendar, printed in blue, for March and April 1845.

Drinking-horn, bottom deficient; height $4\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Two square trenchers of wood, with cavity for salt; English, XVII Century.

Circular, lathe-turned trencher, diameter $8\frac{7}{8}$ in.; English.

Lathe-turned wooden bowl, rather shallow, diameter $10\frac{3}{4}$ in.; English (repaired with three brass rivets).

Three ladies over-shoes (two of them a pair) and a lady's shoe of silk; XVIII Century.

Saddle-cloth, finely worked but in bad condition; XVIII Century.

Given by Mr. E. A. Mattock, on leaving Lowton House, Pitminster.

Fire-screen, double-fold, height 4 ft., Chippendale, in the Louis Quinze style, mid XVIII Century.—Given by Mr. W. WYNDHAM.

Brass-fronted clockwork and weight-driven spit-jack, early XVIII Century. Obtained from an old farm labourer at Wollard, between Publow and Compton Dando, N. Somerset; he said it was used by his grandfather at Stanton Prior.—Given by Messrs. P. Sturdy, A. Vivian-Neal and W. Wyndham.

Wooden boat baler (ausfat), length $16\frac{3}{4}$ in., used on fishing and farm boats on the fiords of Norway; bought at a ship-chandler's shop at Bergen; for comparison with similar balers from the River Parret and North Italy.—Given by Mr. Philip Sturdy.

Sampler, framed, the work of Ann Sparks, dated November 1794; large silk shawl; green silk sunshade, Victorian; blue silk purse with two steel rings; small pocket compass; lacquer snuff-box, with hunting scenes; Victorian tea-caddy of mahogany, length 12½ in., height including ball-feet 7½ in.; mahogany fire-screen with Victorian needlework; coach-horn, mostly of brass, total length with mouthpiece, 49 in.; leather bottle, probably European; pair of turned wood match-stands, from a public-house.—Given by Mr. I. Fitzroy H. Jones.

Copper (painted) fire emblem with representation of the west front of York Minster, inscribed YORKSHIRE. 1824; miner's watch-case of brass, used as a protection against damp and dirt; irons for a pair of pattens; powder-flask, XIX

Century; flint-lock pistol, marked 'Dunderdale, Mabson & Labron'; small tinder-box, probably English, with pipe-stopper handle which covers a cork-screw.—Given by Mr. J. C. M. Hall-Stephenson.

Lady's dress, with under-dress, about 1840; christening-robe and cape; baby's robe; four baby's caps.—Given by Mrs. Hall-Stephenson.

Thatcher's mallet, probably Berkshire; clay tobacco-pipe with R.N. on the heel, from Stogursey.—Given by Dr. P. HALLAM.

Shepherd's crook, handed down in the family to Wm. Thos. Warren, who died at Ash Priors, 23 September 1931, aged 69; brass snuff-box, inscribed 'John House, 1893' (he was sexton at Ash Priors for some years).—Given by Mrs. R. J. Measham, daughter of the late Rev. A. W. Baynham.

Candle reading-lamp for use in Victorian railway-carriages by passengers whose private property they were; third quarter of the XIX Century.—Given by Mr. A. R. HAYWARD.

Policeman's bull's-eye lantern, height $7\frac{1}{4}$ in.; late Victorian.

—Given by Miss D. Hacker.

Silver watch, with embossed rim, date-mark 1823-24.—Given by Mr. J. Scott.

Two 'Pinchbeck' bracelets, one joined by a heart-shaped clasp; probably second half of the XVIII Century (see also *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, liii, i, 76).—Given by Miss M. STUCKEY CLARK.

Top hat, black silk, c. 1860; carpet-bag, mid Victorian, formerly used by the parents of the donor.—Given by Dr. A. Bulleid, F.S.A.

Part of the embroidery of a young woman's dress, 1820–30.

—Given by Miss Alice Kelly.

Puzzle of bone consisting of rings and bars, Victorian.—From the M. M. & L. M. BADCOCK Bequest.

Pair of steel skates with wood tops, of a type no longer made; c. 1860.—Given by Dr. R. L. Meade-King.

Spur of iron, finely wrought, probably Spanish, Mexican or Central American.—Given by Mrs. J. S. Bakewell.

Five iron horse-shoes and a XV-XVI Century key, from Sand, near Wedmore.—Given by Mrs. G. W. SAUNDERS.

Horse-brass in form of an elephant (collected in Cornwall).—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

Ox-cue.—Given by Mr. E. E. Tibbs, Meare.

Small oak paper-knife, to which is attached a small silver plate recording that the wood was taken from the Houses of Parliament after destruction by fire, 16 October 1834.—Given by Mr. A. E. de Breffe.

III. CHINA, POTTERY, AND GLASS

Parts of three late medieval ewers, XIV–XV Century; found in a disused well in quarrying operations at Charlton Mackrell.
—Given by Miss D. HACKER. (Will be restored).

Ancient glass, leaded, from Muchelney Abbey.—Given by Mr. George Hannam.

Dark glass wine bottle, with seal inscribed Rd. Meade. Taunton. 1807.—Given by Dr. R. L. MEADE-KING.

Large glass tumbler, straight-sided, engraved, height 7 in., c. 1825.—Given by Mr. I. Fitzroy H. Jones.

Five toddy-stirrers, etc., of clear glass; two small glass spoons, with circular bowls and long stems.—Given by Mr. J. C. M. HALL-STEPHENSON.

IV. NUMISMATICS, ETC.

Large casket, on ebony table-stand, silver, the greater part of which is gilt, presented to Mr. John Marshall, Belmont, Taunton (1826–90) by the Taunton Conservatives in 1874, after he had paid some £10,000, the cost of the petition lodged against the return of Sir Henry James as M.P. for Taunton in 1873.

The casket is ornamented chiefly by two views of Taunton Castle, one of St. Mary's Church, the seals of Taunton Priory and of the Town, the Arms of Taunton and two monograms, I.M.

John Marshall was born on 18 April 1826 and died at 'Belmont', Taunton, on 22 February 1890; buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. He provided the new reredos in St. Mary's Church in 1870, and he was mainly responsible for the payment for decoration of the chancel, rehanging of the bells in 1873, and the new organ. He also provided the carillon, the east window at the 1887 Jubilee, the brass lectern, and the figure of the patron saint. He also paid for work at Wilton Church in 1870, at St. James' in 1885, and he gave the east window at Holy Trinity in 1880. To the Museum he presented some of his Saxon and Norman coins; and his fine collection of albino birds came to the Society on the death of his brother, Wilfred, at Norton Manor.

Given by Lt.-Colonel W. HARTLEY MAUD, C.M.G.

Hoard of siliquae (small silver coins) of the late Roman Empire, Constantius II to Honorius, found by J. Crane, on 18 May 1936, on Shapwick Heath, depth 2 ft. The coins were placed in a pottery beaker which stood in a handled cup of pewter, the whole covered by a pewter saucer and plate. 79 of the coins have come into the possession of the Somerset County Museum, the remaining 41 being retained, after examination, by the British Museum (Treasure Trove).—Purchased.

The discovery is described, with illustrations, by H, St.

George Gray, F.S.A., in this volume, pp. 163-170.

Denarius of Caracalla, A.D. 196–217, AVG. BRIT.; 'third brass' coin of Tetricus I, A.D. 267–273; 'third brass' coin of Licinius, A.D. 307–323; follis of Galerius Maximianus, A.D. 292–305, follis of Galerius Maximianus, A.D. 292–305, Rev. GENIO POPULI ROMANI.—Given by Mr. A. P. PALLETT.

Spade guinea, George III, 1788; four 'third brass' late Roman coins and a bronze finger-ring (stone missing), found in the neighbourhood of Shepton Mallet.—Given by Dr. F. J.

ALLEN.

One-guinea weight, William III; bank token, Three Shillings, George III, 1812.—Given by Mr. J. C. M. HALL-STEPHENSON.

Forged Bank of England One Pound Note, dated 20 May 1820, and cancelled with the word 'Forged' in four places.—Given by Mr. T. S. Penny.

XVII Century trade token of Stephen Parsons of Batcombe, Som.—Given by Mrs. M. E. Cunnington.

Crown, half-crown, florin, shilling, sixpence and threepence, Dominion of New Zealand coinage, dated 1933-35.—Given by Mr. W. E. G. Willy, Auckland, New Zealand.

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

Lithographic portrait (framed) of Francis Henry Dickinson, of Kingweston, Som., born 6 January 1813, died 17 July 1890.

Mr. Dickinson was M.P. for the West Division of Somerset 1841–47, and was President of the Somerset Archæological Society, Frome, 1850; Glastonbury, 1859; Wells, 1863; and Burnham, 1864.

Enlarged charcoal portrait of the Ven. George Anthony Denison (1805–1896), in frame measuring, $31\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 27 in., the original drawn by Emmeline Deane, 1 July 1890.

Mr. Denison was Archdeacon of Taunton (1851–96), and Vicar of East Brent during the same period. He died there, 21 March 1896 ($D.N.\ Biog.$, 1st supp., II, 127–29).

Given by Mr. R. NEVILLE GRENVILLE.

Portrait (large photograph) of the late John Marshall of 'Belmont', Taunton (see also p. 73).—Given by Lt.-Col. W. Hartley Maud, C.M.G.

Lithograph of the 'North West view of Glastonbury; taken from the bank of the Canal at the Opening, 1832'.—Given by Mr. Z. P. Butler (per Mr. F. C. Warren, Paddington Station).

Two full-size water-colour drawings of parts of the circular mosaic pavement found at Keynsham in 1924 (*Archæologia*, lxxv, 109–138),—the work of the late G. Lawrence Bulleid, A.R.W.S.

'Second copy' of the large Plan of Glastonbury Lake Village, made up from the eleven (printed) published plan-sheets (plates in Vol. i).

Given by Dr. A. Bulleid, f.s.a.

A series of drawings of Somerset Earthworks, etc., made by the late Edward J. Burrow (born at Wellington, Som.), when he was preparing his book entitled, 'Ancient Earthworks and Camps of Somerset', published in 1924.—Given by Mrs. E. J. Burrow.

'Bowles's Road Director through England and Wales printed for the proprietors Bowles & Carver' (framed).—Given by Mr. I. Fitzroy H. Jones.

Engraving (framed) in tint entitled 'Near Somerton, Somerset', by Bailey after W. Payne, 1805.—Given by Mr. J. C. M. HALL-STEPHENSON.

Set of twelve half-plate bromide photographs illustrating the Peat industry in Somerset.—Purchased.

Photograph of Miss Sarah Anne White's girls' school in North Street, Milverton (framed); illustrated female costume of the period 1860–70.—Given by Capt. L. L. ATHERTON.

Broad-sheet, 16 in. by 13 in., entitled 'Copy of a Letter written by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ', and printed by 'Hallett, printer, Bridport', c. 1800.

Mr. W. A. Marsden, keeper of the Department of Printed Books, British Museum, writes as follows:—'For a brief account of the apocryphal letters of Christ and Agbarus, I can refer you to M. R. James's The Apocryphal New Testament, with other narratives and fragments, Oxford, 1924. On pp. 476-7 he says 'Our earliest Greek text of these (apocrypha), which was found in many forms, is that given by Eusebius in his Ecclesiastical History (i, 13), extracted, as he says, by him from the archives of Edessa relating to Agbarus, and translated from Syriac. . . Later texts add a promise that where this letter is, no enemy shall prevail; and so we find the letter copied and used as an amulet'.

Given by the Rev. G. de Y. ALDRIDGE.

VI. NATURAL HISTORY AND GEOLOGY

Albino kangaroo from Western Australia (in case), which had been deposited on loan in the Museum by Miss Walter since 1897 (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, xliii, i, 64). It was brought to England in a living state, but died on British soil in a few days' time.—Given by Miss PRUDENCE E. F. WALTER.

Pomatorhine Skua, Stercorarius pomarinus (Temm.), taken at Weare, Som.—Given by Mr. Albert Tilley.

Sabine's Snipe, male, Tealham Moor, Somerset, 3 August 1925. Grey Phalarope, *Phalaropus fulicarius* (L.), male, winter plumage, Gore Sands, Burnham-on-Sea, 17 September 1923.

Black Tern, Chlidonias niger niger (L.), female, winter plumage, River Axe, Bleadon, 20 August 1928.

Leach's Fork-tailed Petrel, Oceanodroma leucorrhoa leucorrhoa (Vieill.).

Given by Mr. E. GERALD HOLT.

Two Pheasants, *Phasianus colchicus* L., nearly albino; shot at Lowton at an interval of about 25 years.

Pair of Common Snipe, Capella gallinago gallinago (L.), with nest and three eggs.

Nightjar, Caprimulgus europaeus europaeus L.

Polecat, *Putorius putorius*, L.; taken in the woods above Lowton.

Given by Mr. E. A. MATTOCK, on leaving Lowton House, Pitminster.

Vertebra of *Plesiosaurus* sp., found in the clay at the Maiden Beech Brick, Pipe and Tile Works in West Crewkerne parish, just s.e. of Southern Railway Tunnel.—Given by Mr. R. M. P. Parsons.

Septarian nodule found in the garden at 'The Lynch', Somerton.

Four ammonites: (1) Asteroceras obtusus (Sow.), Lower Lias, ? Lyme Regis; (2) Schlotheimia sp., Lower Lias, ? Lyme Regis; (3) Lytoceras cf. fimbriatum (Sow.), Middle Lias, ? Lyme Regis; (4) Perisphinetes sp., ? Corallian, perhaps from the neighbourhood of Weymouth.

Fish, Dapedius politus, Leach, Lower Lias, ? Lyme Regis.

Given by Mr. J. C. M. HALL-STEPHENSON.

Fossil sponge (no. 5821), found by the donor in digging foundations for a house, 1935, at Stone Down under the Tor hill, Glastonbury.—Given by Mr. Geoffrey Turner.

Fragment of basalt column, Fingal's Cave, Staffa.—Given

by the late Mr. A. J. HOWARD.

Crystals of beryl in mica-schist, from the Pietersburg Mining District, N. Transvaal.—Given by Mr. A. H. Elton.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Two oak bookcases, one of which had been deposited on loan in the Museum for some years.—Bequeathed by Misses M. M. and L. M. Badcock.

Ebonized and glazed show-case and stand for the pair of Great Bustards (given by Mr. H. Balfour).—Given by Dr. R. L. MEADE-KING.

Ebonized and glazed shade-case for the John Marshall casket.—Given by Lt.-Col. W. Hartley Maud, C.M.G.

Additions to the Library

From 17 July, 1935, to 9 June (Annual Meeting), 1936

Archæologia, vol. lxxxiv for 1934.—Given by the Society of Antiquaries.

Publications of the Oxford Historical Society, vol. i (1885) to vol. lxxviii (1922); Proceedings, Oxford Architectural and Historical Society, n.s., vols. i (1860–64) to iv (1884); Registrum Sacrum Anglicanum, by W. Stubbs, 2nd edit., 1897; Minute Books of the Dorset Standing Committee, 1646–50, edited by C. H. Mayo, 1902; History of Parish Registers in England, 2nd edit., by J. S. Burn, 1862; Compostus Roll of the Obedientiaries of St. Swithun's Priory, Winchester, by G. W. Kitchin, 1892; Ecclesiastical Records of Somerset, by T. Scott Holmes, 1914.—Given by Mr. F. de F. Daniel.

Robert Blake, by Roger Beadon, 1935; The Natural History of Selborne, by Gilbert White, 1900; Country Life, 28 Sept. 1935, containing 'Somerset—A Western Shire'.—Given by Dr. R. L. Meade-King.

Skrine of Warleigh, 1936.—Given by the Author, Dr. E. W. AINLEY WALKER.

The Rise of the Celts, by H. Hubert, 1934; and the following Guide Books by F. C. Eeles: Church of St. Michael, Minehead (1926); Cleeve Abbey (1933); Church of St. George, Dunster (1933); Church of St. Dubricius, Porlock (1935).—Given by Mr. F. C. Eeles.

British Barrows, by W. Greenwell, 1877.—Given by Mrs. E. H. M. Luckock.

The English Abbey, by F. H. Crossley, 1935; The Bloody Assize in Somerset, by Dom. E. Horne (reprinted from "Downside Review", 1935); Excavations in the Seven Acre Field, Camerton (Bath Branch, 1935).—Given by Dom. ETHELBERT HORNE, F.S.A.

The Avebury Excavations, 1908 – 1922 (reprinted from 'Archæologia', lxxxiv, 1934).—Given by the Author, Mr. H. St. George Gray, f.s.a.

Time Remembered.—Given by the Authoress, Lady Horner,

O.B.E.

The Grand Tour of Norman England, by A. Weigall, 1922; Highways and Byways in Shakespeare's Country, by W. H. Hutton, 1914.—Given by Mr. P. J. Barnicott.

Notes on the History of Martock, 1935.—Given by the Author,

Rev. Preb. G. W. SAUNDERS.

Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed and Official Classes, 59th annl. edit., 1933; Fairford Church and its Stained Glass Windows, 3rd edit., by O. G. Farmer, 1931; A Guide to the Roman City of Uriconium, at Wroxeter, by J. A. Morris, 1935.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

The Golden Bough (abridged edit.), by Sir James G. Fraser, 1925; Ethics of Egg-Collecting, by E. Parker, 1935.—Given by

Dr. H. Downes.

The Scenery of Switzerland, by Sir John Lubbock, 1896.—

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

A New Sett of Maps both of Antient and Present Geography, by Edward Wells, D.D. (1667–1727).—Given by Mr. F. H. CRIDLAND.

Early Christianity in Somerset and how it has survived.—

Given by the Rev. Preb. D. J. Pring.

The Parish Church, Wellington, 1936.—Given by the Compiler, Mrs. M. Agnes Fox.

Ancient Monuments, vol. ii, South England, by the Rt. Hon.

W. Ormsby Gore, F.S.A.

The Electrical Magazine, vol. i, containing 'The Electricity of Cloud and Fog', by Andrew Crosse, p. 368 seq.; and 'A new form of Galvanic Battery', by Dr. J. H. Pring, p. 441 seq.—Given by Miss B. BARNICOTT.

The Whitchurch (Somerset) Hoard of Radiate Minimi, 1935.

—Given by the Writer, Mr. C. H. V. SUTHERLAND.

Alice Drayton Greenwood, 1862–1935.—Given by the Writer, Miss E. C. Wilson.

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The Journal of Botany, 1936.—Given by the Botanical Section.

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Carboniferous Cephalopods from Shipham, by Dr. F. S. Wallis; Text-Book of Palaeontology, vol. i, by K. A. von Zittel, 1900.—Given by Dr. F. S. Wallis, F.G.S.

The Geology of England and Wales, 2nd edit., by H. B. Woodward, 1887; Principles of Geology, 5th edit., 4 vols., and 9th edit. by Sir Charles Lyell, 1837 and 1853; Report on the Geology of Cornwall, Devon and West Somerset, by H. T. de la Beche, 1839; Catalogue of the Fossil Sponges in the Geological Department of the British Museum, by Dr. G. J. Hinde, 1883; Reliquiae Diluvianae, 2nd edit., by W. Buckland, 1824; History of British Fossil Mammals and Birds, by Richard Owen, 1846.—From the Executors of the late John Morland.

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