

## Report of the Curator of the Somerset County Museum, from July 18, 1928, to July 9 (Annual Meeting), 1929

My last report made special reference to the benefactions of Mr. William Wyndham. Since the Wyndham Lecture Hall was opened in October 1927 it has been found to be of great service, not only to the Wyndham Lecture Trusts for the Elementary and Secondary Schools, but for occasional meetings of the Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society and its branches, and for other educational lectures organized by other societies.

The development of the Tone House property, which Mr. Wyndham bought for the Society in 1927 and is mentioned in my last report, is still being considered by a committee which is, however, for the time being, hampered by the lack of funds to carry out even the first part of the proposed scheme for museum extension. The crowding of specimens is, therefore, unavoidable, until some relief comes.

The excavations at Taunton Castle were continued during the autumn of 1928 and spring of 1929, and owing to the extent of Norman and other walling discovered in the area under examination, it has been decided not to erect any modern buildings in this situation, as was originally intended before it was known that so much remained of the old Castle buried under hundreds of tons of earth, stone and other débris.

The Committee's tentative decision had to be entirely revised, and the Society has now been left with the additional responsibility of completing the excavations,—to be followed by the protection and repair of the ancient walls. All this will require money, and a large amount will have to be raised before

the excavations can be completed, and at least some part of the proposed Museum extension carried out.

The Society has made a point of paying attention to the matter of archaeological excavations in the county in recent years, and the programme for 1928-29 was very full, and included Glastonbury Abbey, the Meare Lake Village, Ham Hill, Kingsdown Camp and Camerton. The explorations entail a large amount of detailed work and research, and afford also a means of enriching the museum with a more or less constant flow of new archaeological material. Some of the chief discoveries made in 1928 were shown at the Exhibition of British Archaeology at University College, London, held in February 1929.

The Library—now one of the finest of its kind in the West of England—is of considerable value to members of the Society, and was used to good effect in the preparations made for the Taunton Historical Pageant, 1928. The signatures of all those who took part in the pageant are preserved in a book which has been presented to the library. Further accommodation will soon be required for the housing of the library. Mr. Charbonnier has given some very useful books on English pottery. The collection of manuscripts continues to be classified by Colonel H. R. Phipps. The most important accessions in this department are the valuable manuscripts relating to the See of Bath and Wells (dating from the time of Henry VII), given by the President, Mr. Ernest E. Baker, F.S.A.

On 17 June 1929, Taunton Castle and the excavations were visited by the Mayor and Corporation of Taunton, who were entertained to tea by the Society. For that occasion the chief 'finds' from these excavations were exhibited in one of the museum rooms, where they have remained, temporarily arranged, for visitors to see on application. Eventually they will be exhibited in the museum proper.

The collection of stone implements is growing steadily, and the Janes and Selley collections of Neolithic implements from Mendip have been catalogued, etc.

The collections of coins, tokens and medals are constantly increasing, and fifty specimens of the late Roman coins from the Weymouth Bay hoard have been presented to the museum.

The Botanical Section held a general meeting at headquarters on 27 February, and the Microscopical Section on 17 January 1929. The Entomological Section held its annual meeting on 5 March. The Ornithological Section had its autumn meeting on 11 October 1928, and the annual meeting took place on 19 March 1929. The Taunton Field Club also had meetings in the Wyndham Hall on 5 December, 21 February and 4 April. For the Parent Society, Mr. Wilfred M. Webb lectured on the 'Natural History of the Dinner Table', on 29 November 1928.

The Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 1,052 members in July 1929, including eighteen life members and three honorary members. The rules of the Society have been entirely revised and expressed in greater detail than previously.

The Museum and Library were visited by 8,302 persons in 1924, 7,763 in 1925, 8,289 in 1926, 8,650 in 1927, and 8,866 in 1928.

H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, F.S.A.,

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Curator of the Somerset County Museum.*

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### I. ARCHÆOLOGY

#### (1). STONE IMPLEMENTS

COLLECTION of flint implements of Neolithic type, found by the late Mr. WILLIAM HOLWILL JANES on the surface on Mendip, and presented by his sister, Miss E. Janes, of Wookey Hole.

A number of the specimens are unmarked, but it is understood they were picked up on the surface of Mendip in the neighbourhood of Priddy; others, again, are marked 'Mendip Hills' only. The remainder were found, for the most part, in the parish of St. Cuthbert Without,—at Arthur's Point, Bishops Lot, Rookham, Lower Milton ('Warren'), and Eastwater; also at Higher Pitts Farm, parish of Wookey, the Ebbor Rocks (including 'Sleight'), in the parishes of St. Cuthbert Without and Wookey. Less than half-a-dozen specimens came from mouth of Wookey Hole, Deerleap (west of Ebbor), and Priddy Nine Barrows. There are a few arrowheads in the collection, including two or three of first-class workmanship.

Miss Janes also presented: Three flint implements from Dorset, an arrowhead and scraper from Sussex, a finely-worked whetstone from the Glastonbury Lake-village, a stone axe from Victoria, Australia, an arrowhead, N. America, a stone spindlewhorl, and a flat stone, pierced.

Stone celt, or axe, of Neolithic type, ground on all surfaces, Picked up by the donor on the N. side of Greenway Road. Taunton, in a field opposite Mr. H. Clarke's nurseries,—land

being converted into an extension of the existing nurseries on the s. side of the road, 1929.

The bevelled edge of the implement is well polished; the sides are squared, and the butt-end is bevelled and fairly sharp. Length 84 mm. ( $3\frac{5}{16}$  in.); width at cutting-edge 53 mm. ( $2\frac{1}{8}$  in.); max. thickness about 25 mm.

The actual spot is a few yards N. of the letter 'A' in 'Greenway' Road in the 6 in. O.S., Som. LXX, N.E. (reprint 100/11).

Given by Mr. H. ALLEN, St. Andrew's Elementary School, Taunton.

Stone 'mace-head', or perforated 'hammer', found in digging for building at Luccombe, end of May 1929; depth 4ft. Probably late Neolithic or early Bronze Age.

It is of oval outline and bi-convex in cross-section. In length it measures  $3\frac{5}{16}$  in. (85 mm.); width  $2\frac{1}{8}$  in. (69 mm.); thickness, nearly 1 in. (25 mm.). The central perforation is of the 'hour-glass' form, having a medial diameter of 15 mm.

Its surface has been ground and rubbed smooth, but not polished. It has been accidentally damaged, a rather large piece of the stone having been flaked off.

Given by Mr. HERBERT FOWLER, Porlock.

Five flint and chert flakes, etc., found at Hinton St. George and Misterton.—Given by Dr. H. DOWNES.

Flint scraper, calcined, and five small flint flakes, picked up by the donor in the rabbit-scratches on the tumulus at Rowberrow, 1929.—Given by Mrs. ST. GEORGE GRAY.

Small flint scraper, found by the donor on Round Hill, Odcombe.—Given by Dr. S. L. BRIMBLECOMBE.

## (2). MISCELLANEOUS

The Antiquities found during the thirteenth season's excavations at the Meare Lake Village, field no 2, in August-September 1928, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Bulleid and Mr. H. St. George Gray.—Presented by the SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL.

Bronze scabbard, of La Tène II period (B.C. 250-150), found by a workman named Walter Crane in peat-digging on Meare Heath, in the parish of Meare, Somerset, at a depth of 4-5 ft.,

on land belonging to Harold Luke Baker of Lake House (Post Office), Meare, about 22 August 1928. It was found about 350 yards N.E. of Great Plain Farm, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile N.W. of Ashcott-and-Meare Railway Station.—*Purchased.*

The scabbard is  $30\frac{5}{16}$  in. (769 mm.) in length, formed of two thin bronze plates with shagreen finish. The chape is of a somewhat pointed heart shape similar to one found in the Thames near London. Its weight is 502 grammes.

It is fully described by H. St. George Gray, F.S.A., in *The Antiquaries Journal*, vol. x, April part, where it is well illustrated.

Socketed celt of bronze, looped. Found towards the end of August 1928 by William Vowles on Meare Heath, Somerset, on property belonging to the Eclipse Peat Company (Mr. Alexander), at a depth of about 3 ft. The position was about 300 yards N.E. of Great Plain Farm, and about 50 yards nearer the farm than the bronze scabbard above mentioned.

The loop of this implement is somewhat slender. The socket is of a somewhat squared oval form inside. Both surfaces are ornamented and strengthened by three almost vertical ribbings. Length 106 mm. ( $4\frac{1}{8}$  in.); width at edge 41.5 mm. The socket still contains some of the wood of the haft, and the finder stated that most of the handle was in the ground. Weight (without wood) 189.34 grammes.

Given by Dr. ARTHUR BULLEID, F.S.A.

Palstave of bronze in a good state of preservation. Found at Athelney (on the slopes of the Isle of Athelney, exact spot unknown), *circ.* 1908.

It has a sharp, crescentic cutting-edge, width 65.3 mm. Length 167 mm. ( $6\frac{5}{8}$  in.). Max. thickness at the flanges, 35.2 mm. These flanges become merged in the stop-ridge. Weight 429.72 grammes.

Deposited on loan by Mr. MORRIS WILLIAMS.

Basket-work—perhaps part of a cradle—found in the foundation under the clay floors of Mound XXXIV, Meare Lake Village, 1928. The cleaning of this material was done mainly by Mrs. Clark (née Nancy Bulleid), and the glass dishes in which the exhibit is made were given by Dr. A. Bulleid, F.S.A.

A few pieces of briquetage (similar to that found at the Red Hills, Essex, and Edington, Som.), found in clay dug from a

clay-pit at a brickyard on the s. side of Burnham Level, Burnham-on-Sea, 1927.—Given by Mr. T. FLOYD NORRIS.

The following specimens found on Ham Hill, Stoke-under-Ham: Small chalk spindlewhorl, diam. 27.5 mm., half a small glass ring, three fragments of pottery, cut tine of red-deer antler, 'third brass' coins (2) of Constantine I and Constans.—Given by Dr. S. L. BRIMBLECOMBE.

## II. ETHNOGRAPHY

Needlework picture, from a water-colour sketch of a piece of Somerset scenery, the work of Mrs. Forrester Wood, of Bettws-y-coed, N. Wales (whose parents belonged to Somerset).

The work is done in filoselles on plain but very fine apron-linen, upon which the picture is drawn faintly in pencil. The subjects are all taken from Mrs. Forrester Wood's own water-colour drawings, but no paint is used on the linen.

Given by Mrs. LUTTRELL, Edington, Som.

Two banners of the Five Years' Benefit Society of Stratton-on-the-Fosse worked in several colours.

(1) One bears the initial G.IV.R. surrounding Royal crown, and has a small Britannia worked upon it; this banner is marked in one corner, 'Crouch Tailor Stoke Lane May 24, 1830'.

(2) The other banner bears a rude figure of Britannia with dove and olive branch above; on one side at the top (both faces) Union Jack in red and fawn, on other side V.R. and crown; at bottom (both faces) clasped hands and two hearts conjoined; inscribed 'Our Trust is in God'.

Given by Mr. ISAAC PERRY, for many years Secretary of the local Benefit Society.

Teazle-knife, the iron shank passing through the length of the antler handle; length  $4\frac{3}{8}$  in.; resembles a miniature billhook.

It belonged to John Richards of Melksham Forest (grandfather of the donor, who was 90 years of age when he died about fifty years ago). John was for many years leading postillion, between Marlborough and Devizes, of the London-Bristol Mail Coach.

Teazle-growing is described by J. H. Billingsley in 'General View of the Agriculture of the County of Somerset', 1797.

Given by Mr. A. H. RICHARDS, Faulkland (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Solid dipper or hand-bowl, of maple-wood; length with handle  $11\frac{1}{2}$  in., diam. at rim  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in.; weight 9 oz.; considerably worm-eaten; early XIX Century.—Given by Mr. GEORGE PERRETT (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Cup of ash, turned, now somewhat worm-eaten; 4 in. in diam., holds eight fluid oz., weight 3 oz. Found in a cottage near St. Mary's Church, Writhlington, built in the masonry on the beam over the centre of a window.—Given by Mr. F. SWIFT, C.C., Radstock (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Small wooden snuff-box, length 48 mm., of bi-convex cross-section; XIX Century.—Given by Mr. S. LLOYD HARVEY.

Combined quill-pen-cutter and pocket-knife, length  $3\frac{3}{4}$  in.; end of XIX Century.—Given by the Very Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Handcuffs dug out of the hedge at the back of Govier's yard, Chip Lane, Taunton, 1929.—Given by Mr. A. J. VICKERY.

Baby's cap, probably early XIX Century.—Given by Miss C. G. POWELL.

Pair of steel snuffers, length  $6\frac{3}{8}$  in. — Given by Mr. J. POYNER.

'Star' pattern terret for horse-harness, height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Found by the donor in the 'old quarry', Wells Hill, Radstock, 1910.—Given by Mr. DANIEL BIGGS (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Face brass for horse, cast.—Given by Mrs. JOHN TAYLOR.

Snyder rifle, length 56 in., used by the donor's father, Charles J. Bartlett, who joined the Taunton Volunteer Rifles in 1860. The corps consisted of about thirty members, each paying 21s. to join, and in addition they had to purchase their own uniform and rifle.—Given by Mr. C. J. BARTLETT, junr.

### III. CHINA, POTTERY, AND GLASS

Puzzle-jug of Crock Street pottery; height  $7\frac{7}{8}$  in.; earlier part of the XIX Century.

The inscriptions on the jug have been scratched by a very illiterate hand, and some parts are practically unreadable:

"E. BINHAM, Broadway hill, Ilminster: Fiill me full of licker seet, for it is good when frinds do meet", etc.

Given by Mr. T. CHARBONNIER.

Small earthenware jug, chocolate and blue, height  $2\frac{7}{8}$  in.; last quarter of XIX Century.—Given by Mr. G. R. R. HOWE.

#### IV. NUMISMATICS

Fifty late fourth century bronze coins dating from Theodora (second wife of Constantius I) to Honorius (A.D. 395),—part of the Weymouth Bay hoard of some 4,500 pieces found in the summer of 1928 on the Weymouth Bay Estate, Overcombe, Weymouth.

The coins are as follows: Theodora (1), Constans (2), Constantius II (3), House of Constantine (3); Valentinian II (6), Theodosius (9), Magnus Maximus (2), Flavius Victor (1), Eugenius (1), Arcadius (14), Honorius (4), House of Theodosius (4).

Given by Mr. A. J. MAYNE (Overcombe, Weymouth), Mr. R. B. TAYLOR (Hendford Lodge, Yeovil), and Mr. W. E. TUCKER (Marlands, Yeovil), owners of the Weymouth Bay Estate.

Silver medal, diam. 36 mm., *circ.* 1862–3. *Obv.*—BEST SHOT. 22ND SOMERSET RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS. *Rev.*—Country scene with volunteer shooting at a target.—Given by Dr. G. S. POLLARD.

Silver medal, Stonehenge; diam. 2 in. *Obv.*—Representation of Stonehenge in relief; at top, TANTUM RELIGIO POTUIT; on bottom, STONEHENGE 1796. *Rev.*—Orrery of the Druids.—Given by the Very Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Quarter-guinea, George III, 1762.—Given by Mrs. BROCKLEBANK.

Coin of Justinian I, *circ.* A.D. 529–539, a 40-nummia piece, struck at Antioch. Found by the donor in the allotments at the end of Eastwick Road, close to Denmark Hill, Cheddon Road, Taunton, 1929.—Given by Mr. DENNIS PENNY.

‘Third brass’ coin of Valens, A.D. 364–378. Found by the donor on Brean Down, Somerset, 9 October 1928, on a molehill on the N. slope of the S. summit near a tumulus.—Given by Mr. P. STURDY.

*Sestertius* of Augustus (DIVVS AVGVSTVS PATER), *circ.* A.D. 22; *as* of Tiberius, *circ.* A.D. 36–37; *sestertius* of Galba, *circ.* A.D. 68–69.—Given by Mrs. WRIGHT (Soldier’s Home, Taunton).

'Third brass' coin of Constantine I; three shilling bank token, 1814; bank token, five pence (silver), Irish, 1806; fourpenny-piece, George IV, 1836.—Given by Mr. J. J. SPAREY (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

*Dupondius* of Maximinus II Daza, A.D. 305–313; trade check, 'King and Queen Inn, Taunton'.—Given by Mr. A. P. PALLETT.

Penny of Edward I, A.D. 1302–7; flower show check, 6d., Taunton.—Given by Mr. H. C. COLTHURST.

One shilling of James I, found by the donor at Welton Hollow, near the 'five arches' and at the w. end of Radstock parish, when digging for a drain.—Given by Mr. DANIEL BIGGS (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Sixpence of George III, 1787.—Given by Mr. W. H. KNOWLES.

Trade check, 'White Hart, Martock'.—Given by Dr. H. DOWNES.

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

Seven photographs of groups of Somerset and other club-brasses forming the Shickle bequest to the V. & A. Museum, together with a typewritten list of the same.—Given by the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Full-sized measured and coloured drawing of a pair of 'signs' painted on brick-work on either side of the doorway of an old house in St. James' Street, Taunton,—about to be demolished to make way for the Taunton Public Swimming Baths.—Given by Messrs. ROBERTS and WILLMAN.

Autogravure portrait of the Rt. Hon. Viscount Portman, from a painting by A. S. Cope, 1896.

Lord Portman joined the Somerset Archæological Society in 1876, and became Patron in 1904. He built Bryanston House, near Blandford (now a school). He died, 16 October 1919, aged 90 years.

Given by Dr. R. L. MEADE-KING.

Photograph (enlarged) of Dr. Joseph Wigglesworth.—Given by Mrs. J. WIGGLESWORTH.

He was recorder of the Ornithological Section of the Som. Arch. & N. H. Society, 1915–19, and President, 1918–19. He was lost on the rocks at

Porlock on 16 May 1919, when studying ornithology. The doctor bequeathed to the Society his cabinets of British Birds' Eggs and part of his library.

Original plan of the Porlock Stone Circle, Exmoor, drawn by the donor and reproduced in *Proceedings*.—Given by Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, F.S.A.

Portfolio of etchings (proofs) of objects in South Kensington Museum, by the donor.—Given by Mr. T. CHARBONNIER.

Photograph of XVII Century snuff-box of Spanish make, given by James, Duke of Monmouth, to Thomas Bryant, of Greinton Gate Farm, for sheltering him after the Battle of Sedgemoor, 1685.—Given by the Very Rev. Father E. HORNE and Mr. MAURICE PAGE.

Photograph of the Downhead oak, near Shepton Mallet, said to be one of the trees in which Charles II, in his flight, hid ; its circumference near the base is 21 ft. Also three lithographs of the Roman pavements at Wellow, 1738.—Given by the Very Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Crayon drawing of Langport old bridge, signed M. Paul. The present bridge was either opened, or the foundation-stone laid in 1840.—Given by Mr. EDMUND W. PAUL, Nottingham.

Small photograph of illustration of the 'guss' and 'putt' used in the Somerset coal mines.—Given by Mr. J. G. H. WARREN.

Bromide photographs (whole plate) of Orders signed by the Earl of Feversham and Francis Luttrell having reference to the Battle of Sedgemoor, 1685. The originals are in the possession of Miss E. Rocke, Glastonbury.—*Purchased*.

Small church service, 3½ in. by 2¼ in., London, Renshaw and Kirkman, 1846.—Given by Miss F. M. ABRAHAM.

Negative (also print) of whole-plate photograph of 'The ruins of Glasenbury Abby. Aug. 17, 1723'.—Given by Mr. F. BLIGH BOND, F.R.I.B.A.

## VI. NATURAL HISTORY

Storm-Petrel, *Hydrobates pelagicus* (L.), picked up in the garden of Mr. Robert Board, at Burnham-on-Sea, 23 November 1928 (stuffed).—Given by Mr. W. D. MILLER and Mr. E. GERALD HOLT.

White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons* (Scop.), male. Shot at Woodspring near Weston-super-Mare, 11 February 1929 (stuffed).—Given by Mr. E. GERALD HOLT.

Peacock, *Pavo cristatus*.—Given by Lady TREVELYAN.

Two specimens of Mole, *Talpa europæa*, male ; (a) white fur, Wick, Lympsham, 4 October 1926 ; (b) white fur tipped with black, Lympsham, November 1926.—Given by Mr. F. H. LAURENCE WHISH.

Fossil fish, *Lepidotus elvensis* (Blainville), from the Upper Lias, found in a quarry in Shelway Lane on the w. side of Barrington village by William Swain, *circ.* 1885 (see Part II of this volume).—From the collection of the late Rev. Preb. J. HAMLET.

Two concretionary balls found at Blacker's Hill Camp, Chilcompton, which may have been used as sling-stones.—Given by Dr. G. S. POLLARD.

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Model in cork, of Huish Episcopi Church, finely constructed by M. Hoare (a butler) in 1854. It was made for the donor's grandfather, the Rev. E. P. Henslowe, vicar of Huish, 1839–82.—Given by Miss D. I. HENSLOWE.

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### DONATIONS

*Archæologia*, vol. lxxviii.—Presented by the Society of Antiquaries of London.

*Wessex from the Air*, by O. G. S. Crawford and A. Keiller ; *An Essay on Somerset Mediæval Calendars*, by the Very Rev. J. Armitage Robinson.—Given by the Rev. Preb. T. F. PALMER.

*The Genealogist*, new ser., vols. i-xxxviii, 1884-1922 ; *Proceedings, Som. Arch. & N. H. Soc.*, vols. i-lxxiii, and two indexes.—Given by Mrs. St. D. KEMEYS-TYNTE.

*Illustrated Catalogue of Early English Earthenware*, Burlington Fine Arts Club, 1914, by J. W. L. Glaisher and others ; *Examples of Early English Pottery*, by J. E. and Edith Hodgkin, 1891 ; *Blue Dash Chargers*, by E. A. Downman, 1919 ; *Old Pewter*, by Malcolm Bell ; *The Burlington Magazine*, nos. 1-102 ; also 108 and 131 (1903-1914) ; *Proceedings, Som. Arch. & N. H. Soc.*, vols. 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 29, 34, 35, 42, 50-57.—Given by Mr. T. CHARBONNIER.

Nineteen reports and works issued by the Egypt Exploration Fund.—Given by Mrs. EDEN.

*The Historians' History of the World*, 25 vols., bound up in 73 parts, 1908.—Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY.

*Days with the Golden Eagle*, by Seton Gordon, 1927.—Given by Mr. W. D. MILLER.

Borough of Taunton,—*Register of Voters*, 1868-70.—Given by Mr. A. E. GOODMAN.

*The Lure of Bird Watching*, 1928.—Given by the Author, Mr. E. W. HENDY.

*St. Joseph of Arimathea*, 4th edit., and *Glastonbury, her*

*Vol. LXXV (Fourth Series, Vol. XV), Part I.*

*Saints, A.D. 37-1539*, 2nd edit.—Given by the Author, the Rev. L. S. LEWIS.

*Man and his Past*, by O. G. S. Crawford, 1921 ; *The Church Bells of Linlithgowshire*, by F. C. Eeles, 1913 ; *Geographical Distribution of Vegetation in Somerset*, by C. E. Moss, 1907 ; *An Inquiry into the Difference of Style in Ancient Glass Paintings*, 2 vols., by C. Winston, 1847 ; *National Ancient Monuments Review*, no. 3, 1928.—Given by Dr. H. DOWNES, F.L.S.

*Somerset Churches near Dulverton and Oare and Culbone*, by F. C. Eeles ; *The Doone Valley, Exmoor*, by A. Vowles.—Given by Mr. F. C. EELES.

*Naunton upon Cotswold*.—Given by the Author, Mr. E. F. EALES.

Suffolk Green Books,—*Dictionary of Herveys*, 1040-1500, vols. iv, v.—Given by the Compiler, the Rev. S. H. A. HERVEY.

*The Village of Weston-super-Mare : Historical Notes*.—Given by the Author, Mr. ERNEST E. BAKER, F.S.A.

*India's Hope*, by F. H. Skrine.—Given by Lord STRACHIE. *Proceedings, Bath Branch, Som. Arch. & N. H. Society*, 1928.

*British Birds*, 1929 ; *Report on Somerset Birds*, 1928.—Given by the Ornithological Section.

*The Journal of Botany*, 1929.—From the Botanical Section.

*Our Vanishing Wildflowers*, by H. S. Salt, 1928.—Flora's League.

*The Vegetation of the Berrow Flats, Som.*, by H. S. Thompson ; *45th Ann. Report, Watson Botanical Exchange Club*, 1928-29.—Given by Mr. H. STUART THOMPSON.

*Journal, Royal Microscopical Society*, 1927, 1928.—From the Microscopical Section.

*Report of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society*, vol. i, pts. 4, 6 (1854-56).—Given by the Society.

*Somerset Record Society*, vol. xlii, 1927.—Given by Mr. A. H. WITHERS.

*A Find of Roman Coins at Clapton-in-Gordano, Som.*—Given by the Author, Mr. F. S. SALISBURY.

*The New Bristol Guide*, 1842 ; five local Sermons, mostly Taunton.—Given by Mr. H. C. COLTHURST.

*51st Annl. Report, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings*, 1928.

*Proceedings, S.W. Naturalists' Union*, vol. ii, pt. 1, 1929.

*Transactions, Torquay Natural History Society*, vol. v, pt. 2.

*The Downside Review*, nos. 132, 133.

*Report, National Trust*, 1927-28.

*Catalogue of Property of the Birmingham Archæological Society*, 1927.

*University of Bristol Calendar*, 1928-29.

*17th Century House and Chimney-Piece in Small Street, Bristol*.—From the Writer, Mr. H. C. M. HIRST.

*Neolithic Implements from West Somerset*.—From the Writer, Mr. C. F. MOYSEY.

*2nd Report of the North of England Excavation Committee*, 1926-28.

*Hull Museum Publications*, nos. 155-160.—From the Director.

*Stratton-on-the-Fosse*.—*Rules of the Five Years' Benefit Society*, 1871; new rules, 1887; revised rules, 1919.—From Mr. ISAAC PERRY.

*Bath and Early Railways*.—From the Writer, Mr. J. G. H. WARREN.

*Museums and Education*, by Sir Henry A. Miers.—From the Carnegie Trust.

*Shakespeares Speache*.—From the Writer, Mr. H. C. MANNING.

*Report, Bath Ryl. Lit. & Scientific Institution*, 1928.

*Gloucestershire Fonts* (supplement).—From the Writer, Dr. A. C. FRYER, F.S.A.

The following Museum and Library Reports: Salisbury Museum, 1927-28; National Museum of Wales (1927-28); Ashmolean Museum (1928); Colchester Museum (1927-28); Russell-Cotes Museum, Bournemouth (*Bulletin*, vol. vii, nos. 3, 4; vol. viii, nos. 1, 2; *Annl. Report*, 1928-29); Halifax Corporation Museums (1927-28); Taunton Public Library (1928), *General Catalogue*, 1921, and five *Supplements*, 1922-28.

*Somerset County Gazette*, 1928-29.—From the Proprietors.

*Somerset County Herald and Taunton Courier*, 1928-29.—From the Proprietors.

## MANUSCRIPTS

Six manuscript volumes, handsomely bound, and presented to the Society by Mr. ERNEST E. BAKER, F.S.A., on the occasion of the Annual Meeting at Weston-super-Mare, 11 July 1929, and described fully in his Presidential Address delivered at that meeting (see *Proceedings*, at beginning of Part II of this volume):

(1) Accounts of the Bishopric of Bath and Wells, 19 and 20 Henry VII; 96 skins, size about 15 in. by 19 in.

(2) Ditto, 19 and 20 Henry VIII; 95 skins, size ditto.

(3) Ditto, 19 and 20 Henry VIII; 72 skins, size ditto.

(4) Roll of Accounts, ditto, 29 Charles II (1687) to 17 George III (1777) inclusive; 15 skins, size about 36 in. by 10 in.

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