Report of the Curator of the Somerset County Museum, from July 14, 1926, to July 12 (Annual Meeting), 1927

THE chief event at the headquarters of the Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society during the year under review has been the earlier stages of the building of the Lecture Hall in the grounds of Taunton Castle. This valuable addition to the Society's property has been provided by the munificence of Mr. William Wyndham, who presented the Society with £1,475 for this special purpose.

The offer of this hall was made on certain conditions which were accepted by the Council on 5th January 1927. The chief condition was that the hall should be used for the Wyndham Lectures for the Elementary and Secondary Schools of Taunton, and at other times as the Society thought fit, but excluding meetings organized for the discussion of politics and religion.

Preceding this work the Castle Lodge adjoining underwent considerable alterations and repair, and the demolition of the N.E. annexe of this house to make room (partly) for the Lecture Hall did not begin till April. The hall was not completed until October, and will therefore be mentioned again in the report for 1927–28.

The acquisition of Museum specimens was not large in 1926–27, but included the usual additions from excavations, including the Meare Lake Village.

A joint meeting of the Taunton Town Council and the Market Trustees resolved that the Weights and Measures of Taunton deposited on loan in the Museum in 1910 should now become the property of the Society for permanent exhibition in the County Museum (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lvi, i, 96–97 ; lxxii, 90).

One of the most interesting local gifts during the year was

the collection of twenty-six Somerset Bank Notes given by Mr. Charles Tite, of which a list will be found in the following pages.

Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey has again worked hard in the interests of the Museum, in inducing some of his friends in the neighbourhood of Radstock to give a number of ' bygones ' to the county collection.

Owing to different management at Gough's Cavern, Cheddar, the remains discovered there, listed in the last report (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxii, p. lxxxv) as being deposited on loan by Marquess of Bath in the Museum for safe keeping on 6th January 1926, were returned last spring. It is hoped that those responsible for their custody will see that these objects, which include the remains of ' the Cheddar man ', will be exhibited in a manner worthy of their archæological importance.

For the Library the Council acquired a number of copies of Tithe Maps, *circa* 1843, with drafts of Tithe Apportionment books, *circa* 1838–70. These have been listed by Lt.-Colonel H. R. Phipps (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxii, 89).

During the year a Card Index Cabinet has been purchased for the purpose of indexing the Society's manuscripts,—a valuable piece of work upon which Colonel Phipps has been engaged for some time past.

Mr. W. Wyndham's gift of an oil portrait of Judge Jeffreys is a welcome addition to the exhibits in the Great Hall of the Castle.

In addition to the many handbooks which can be purchased by visitors to the Museum, post-cards of views of the Castle (1*d.* each) and of the Duke of Monmouth (2*d.*) are now obtainable.

The Botanical Section held a general meeting at the Castle on 15th December, and the Microscopical Section on 9th December, 1926. The Entomological Section held its annual meeting on 23rd February 1927. The Ornithological Section had its autumn meeting on 7th October 1926, and its annual meeting took place on 18th March 1927 ; and in the afternoon, jointly with the Taunton Field Club, the Section held a meeting at the Gaiety Cinema, when Captain C. W. R. Knight, M.C., described his bird film, ' The Golden Eagle '. The Taunton

Field Club also had conversaziones at the Municipal Hall and Taunton Castle on 20th January and 24th February.

The Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 1,063 members in July 1927, including twenty-one life members and four honorary members.

The Museum and Library were visited by 8,250 persons in 1922, 8,909 in 1923, 8,302 in 1924, 7,763 in 1925, and 8,289 in 1926.

H. St. George Gray,

Assist.-Secretary and Librarian, Som. Arch. & Nat. Hist. Society.
Curator of the Somerset County Museum.

Additions to the Museum

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I. ARCHÆOLOGY

(1). Stone Implements

Stone axe-hammer, found in laying a drain in the N.W. corner of Cameley parish, near the junction of the cross-roads,—Clutton to North Widcombe,—Stowey to Cameley.

The implement is 7 in. in length ; max. width 3·3 in. ; max. thickness 2·7 in. The perforation has a constriction in the middle ; ext. diam. (average) 1·8 in. ; int. diam. 1·25 in. The original polish of the axe has disappeared in most places owing to weathering.

Given by Mr. Henry Lovell (through the instrumentality of Dr. A. Bulleid).

Adze-hammer or ' mace-head ' of stone, found by S. Hollyman at the N. end of Strawberry Hill, East Clevedon, *circa* 1880. Figured in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* liii (1907), pt. ii, p. 80,—*Purchased* 1911, *but not previously entered in* '*Additions*'.

Worked flints of Neolithic type collected by the late Mr. T. Leslie when he lived at Taunton : One core, Taunton ; one knife with high dorsal ridge, Trull ; five scrapers, Norton Camp, near Taunton ; and two thumb-scrapers and one hollow scraper, Blagdon, N. Som.—Given by Mr. A. D. Passmore.

Tray of flint flakes, etc., found in a large sandpit in the parish of Middlezoy, about ¼-mile E. of Greylake House, 1926. Found between the surface mould and surface of the sand (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxii, 85–88).—Given by Dr. A. Bulleid.

Flint scraper dug up in the donor's garden.—Given by Mr. E. W. Hendy, Holt Anstiss, Porlock.

Flint flake, length $1\frac{3}{8}$ in. Found in the donor's garden at Crewkerne.—Given by Dr. H. B. Elton, O.B.E.

Large Maori axe, or celt, of grey stone, highly polished in places especially at the bevelled cutting-edge ; length $13\frac{3}{4}$ in. ; max. width at edge where it is greatest, 4 in. ; max. thickness $1\frac{11}{16}$ in.—Given by Miss E. A. Gale.

(2). Miscellaneous

The following remains found on Ham Hill, S. Somerset : Socketed chisel of bronze, length 63 mm. ($2\frac{1}{2}$ in.), found at Batemoor or Bedmore Barn ; bronze pin, very slender, length 47 mm., found at the same place ; portion of a bronze fibula, found on the N. spur (Site B '07) ; articular end of a shoulder-blade with perforation ; large angular block of Ham stone, weathered, perforated somewhat obliquely by a hole near one of the margins,—perhaps a loom-weight, found inside the camp close to the new reservoir.—Given by Dr. S. L. Brimblecombe.

Implement formed from a metatarsus of ox, length $5\frac{1}{2}$ in., with a bevelled and finely polished business-end ; at the proximal end a large longitudinal hole. Found by the donor at Greylake in Middlezoy parish, 1924, and figured and described in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxii, 85–88.—Given by Mr. John Millard, junior.

Piece of carved screenwork or canopy of a tomb of Beer stone ; from Barlinch Priory, near Dulverton (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* liv, ii, 79–106 ; and lxix, xlvi–xlvii).—Given by Mr. F. C. Eeles.

Ball of iron pyrites, globular, diam. $1\frac{1}{8}$ in., much smoothed from wear and probably used as a toy. Dug up in a garden in Farmborough parish, June 1927.—Given by the Rev. G. B. Hicks, Downside Abbey.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY

The Weights and Measures and table described in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lvi, i, 96–97 (also lxxii, 90), formerly deposited on loan in the Museum, and now presented by the Taunton Town Council and the Taunton Market Trustees (at the time when the markets were handed over to the Corporation).

Club-brass of the secretary of the Nether Stowey Club, to which is attached the model of a book (in tin), labelled on both sides in gilt letters, ' Secretary ' ; height, including socket for the pole, 15½ in. The Club met on May 29th ; T. G. Grandfield was the last secretary.

Spring-gun (iron) capable of being discharged by one coming in contact with it ; formerly used as a guard against trespassers or poachers ; length about 12½ in., exclusive of chain ; marked ' Osborne '. From the neighbourhood of Over Stowey.

Given by Mr. Thos. Geo. Grandfield, Keenthorne, Nether Stowey.

Club-brass of the ' javelin ' type, the blade pierced with cut-out representations of miners' implements—pick, shovel, coal-breaker, three wedges and hand-hammer for driving wedges. Probably Radstock.

The club-brass bears the initials R.P., and probably dates from *c.* 1840. It is 10¼ in. in height ; max. width, 4⅛ in. ; weight 8 oz.

It belonged probably to Levi Seymour's father, who was a miner (as Levi was). It descended to the latter's daughter (on her marriage in 1879), the late Mrs. Edmund Treasure. Levi Seymour was a member of the ' Five Year ', later known as the ' Old Men's ' Club, whose headquarters were at the Bell Hotel, Radstock.

Given by Mr. Wallace Treasure (through the instrumentality of Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Timber scriber, length 5¼ in., set in a wooden handle which is inscribed with initials.

Barking-iron, formerly used for stripping bark from oak limbs ; length 10¼ in. ; it consists of a socketed spoon-like tool, the working-end being of plano-convex cross-section.

Sickle, old and nearly worn out, with traces of teeth remaining. The donor has cut thousands of acres of corn with it.

Given by Mr. George King, Priston (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Sickle, small and modern, toothed, by Warden & Payne, Ltd., Sheffield. [For comparison with the old specimen given by Mr. G. King.]—Given by Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey.

Fleam, by Newbould & Co., with three blades and flat horn handle.—Given by Mr. W. C. WITHERS, Bath (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Horse face brass, cast, height $3\frac{3}{4}$ in.—Given by Mr. FREDK. HAMBLIN, Radstock (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Horn drinking-cup, having also a horn bottom; height $4\frac{3}{4}$ in.; diam. at rim, $3\frac{1}{8}$ in.—Given by Mr. BERT NICHOLLS, Peasedown St. John (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Axe-shaped implement of iron, formerly used to mark trees to be felled; length $10\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Stone muller used by painters for crushing colours; of circular cross-section; height $7\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Given by the Rev. F. MEYRICK-JONES.

Cider firkin, length 8 in., from Cheddon Fitzpaine; and a crimping-machine, length 12 in.—Given by Dr. W. B. WINCKWORTH.

Tankard, or measure, of pewter, marked 'Pint'; height $4\frac{5}{8}$ in.; nineteenth century.—Given by the Rev. Preb. D. J. PRING.

Stand for goffering-iron (iron missing).—Given by Mr. SEPTIMUS POWELL.

Ox cue found when excavating for a gas main at a depth of 3–4 ft., in Ditton Street, Ilminster, May 1927.—Given by Mr. G. W. WARRY.

Seven clay tobacco-pipes, some being marked with the names of Jeffrey Hunt and Nathaniel Howell; found in the neighbourhood of Wookey Hole.—Given by Miss E. JANES (part of the collection of the late W. H. Janes).

Bowl of clay tobacco-pipe marked 'R.W. in Tanton'.—Given by GORDON HAYMAN.

Two clay tobacco-pipe bowls richly ornamented; from Thamakan, Shan States, Upper Burma.—Given by Mr. V. PIKE.

III. NUMISMATICS

The following Somerset Bank Notes were presented by Mr. CHARLES TITE:

(1) *Batch House, Somersetshire.* One Pound, 1808. Payable at Willm. Thompson & Co., 42, Basinghall Street, London. Signed by — Davis, for Davis Fry Parkhouse & Co.

(2) *Batch House and Somersetshire Bank.* The house represented is marked ' near Frome '. Five Pounds, 1808. Payable as No. 1 and signed similarly.

(3) *Bath Bank.* One Pound, 1825. Signed by Wm. Browne, for Cavenagh Browne Bayly & Browne. (Northgate St., Bath.)

(4) *Bath Bank.* One Pound, 1813. Signed by W. Kemp, and payable at Messrs. Wm. S. Fry & Sons, bankers, London. (High St., Bath.)

(5) *Bath City Bank.* Five Guineas, 1789. For Cross Son & Bayly. (Abbey Church Yard.)

(6) *Bath City Bank.* Five Guineas, 1792. Signed by Zachary Bayly (like No. 5), for Cross Bayly senr. Sons Gutch & Cross.

(7) *Bath Old Bank.* Five Pounds, 1841. Signed by Chas. Lowder, for Hobhouse Phillott & Lowder.

(8) *Union Bank Bath.* Five Guineas, 1797. Signed by John Giles, for Crowe Giles Lyttleton Holt & Co., and payable at Messrs. Pybus Call Grant & Co., bankers, London.

(9) *Union Bank Bath.* Ten Pounds, 1797. Signed by R. T. Crowe, for Crowe Giles Lyttleton Holt & Co.

(10) *Bath Bank.* Promise to pay £300, dated 1776. For Cam, Clutterbuck, Whitehead, Danvers & self (Chas. Phillott). No address (High St. in 1812 ; Southgate St. in 1824).

(11) *Bladud Bank.* Promise to pay £32 17*s.* 6*d.*, dated 1821. For Tufnell Collett Payne and Hope, signed by Thos. Collett.

(12) *Bath and Wells Bank.* Five Guineas, 1792. Signed by Robert Gutch, for Cross Bayly senr. Sons Gutch & Cross, and payable at Messrs. Vaughans Baker & Co., bankers, Bristol.

(13) *Brewton, Somersetshire.* One Pound. Signed by W. Barry, for Prince Barry & Co.

(14) *Chard Bank.* One Guinea, 1797. Signed by Samuel Mason, for Harcourt Pyke & Co.

(15) *Glastonbury & Shepton Mallet Bank.* One Pound, 1821. Signed by J. F. Reeves, for Charles Brown and John Fry Reeves.

(16) *Ditto.* Five Pounds, 1834. Signed by Thos. Porch Porch, for John Fry Reeves & Thos. Porch Porch.

(17) *Ditto.* Five Pounds, 1821. Signed in similar manner to No. 15.

(18) *Ditto.* Ten Pounds, 1833. Signed as No. 16.

(19) *Horwood Well Bank, Wincanton.* Five Pounds, 1808. Signed by Edmund Griffith, for Edmund Griffith Donovan & Co.

(20) *Milverton & Taunton Bank.* One Pound, 1814. For Thos. Young & Son.

(21) *Ditto.* Five Pounds, 1805.

(22) *Ditto.* Twenty Pounds, 1817.

(23) *Wells & Somerset Union Bank.* Five Pounds, 1829. Signed by Edward Franklin, for Hooper Franklin & West.

(24) *Wincanton Bank, Somersetshire.* One Pound, 1809. Signed by Edmund Griffith, for E. Griffith Donovan & Co., and payable at Messrs. John & Alex. Anderson's, bankers, London.

(25) *Wincanton Bank.* One Pound, 1817. For H. Messiter & G. Messiter.

(26) *Wiveliscombe Bank.* Five Pounds, 1884. Signed Wm. Hancock & Son, payable at Wiveliscombe or at the Lond. & Westr. Bk., Lothbury, London.

(*See* 'West Country Bankers', by Henry Symonds, *Proc. Dor. Field Club*, xlviii, 1926–27, pp. 9–31).

Bronze medal, the Abbey Church, Bath; diam. 50 mm. (2 in.).—Given by Mr. C. Tite.

Seventeenth-century trade token, No. 74, of Williamson and Boyne. *Obv.*—WILLIAM SERLLAND=W.S. *Rev.*—OF . BRIDGE-WATER=1654.—Given by Mr. C. Tite.

'Third brass' coin of Helena, first wife of Constantius Chlorus; reverse 'Pax Publica'. *As* of Nero, struck *c.* 66 A.D. (Cohen no. 171).—Given by the Rev. Father E. Horne, F.S.A.

'Third brass' coin of Tetricus I, A.D. 267–273, found at Bedmore Barn, Ham Hill. Another of Gallienus, A.D. 254–268, found at Stanchester, near Stoke-under-Ham, 1926. Another of Constantine the Great, 'Constantinopolis', A.D. 306–337, found near Petherton Bridge, where the parishes of Martock, South Petherton and Stoke-under-Ham join, and where there was no doubt a ford across the River Parret in Roman times.—Given by Dr. S. L. Brimblecombe.

Silver medalet, diam. 1 in., commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1897.—Given by Mr. Harry Ludlum (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Medal of white metal, diam. 1½ in. *Obv.*—VICTORIA JUBILEE. 1887. *Rev.*—'Presented by the Lord Hindlip who as the Hon. Chas. Allsopp represented the Boro' of Taunton from 1882 to 1887'.—Given by Dr. W. B. Winckworth.

Sixpence of Elizabeth, 1580.—Given by Mr. M. E. Smith.

One-tenth of a penny (face value) of Charles Emanuel Prince of Piedmont and Savoy, 1741. Found on the 'Poor Ground', Eastleigh Road, Taunton.—Given by Mr. B. H. J. Smith.

Coin weight of brass, '5 dwt. 6 gra. 20*s.* 6*d.*'—Given by Mr. L. Pearce.

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

Portrait in oils, life size, head and shoulders, of Judge Jeffreys (George, first Baron Jeffreys of Wem), 1648–89. Labelled as being by Sir Godfrey Kneller. In an ornate gilt frame measuring 35 in. by 26 in.—Given by Mr. WILLIAM WYNDHAM, Orchard Wyndham.

Photograph of Thomas William Jex-Blake, D.D., by J. Russell & Sons (in frame provided by the donor).

Dr. Jex-Blake was born in 1832; died 1915; principal of Cheltenham College, 1868–74; headmaster of Rugby School, 1874–87; rector of Alve church, 1887–91; Dean of Wells, 1891–1910; President, Som. Archæol. Soc., Glastonbury Meeting, 1902; J.P. for the County of Worcester.

Given by Miss L. ELEANOR JEX-BLAKE.

The following illustrations given by Mr. CHARLES TITE:

(1) Coloured lithograph of Dunster, in 1840; sketched by S. Tovey; Lavars, lith.; publisher, E. G. Withycombe, Dunster.

(2) Engraving of Dunster Castle, the seat of John Fownes Luttrell, Esq., M.P., to whom the plate is inscribed by S. Rawle; drawn by W. Turner, engraved by S. Rawle.

(3) Lithograph of Crewkerne Church, undated.

(4) Lithograph of Crewkerne Grammar School; drawn by S. St. P. Langton; Dean & Law, lith.

Photographic prints of the donor's drawings of medieval heads in Somerset churches, and a few of Bristol,—fifty-one in all. The places represented are: Abbotsleigh, Backwell, Bridgwater, Chew Magna, Churchill, Compton Bishop, Congresbury, Dundry, Flax Bourton, Glastonbury, Kenn, Kingston Seymour, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portbury, Portishead, Taunton, Tickenham, Wick St. Lawrence, Wrington, and Yatton. *Bristol:* Cathedral, Temple Church and Mayor's Chapel.

Portrait of Dr. Hugh Chudleigh Standert, surgeon, of Taunton; head and shoulders, wash-drawing. In heavy gilt

frame measuring 10 in. by 9⅛ in. (Particulars of Dr. Standert will be found in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* l, i, 70).—Given by Mrs. COKER.

Three photographs, half-plate, of the earthwork known as 'Ponter's Ball', near Glastonbury, 1926. Five air photographs,—two of Stanton Drew group of circles, and three of the 'earth circles' at Priddy, Mendip.—Given by Dr. A. BULLEID, F.S.A.

Photograph, half-plate, of the stone known as Hauteville's Quoit, Stanton Drew, May 1927.—Given by the Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

V. NATURAL HISTORY

Northern Guillemot, *Uria aalge aalge* (Pontopp.); male. Picked up dead on the shore near Porlock Weir, 26th October 1926. (*British Birds*, January 1927, vol. xx, p. 205).—Given (stuffed) by Mr. NORMAN G. HADDEN.

Fossil fish, probably from one of the quarries at Barrington. Also a carved emu's egg.—From the collection of the late Rev. Prebendary J. HAMLET.

Specimen of iron pyrites in calcite with coal. Found, several years ago, in a slight fault in the 'rock vein' coal when working on it, at Foxcote Colliery, Som.

Dr. G. T. Prior, F.R.S., of the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), reports: 'The pyrites crystals are octahedra with the solid angles truncated by small bright cube faces. We have specimens of similar habit, in calcite on limestone but without coal, from a quarry near Bath.'

Given by Mr. ARTHUR SWIFT, Foxcote Rectory (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Large geode (potato stone), Wookey Hole, 13th March 1919.—Given by Miss E. JANES.

Additions to the Library

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DONATIONS

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

English Church Woodwork, by F. E. Howard and F. H. Crossley, 1917.

Anastatic Drawing Society, 8 vols., 1855–62. Also several back numbers of *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* (for stock).—Presented by Mr. Roland Paul, F.S.A.

The History of the Popes : their Church and State, by Leopold von Ranke, 3 vols., 1891–96 ; *Durham : its Cathedral and Surroundings*, by J. R. Boyle, 1892.—Presented by Mr. H. J. Wickenden.

British Birds, vols. i to viii, xii and xiii,—also the parts wanted of vols. ix, x and xi (completing the set to date) ; *The Birds of the British Isles :* Migration and Habits, ser. 3, by T. A. Coward ; *British Birds*, 1927 ; *Birds in England*, by E. M. Nicholson, 1926 ; *Thirteenth Report on Somerset Birds*, 1926.—From the Ornithological Section.

The Journal of Botany, 1927.—From the Botanical Section.

Journal, Royal Microscopical Society, 1925 and 1926 ; *Critical Microscopy*, by A. C. Coles, 1921 ; *The Microscope*, by Conrad Beck, 1921 ; *The Microscope : A Practical Handbook*, by Lewis Wright and A. H. Drew, 1922 ; *Modern Microscopy*, by M. I. Cross and M. J. Cole, 3rd edit., 1903.—From the Microscopical Section.

Elementary Botany, by Dr. W. Watson, 1926.—Given by the Author.

Set of thirty-two maps, 25-inch Ordnance Sheets, showing

the course of Wansdyke through Somerset, marked by the late Albany F. Major, F.S.A.—From the Director-General, Ordnance Surveys, Southampton.

The Poll, at the Election, on 25th July 1837, of Representatives to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Taunton,—*Voters' List*, 1837 ; *Mint Accounts and Documents of Edward IV*, by H. Symonds.—Given by Mr. HENRY SYMONDS, F.S.A.

Somerset Record Society, vols. xl, xli.—Given by Mr. A. H. WITHERS.

Suffolk Green Books, no. xx, *Dictionary of the Herveys from* 1040 *to* 1500,—vol. 2, Norfolk.—Given by the Compiler, the Rev. S. H. A. HERVEY.

Flint Jack, by J. Stevens, 1894 ; *The Stone Period*, by E. T. Stevens, 1872.—Given by Mr. C. TITE.

Castles, by Sir Charles Oman,—G.W.R., 1926.—Given by Mr. C. HALL-STEPHENSON.

The Birds of the Oxford District.—Given by the Author, the Rev. F. C. R. JOURDAIN, M.B.O.U.

Discoveries in the Diocesan Registry, Wells.—Given by the Author, Mr. R. HOLWORTHY.

An Alarm to Unconverted Sinners, by the Rev. J. Alleine, 1797.—Given by Mrs. J. BOSHIER.

Selworthy and other Poems.—Given by the Author, Mr. E. W. HENDY.

Two pamphlets on the Dodderidge family.—Given by the Author, the Rev. S. E. DODDERIDGE.

Seven printed items of local interest.—Given by Mr. A. E. GOODMAN.

The Somerset Year-Book, nos. xxiv, xxv.—Given by the Somerset Folk Press.

A Letter to the Rev. Sir H. Trelawny, bt., occasioned by his Sermon, Taunton, 26th May 1779, by Thos. Reader, 1780 ; *A Charge and Sermon delivered at the Ordination of Rev. Job David, 7th October* 1773, *Frome*, by D. Turner and Caleb Evans. —Given by Mr. J. E. PRITCHARD, F.S.A.

Bridgwater in Brief ; The Bridgwater Charter Day Song, 1926.—Given by the Author, Mr. T. BRUCE DILKS.

Minehead (official guide), by Clement and H. W. Kille.—Given by Mr. F. C. EELES.

Taunton, Borough of,—Charter Day Celebrations, 7th July 1927.

Hull Museum Publications, no. 87 (7th edit.), nos. 141–143, nos. 145–147.

The Downside Review, nos. 125–128.

Gloucestershire Fonts, part xv.—Given by the Author, Dr. A. C. Fryer, f.s.a.

The Status of the Tasmanians among the Stone-Age Peoples.—Given by the Author, Mr. Henry Balfour, f.r.s.

A Flint Factory Site at Little Somborne, Hants.—Given by the Author, Dr. R. C. C. Clay, f.s.a.

49*th Annl. Report, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings*, 1926.

University of Bristol Calendar, 1926–27.

Sale Catalogue, Portions of the Coker Court Estate, Dec. 20, 1926.

Report, North of England Excavation Committee, 1924–25.

King Arthur's Country.—Given by the Author, Mr. F. J. Snell.

Motcombe: Past and Present, by Lady Theodora Guest, 1867.—Given by Miss Guest.

The House of Montgomery: A Montgomery Story.—Given by the Rev. F. J. Montgomery.

Proceedings, Bath Branch, Som. Arch. & N. H. Society, 1926.

Transactions, Torquay Natural History Society, vol. iv, pt. 4.

On the Discovery of Fossil Fishes and Plants in the Devonian Rocks of North Devon.—Given by the Author, Mr. Inkerman Rogers.

Somerset County Cricket Club Year-Book, 1926.

Our Total Solar Eclipse.—Given by the Writer, Mr. H. Spencer Toy.

Annl. Report & Proc., S. W. Naturalists' Union, 1926.

42*nd* & 43*rd Annl. Reports, Watson Botanical Exchange Club*, 1925–27.

Report, Bath Ryl. Lit. & Scientific Institution, 1925.

Guide to the Collections of Pontypool and Usk Japan.—From the National Museum of Wales.

Proc. Som. Arch. & N. H. Society, 1925.—Given by Mr. J. W. Fearnsides.

Four reports from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

The following Museum and Library Reports: Salisbury Museum (1925–26); National Museum of Wales (1925–26); Ashmolean Museum (1926); Colchester Museum (1925–26); Russell-Cotes Museum, Bournemouth (*Bulletin*, vol. v, nos. 3, 4; vol. vi, nos. 1, 2); Halifax Corporation Museums (1925–26); Taunton Public Library (1926).

Somerset County Gazette, 1926–27.—From the Proprietors.

Somerset County Herald and *Taunton Courier*, 1926–27.—From the Proprietors.

Four lantern slides.—Given by the Rev. Father E. Horne, F.S.A.

MANUSCRIPTS

Large pedigree sheet entitled, 'Some Notes concerning the family of the Blakes of Galway, showing the branches Renvyle, Menlo, Towerhill, Tillmouth, Ballyguin (Ballygluin), Langham, Furbough (now Daly), Ballinafad, Ardfry (Baron Wallscourt) and Coolcon (now Blake de Burgh)'. (Sheet no. 3; Sheets nos. 1 and 2, by the same hand, concern the Blakes of Wiltshire, Hants and Somerset, and were already in the collection of the Society).—Presented by the Compiler, Mr. Vivian H. King, A.R.I.B.A.

Rental of the Abbot of Cirencester, as impropriate rector of Frome, Som., 15 Richard II.—Given by the Rt. Hon. Henry Hobhouse.

MS. book compiled by the Rev. Prebendary J. Hamlet entitled, 'Materials for the History of Barrington in the thirteenth century'. (See *Som. & Dor. N. & Q.*, xix, 66).—Given by the Rev. Preb. T. F. Palmer.

Terrier of the Rectory of Sampford Brett, 25th July 1606; and a parcel of Somerset deeds.—Given by Mr. T. H. Andrew.

Manuscript on the 1st Somerset Engineer Volunteers (with allusions to the Nailsea Glass Factory), *circa* 1868.—Given by the Writer, Mr. John M. Ayres, Exeter.

Over seventy deeds dealing with lands of the Burland family in Stogursey, Cannington, Huntspill, Spaxton, Enmore, Otterhampton, Middlezoy, Pilton and Pylle, between 1615 and 1800. (By marriage the Burlands were connected with the Berkeley,

Bacon, Hody and Farr families).—Given by Mrs. HARRIS-BURLAND, The Lyons Close, Pevensey.

Over a hundred deeds dealing with lands of the Lucas, Tristram, Bere and Bowbeare families in Brompton Regis (Barlinch Abbey), Dulverton, Dunster and Bampton (Devon), dated between 1640 and 1800.—Given by Mr. ROLAND H. LEY, Milverton.

Eight Somerset deeds.—Given by the Wiltshire Archæological Society.

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