

**Report of the Curator of the
Somerset County Museum, from July 10, 1929,
to July 22 (Annual Meeting), 1930**

THE chief event in the development of the property of the Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society during the year under review has been the alteration on the east side of the inner gate of the Castle, where, on the site of a lean-to building of brick, which was much out of repair, a gatekeeper's office including a turnstile has been installed, and a room adjoining converted from a lumber room into a storage-room for maps and other library material—this room being close to the Exchequer rooms over the gateway. Circumstances had gradually been arising which made a turnstile a necessity; formerly the courtyard and some of the grounds were visited by people who did not pay for the privilege. Now the admission of Sixpence (children *3d.*) admits to everything including the County Museum.

In speaking of the property it should be mentioned that the Wyndham Lecture Hall, erected in 1927, has become increasingly useful and is let regularly for educational lectures of different types organized by various local institutions.

Mr. W. Wyndham's keen interest in the Museum has been marked this year by the fact that he kindly presented a sum of money to pay for 120 mahogany-fronted drawers which have been fixed under certain cases used for local archæological remains, and are helping to relieve the congestion which has been so much felt of late years in this department.

The staff has always been greatly handicapped in their Museum work owing to the lack of a good work-room. Under the Repairs scheme now under consideration it is proposed to convert what was once the Grand Jury Room into an office and work-room, and to repair the Witnesses' Room for the

storage and better preservation of the publications of the Society dating from 1850.

In the Museum much routine work has been done in bringing new acquisitions into their relative position as far as possible. A good number of the local fossils have been re-ticketed, and the whole of the Marshall collection of albino birds has been permanently labelled on the back of the circular domes, and exhibition labels also supplied where there were deficiencies.

The re-arrangement of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman coins minted in Somerset and the preparation of some ninety special labels has been completed. The Roman and the English coins have yet to be dealt with in a methodical manner. Much has already been done with regard to the Roman coins found in Somerset.

Museum accessions, as will be seen by the following pages, have been more numerous than for a few years past. We have to thank Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey of Radstock for his continued interest in obtaining bygones and other local objects for the County Museum.

One of the most important acquisitions is the columnar base for a statue inscribed to Flavius Valerius Severus, A.D. 305-6, found in the parish of Stoke-under-Ham (see *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxvi, 19-21; *The Antiquaries Journal*, x, 390-2; and *Som. & Dor. N. & Q.* xx, 73-75).

Interesting additions to the Museum have also come into the possession of the Society from the excavations at the Meare Lake Village, Ham Hill and the Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Camerton. Fifty-nine specimens from the hoard of Roman coins found in the parish of Clapton-in-Gordano, have been presented by the finder, Mr. R. E. Godwin, and twenty-five 'third brass' Roman coins found near Chelm's Combe, Cheddar, have been given by Mr. R. F. Parry.

The Lichens of Somerset, by Dr. W. Watson, has been issued by the Society, price 2s. 6d.; and a number of copies of *Somerset Medieval Libraries*, by T. W. Williams, have been given to the Society to sell at 2s. 6d. each. A large autotype portrait from an engraving of Judge Jeffreys is now sold in the Museum at 5s.

There has been some activity in the Library department,

and exchanges of publications have been arranged with three more kindred societies. Laking's great work on *Arms and Armour* has been acquired; and Mr. C. Tite has presented a bound copy (typewritten) of the Catalogue of the Charles Tite Collection of Somerset Books, prepared for him by Mr. Arthur E. Baker, the librarian of the Public Library, Taunton.

Although Colonel Phipps has moved from Milverton to Pilton he has been able to continue his work in sorting and cataloguing the Somerset deeds and documents which have come into the Society's possession from time to time. He has been engaged in sorting a large collection of deeds given to the Society by Mr. W. Wyndham, and he has also made a good start upon the Index of Names contained in the card index of the Society's manuscripts. From Mr. A. T. Love the Society has received 241 rolls of maps, Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire, *circ.* 1780-1840.

An appeal in the form of a circular letter was sent out last winter to the solicitors of Somerset and Bristol inviting them to send local parchment documents, previous to 1800, to the Society for preservation at Taunton Castle, but, although there were a few responses which brought forth some interesting material, the great majority of those circularised did not reply at all.

The Botanical Section held a general meeting at headquarters on March 19, and the Entomological Section held its annual meeting on February 14. The Ornithological Section had its autumn meeting on October 4, 1929, and the annual meeting took place on March 17, 1930. The Taunton Field Club also had meetings in the Wyndham Hall on December 12, February 27 and April 3.

The Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 1,043 members in July 1930, including eighteen life members and three honorary members.

The Museum and Library were visited by 7,763 persons in 1925, 8,289 in 1926, 8,650 in 1927, 8,866 in 1928, and 8,524 in 1929.

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Additions to the Museum

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I. ARCHÆOLOGY

(1). STONE IMPLEMENTS

FLINT implements, of Neolithic type, picked up by the donor on the surface, chiefly on Mendip, but also in North Somerset at Abbots Leigh, Portbury, Failand, Wraxall, etc.—Given by Mr. A. SELLEY.

Flint scraper, Stratton-on-the-Fosse; flint scraper and flake struck from a polished celt, found in the thirty-acres field at Camerton Farm, 1929.—Given by the Very Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Chert flake, of scraper-like form, found by the donor in his garden.—Given by Mr. D. A. VERESMITH, North Curry.

(2). MISCELLANEOUS

The Antiquities found during the fourteenth season's excavations at the Meare Lake Village, field no. 2, in August-September 1929, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Bulleid, F.S.A., and Mr. H. St. George Gray, F.S.A.—Presented by the SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL.

Columnar base of Ham Hill stone for a statue, inscribed to Flavius Valerius Severus, A.D. 305-6; found in widening Venn Bridge on the Fosse Way in the parish of Stoke-under-Ham, May 1930. Fully described with illustrations, by H. St. George Gray, F.S.A., in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxvi for 1930; *The Antiquaries Journal*, x, 390-2; and *Som. & Dor. N. & Q.* xx,

73-75.—From the SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL (*per* Col. Edward Stead, County Surveyor).

Rapier-shaped blade of bronze, of the late Bronze Age; found by Clifford Richards (West End, Pitney), aged 15 years, on Pitney Moor, parish of Pitney, in tilling the ground for Mr. John Cossins, June 1929.—*Purchased*.

The position has been marked on the 6-inch O.S. LXIII. s.w., between Straight Drove and Pitney Moor Drove, in the third field n.n.w. from Pitney Stert Bridge (N. margin of the field).

The length of the implement is 192 mm. ($7\frac{5}{8}$ in.); maximum width 60 mm. at the base. It was attached to the hilt by means of two rivets fitting into rounded notches at the base of the blade. Weight 103.1 grammes.

Human remains (eight skulls and seven lower jaws) discovered at Ilchester, February and June 1929, in digging a trench for a drain between the Police Cottage and the road to the south of the Cow Inn. These remains and the pottery also found were described by Sir Arthur Keith, F.R.S., and Mr. H. St. George Gray in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxv, 103-5, and in *Som. & Dor. N. & Q.* xix, 225-6.

Medieval spoon of the early XIII Century, apparently composed of base silver, found in 1928 in the excavations conducted by the Som. Arch. Society at Taunton Castle. Its length is 227 mm. ($8\frac{1}{8}$ in.) following the curve. It is finely ornamented and in general type similar to the well-known 'Coronation Spoon'. It has been fully described, with illustration, in *The Antiquaries Journal*, vol. x (Apr. 1930), 156-8.

Painted plaster cast of the bronze palstave found at Pease-down St. John, N. Somerset, and figured and described in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxv, Plate XII, p. 98.—Given by Dr. A. BULLEID, F.S.A.

Three quern-stones, some pottery, a few iron objects, a knife-handle of roe-deer antler, sling-stones, and a piece of late-Celtic pottery ornamented with laurel-leaf design (the leaves filled with cross-hatching), etc., found by quarrymen in two pits on the s.w. side of Ham Hill (on the margin of the great quarry) and to the s.w. of the workshops, just within the limits of Montacute parish. (Described in greater detail in the *Western Gazette*, April 18, 1930).—Given by Colonel C. J. Trask.

Several small objects found on Ham Hill, and listed in the

manuscript catalogue in detail ; fragments of Hallstatt pottery and a small part of a weaving-comb of antler, found in a quarry at Bedmore Barn, Ham Hill ; two fragments of early medieval pottery, site of Beauchamp Castle, Stoke-under-Ham ; several objects of stone and a piece of rough bronze found in the trench for the gas-main at Montacute, just past and to the S.E. of the west drive to Montacute House.—Given by Dr. S. L. BRIMBLECOMBE.

Five whetstones bearing evidence of much use, found below the ground-floor level of the Turk's Head Inn, St. James' Street, Taunton, in making alterations to the property, 1929-30.—Given by Mr. G. R. HOWE.

Old iron nail, $17\frac{1}{4}$ in. long, found in demolishing a building in East Reach, Taunton, 1930.—Given by Mr. GEORGE GIBBS.

Girth beaker of thin, dark grey ware, with a deep groove and a cordon round the middle of the vessel ; height 6.5 in., exterior diameter at rim 5.8 in. Found in digging a war trench at Festubert, extreme north of France. Belgic ware, probably of the end of the first century A.D.—Given by Mr. EVAN P. LEWIS.

Fifteen of the Greek and Roman vessels of pottery which formed part of the 'Woodhouse Collection' which was deposited on loan in the Museum in 1907.—Given by Miss L. M. WOODHOUSE.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY

Two flags, or banners, of the Midsomer Norton Club, each measuring about 93 in. by 65 in. The club was disbanded about 1890, and was held on May 29th, the headquarters being Stone's Cross Hotel.—Given by Dr. A. BULLEID, F.S.A.

The members were in the habit of visiting Dr. Blacker of 'the Old Vicarage', who used to give them a barrel of beer. The emblem consisted of a carved wooden acorn, gilded.

(1) Blue flag, with 'Maggs (? Theophilus), maker, M. Norton 1850' in one corner. On one side 'Queen and Constitution', with Queen Victoria in middle. On the other side, 'This day England expects every man to do his duty', with Nelson in middle.

(2) Red flag, with 'Maggs, maker, M. Norton' in one corner. On one side, King Charles II in an oak tree, with inscription. On the other side, 'Let Brotherly Love continue', with Nelson in middle.

Silk flag of the Friendly Society of Farmborough, Somerset, measuring 5 ft. 6 in. on staff-edge by 7 ft. long; weight 1 lb. 5 oz.; 'God Save the Queen' on one side, and 'Peace and Unity' on the other.—Given by Mr. FREDK. VINER (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

The flag was first used on the inauguration day of the club, March 4, 1839, and on the dissolution of the society in 1893 was purchased by the donor's brother. The flag was last used in public on the occasion of the Farmborough festivities in connection with the coronation of George V. The club's headquarters were at the Bell Inn.

Officer's shako of the 40th (2nd Somerset) Regiment, *circ.* A.D. 1852.—Given by Mr. GEORGE GIBBS.

Apparently there should be a ball on the top of the shako above the crown, and there are traces of something red having been worn there.

Mr. W. G. Fisher has provided the following particulars: This type of head-dress was copied from the French, and was very unpopular because every time a soldier had to run, his shako either fell off or had to be held in place. It was top-heavy and never fitted well.

The rank-and-file shako had a chin strap of plain leather, and the shako was *painted* black; the regimental number appeared in the centre of the shako plate. Officers also wore the regimental number, but it was more usual, apparently, to wear the royal cypher, as in the specimen under review, which bears the inscription, '2nd Somerset Regt. V.R.'

The 2nd Somerset Regiment was the 40th (2nd Somerset) Regiment—to give it its official title. It was raised in August 1717, and was amalgamated in 1881 with the 82nd (Prince of Wales' Volunteers) Regiment (raised in 1793) to form the present regiment, the Prince of Wales' Volunteers (South Lancashire).

Tunic which was worn by the late Mr. George Cox (iron and brass founder, Fore Street, Taunton) as an officer of the Light Infantry Company of the West Somerset Battalion of the Local Militia. This is evident from the wings and the bugle, and the buttons which bear the words 'West Somerset Local Regiment'. The usual badges of rank are missing from the jacket.

Mr. W. G. Fisher has provided the following particulars: The Local Militia was a force distinct from the General Militia, which has existed, more or less continuously, since the days of Alfred. The Local Militia of Somerset consisted mainly of volunteers who undertook the new obligation in 1808. It is difficult to trace the composition of the West Somerset Battalion, but it is surmised that the Milverton Volunteers formed part of it. The Local Militia was raised in 1808 and was called out annually for training until 1815, when the ballot for the Local Militia was suspended.

Red silk sash worn with the above uniform.

Buff leather belt for above, the square gilt clasp inscribed 'West Somerset Local Militia'; also 'G.R.' and 'Honi soit qui mal y pense'.

Embossed copper shot flask, by J. W. & G. Hawksley (never used).

Dagger, having two longitudinal flutings on both sides of the blade; grip bound with fine wirework, no guard, length $12\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Single-edged sword, having two longitudinal flutings on both sides of the blade; length $27\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Double-edged sword with wooden grip and guard; length $34\frac{1}{4}$ in.; late XVII Century.

Given by Mrs. E. G. Cox, Kinta, near Winscombe.

Two club-brasses, (1) Wincanton, height $12\frac{3}{4}$ in., inscribed with the initials 'G.S.' (George Sweetman), and dated, by paper label, 1847. This brass belonged to the donor's great-grandfather. (2) Templecombe, with the usual cut-through letters, T.C.F.S., height $11\frac{1}{2}$ in. Marked by an old label as formerly belonging to 'George Morse, Stowell, Somerset'.—Given by Mr. D. K. SWEETMAN.

Club-brass of Horsington, Somerset, height $12\frac{1}{2}$ in.—Given by Mr. W. E. NEWMAN.

Fourteen horse-brasses; two heart-shaped brasses taken from horse harness, (a) with initials 'G.G.', from Croscombe; (b) with initials 'J.W.'; three badges in white metal (negro, vulture and horse); two brass armorial badges; four buttons.—Given by Mrs. A. F. M. HARRIS.

Single bell terret; two fly-terrets; muzzle-loading pistol, by 'Cook. Bath', used by donor's grandfather for scaring birds; powder-flask of copper with brass fittings, stamped 'Sykes Patent'.—Given by Mr. WM. COLES (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Single bell-terret; silver-plated rosette; pair of leather rosettes (originally painted vermilion); two fly-terrets of brass; a carriage-horse martingale with crest adopted by various families (Clark, Clerk, Daws, Mercier, Murray, Penny-coock, Pennycuick and Rattray).—Given by Mr. ARTHUR VEATER (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Brass terret, and face brass for horse.—Given by Mr. ARTHUR T. VEATER (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Housing for draught-horse harness, the three brass plates marked 'W.F.L.'; from Wick Farm, East Brent.

Ox cue from Sydenham Manor, found in 1930 below an elm tree. The use of oxen for ploughing and transport was becoming rare in this district, *circ.* 1860–70.

Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY.

Two housings, draught-horse harness, (1) bearing three brass mounts, two having script initials 'A.M.I.', Anna Maria Jarrett, the elder of two deceased sisters of Camerton Court (the younger, Emily, died 1911); (2) bearing heart-shaped mount, and on the left, an oval unengraved mount.

Brass crest taken from a horse's blinker.

Eel-spear of iron, much corroded, total length 18 in.; maximum width 7 in. This specimen was taken from a railway truck of scrap iron sent to Radstock from Mells Road Station. (Such eel-spears were used in the Plymouth and Dartmoor districts, and in the neighbourhood of Taunton.)

Given by Mr. S. LLOYD HARVEY.

Triple bell-terret of brass.—Given by Mr. SAMUEL NUTT (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Face brass for horse.—Given by Mr. JOHN HARDING (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

A heart-shaped and a circular harness-ornament of brass.—Given by Mr. G. R. HOWE.

Fly-terret of brass.—Given by Mr. E. RIVERS (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Fire-sign of lead of an insurance company,—an ecclesiastical building surmounted by a crown and numbered at the bottom, 42718; dug up in a garden at Norton St. Philip.—Given by the Very Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Snuff-box of Britannia metal bearing the initials, 'E.F.G.', those of Edward Francis Goldsworthy who wrote the booklet, *Recollections of Taunton*.

Brass scales for weighing sovereigns and half-sovereigns,
'T. Simmon's Improved Balance'.

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

Iron grate on four plain iron legs, perhaps made by a local smith; collected in the Quantock district of Aisholt.—Given by Mrs. BIRKBECK and Miss L. M. BADCOCK.

Ancient ridge-tile of earthenware, glazed, length $16\frac{1}{4}$ in.; made at Lynch, near Porlock; taken from a cottage at Porlock Weir.—Given by Mr. HUISE (*per* Mr. F. C. Eeles).

Combined letter-weight and seal of solid brass in the form of a human hand and wrist,—the engraved face subsequently filed off for using as a wafer-press.—Given by Mr. ARTHUR MINTER (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Combined quill-pen-cutter and sliding knife, length 4 in., marked 'Rogers, Cutlers to Her Majesty'. (Their manufacture ceased *circ.* 1900).—Given by Mr. HAROLD LUDLUM (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Apple-scoop, made from a metacarpus of sheep, length $5\frac{1}{8}$ in.; ornamented with transverse and crossed lines.—Given by Mr. R. F. PARRY.

Perforated container or guard for rush candles, height $11\frac{1}{2}$ in.,—thin sheet iron which has been painted; candle-box, or rush-light box, of tin, of cylindrical form, with lid, length $14\frac{1}{4}$ in.—Given by Miss ALFORD, Fore Street, Chard.

Thatcher's trimming knife; probably middle of XIX Century.—Given by Dr. H. DOWNES, F.L.S.

Sixteen forged nails from East Brent church roof, Somerset.—Given by Mr. ARTHUR DOWNES.

Boot-jack made of beech wood, stained and varnished, length 16 in.; end of XIX Century.—Given by Mr. E. C. HEARSE (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

One of a pair of jack-boot hooks, length 7 in.; end of XIX Century.—Given by Mr. JACOB ASHMAN (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Small leaden figure (at one time painted), perhaps of Florence Nightingale; ploughed up in King's Sedgemoor, 1923.—Given by Mr. A. J. HODDINOTT BARNARD.

Five buttons made by the last of the button-makers at

Dewlish, Dorset.—Given by Miss KENT (*per* Mr. C. S. Prideaux).

Pair of spectacles ; early XIX Century.—Given by Mr. A. T. LOVE.

Pair of spectacles with brass mounts.—Given by Mr. JOHN EDNEY (*per* Mr. F. W. Hembry).

Clay tobacco-pipe, 'George Web'.—Given by Mr. C. TITE.

III. CHINA, POTTERY, AND GLASS

Three dark glass wine bottles. (1) T.C. with uplifted hand between—Sir Thomas Carew, Bart. ; (2) R.H.C. (Richard Hall Clarke, great-grandfather of the donor) ; and (3) J.W.C. (John Were Clarke, grandfather of the donor).—Given by Mr. J. W. CLARKE, Bridwell, near Uffculme.

One of a store of glass phials found in 1929 on premises at Martock formerly occupied by an apothecary ; XVIII Century.—Given by Dr. H. DOWNES.

Large piece of waste glass.—Given by Mr. F. W. MACKLIN.

Small china teapot, ivory white, in the form of a 'sea-urchin', the handle, spout, etc., ornamented in representation of coral. Belleek ware, made by D. McBirney & Co., Ireland ; late XIX Century.—Given by Mrs. H. D. LEWIS.

Flask or tea-caddy of white glazed earthenware, height $4\frac{1}{4}$ in. ; middle of XIX Century.—Given by Miss ALFORD, Chard.

IV. NUMISMATICS

Fifty-nine Roman coins, of 'third brass' size (with one exception), many of them tinned, found in the parish of Clapton-in-Gordano and near Cadbury Camp, nearly all of them from the hoard of Roman coins discovered by the donor in 1924. The hoard consisted of over 3,400 coins, mainly covering the period, A.D. 268–275. They were classified and described in the *Numismatic Chronicle*, 5th ser., vii, 209, by Mr. F. S. Salisbury, and there is a note on the subject by Mr. H. Symonds in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxiii, 127–9.

Given by Mr. R. EGERTON GODWIN.

Thirty-four bronze coins, Roman, found from time to time at Ilchester (listed in manuscript catalogue).—*Purchased.*

Fourth century 'third brass' coin, Roman, dug up with others at Congresbury; halfpenny token, Bristol, 1795.—Given by Mr. E. P. LEWIS.

Twenty-five 'third brass' coins, Roman, of the earlier half of the fourth century A.D., found in quarrying between Tutter's Hill (Milkway) and the foot of Chelm's Combe, Cheddar. They consist of Theodora, 1; Constantine I, 5; Constantinopolis, 4; Urbs Roma, 4; Constantine II, 5; Constans, 2; Constantine period, 3; defaced, 1.

'Third brass' coin of Severina, wife of Aurelian, A.D. 270-5. *Rev.*—VENUS FELIX. Found at Cheddar.

XVII Century token, North Petherton. *Obv.*—THO. LOVE-
DER. OF. = T.A.L. 1657. *Rev.*—NORTH PETHERTO = T.A.L.
(See Gray and Symonds, 'Somerset Trade Tokens', *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxi, 121.)

Given by Mr. R. F. PARRY, Cheddar.

'Third brass' coin (tinned) of Salonina, wife of Gallienus, died A.D. 268. *Rev.*—IVNO REGINA. Ploughed up in 'Round Hill Tump' (barrow) field, circ. 1900, in the parish of Radstock, by John Brimble, ploughman to Robert Miles (*Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* xxx, i, 101).—Given by Mr. JOSEPH RUDDICK (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Circular badge of white metal, diameter 49 mm. *Obv.*—
YATTENDON BENEFIT SOCIETY. 1837=THEY HELPED EVERY
ONE HIS NEIGHBOUR=Beehive and clasped hand. *Rev.*—
MY SON FEAR THOU THE LORD AND THE QUEEN. 1837
=Royal crown and sceptre on bible.—Given by Mr. SYDNEY
BOURNE (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

London half-groat of Edward III (period 1351-60); struck not later than 1353; found at Cross, near Axbridge. Medal of Admiral Vernon, diameter 40 mm.—*Purchased* (E. H. Dyke).

XVI Century city of Bristol token, square-shaped; Eliza-

bethan date, and struck *circ.* 1578.—Given by Dr. S. L. BRIMBLECOMBE.

Halfpenny, George III, 1799 (found at Radstock); penny, Henry III, *circ.* 1250–55; picked up by the donor on the hillside above Radstock Church.—Given by Mr. SYDNEY J. BIGGS (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Brass weight for the gold double doubloon, inscribed on both faces, **THREE POUND TWELVE** (£3 12s. 0d. being the face value of a gold doubloon); dug up by the donor at Stratton-on-the-Fosse, 1929.—Given by Mr. GEORGE BROWNE.

$\frac{1}{4}$ -Moidore weight, for 6s. 9d., dug up in a garden at Porlock.—Given by Mr. P. KEIRLE.

Five gold-weights of brass, inscribed: 5 dwt. 8 gr. GIIIR; 20s. 6d. or 5 dwt. 6 gr., Geo. III up to the 1st Jany. 1772; 2 dwt. 16 gr., 1772, Geo. III, 10s. 5d.; 2 dwt. 14 gr., Geo. III, up to 1772; 1 dwt. 7 gr., 5s.—Given by Mr. THOS. E. MILLS (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

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

Carbon enlargement, by the Autotype Company, from a negative by H. St. George Gray, of the engraving of Judge Jeffreys, —Sir Godfrey Kneller, pinxit, R. White, sculpsit.—*Purchased.*

Photographic enlargement of a portrait of the donor, taken in 1889 when he was twenty-one years of age; and a small oil portrait from a photograph of the donor by Lafayette, taken in 1929.—Given, for the Wyndham Lecture Hall, by Mr. WM. WYNDHAM.

Copper plate, 20 in. by 15 in., of Wells Cathedral from a painting by Charles Wild (1781–1835); also an impression from the plate.—Given by Mr. CHARLES TITE.

C. Wild exhibited at the Royal Academy and at the Exhibition of the Old Water-colour Society. In 1807 he began a series of illustrations of British cathedrals, published by Tilt and Bogue, Fleet Street, London.

Rules established by the Magistrates for the guidance of the Overseers, for making the weekly income of the Poor proportionate to the price of Bread, as regulating all other necessities of life, April 23, 1801.—Given by Mr. C. TITE.

Thirteen Somerset photographs, viz. Crowcombe Bench-ends (4), Dodington Manor-house (2), Stogursey Church (2), Cothelstone Manor-house, Bishop's Palace, Wells, Glastonbury Abbey (2), Over Stowey Church.—Given by Mr. H. C. ANDREWS.

Photograph (June 18, 1930) of wall at mill-stream, North-over, Glastonbury, attributed to Abbot Michael of Ambresbury (1240-50), who made the mill at Beckery and the 'Pons Perilis'. Two photographs of Court Barn, West Pennard June 18, 1930. Two photographs of Watchfield Windmill, Burnham Without.—Given by the Very Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Nine $\frac{1}{4}$ -plate photographs of Cannington (5), Blackmore Farm (2), and Stogursey (2).—Given by Mr. F. W. HEMBRY.

Two photographs of the two Roman pewter vessels—a bowl and a dish—found at Meare, 1928, and described in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxv, 105-6.—Given by Mr. A. DE NAVARRO, F.S.A.

Valentine, 1851, with contemporary envelope, addressed to 'Miss Sprackett, Miss Leversedge's, South Petherton'.—Given by Mrs. LEWIS, Stoke-under-Ham.

Pack of playing-cards, probably South American.—Given by Mr. W. E. NEWMAN.

Cheque of the West of England and South Wales District Bank, Bristol, 1873. (The suspension of this bank in Dec. 1878 was a great commercial calamity in the West).—Given by Mr. S. LLOYD HARVEY.

VI. NATURAL HISTORY AND GEOLOGY

The Alpine Swift, *Apus melba melba* (L.), in case, killed in the neighbourhood of Axbridge, *circ.* 1851.—Given by Mr. H. W. MAPLETON-BREE.

* It was bought by the donor's father, the Rev. H. M. Mapleton, of Badgworth Rectory, some time in the sixties at the sale of the effects of Bruges Fry of Cheddar, to whose father it belonged. See the donor's letter, May 1930; also Cecil Smith's 'Birds of Somerset', 287-8; *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* i, i, 14; xvi, ii, 48; also *V.C.H. Som.* i, 151.

Stone Curlew, *Burhinus oedicnemus oedicnemus* (L.), shot at Athelney, week ending February 22, 1930, when the bird was in poor condition.—Purchased by the Ornithological Section.

Bittern, *Botaurus stellaris stellaris* (L.), and a Common Curlew, *Numenius arquata arquata* (L.), in one case. Taken, some years ago, in the neighbourhood of Uplowman, and to the east of Tiverton.—Given by Miss E. CHAVE.

Little Owl, *Athene noctua mira* With., female, taken at Martock, August 1929; young bird.—Given by Dr. H. DOWNES, F.L.S.

Duck-billed Platypus, *Ornithorhynchus anatinus*, Australia.—Given by Mr. JOHN EASTON.

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