

The Museum.

AMONG the very many objects deposited in the temporary museum, to the amusement and gratification of the meeting, the following are more particularly worthy of mention, contributed by

The Corporation of Axbridge.—Records and documents from the corporation chest of the ancient borough of Axbridge, some of which bear date eight centuries back, and make reference to a period when the forest of “Mynedeepe” was a hunting chase of the Kings of England.

Mr. J. H. Smyth Pigott.—A large and beautifully formed bronze head of Diana, dug up at Bath, about a century ago. A bronze Cupid, dug up at Bath. A bronze Gladiator, formerly belonging to Chas. I. A bronze from Pompeii,—the sister of Trajan as Diana. A large and beautifully executed drawing, in water colours, by Stephanhoof, entitled the “Phases of Art,” exhibiting the gradual development of painting, sculpture, and architecture, in a series from the Hindoo to the Grecian. A very handsome silver casket, designed by Raphael, executed by Cellini. It was presented to Horace Walpole, by Sir H. Mann, and was originally in the possession of the Grand Duke of Tuscany. The “Speculum,” or conjuring stone, of Dr. Dee. Valuable Roman Cameos. A portrait of Locke. Specimens of Roman and Greek coins. MSS. relating to Bristol to A.D. 1554. Buckler’s views of churches and old houses in Somerset. *Porta de la Fisonomia Huomo*, a very curious and unique copy. Portraits of the Smyths and Pigotts. *The Intelligencer*, 1661 to 1662. A MS.

work of Dr. Faustus. Indian sword from the Strawberry Hill collection. A large and valuable collection of autograph letters of eminent men, including Byron, Scott, Pope, Sheridan, Voltaire, Rammohun Roy, De Lolme, Drake, Lord Hood, Rodney, Sir T. Lawrence, Canning, Burke, Frederick II. of Prussia, &c. &c.

The Rev. R. C. Hathway.—An interesting reliquary from Kewstoke Church—a sacerdotal figure about eighteen inches high, having in the back a niche, in which were the remains of a chalice, adhering to the bottom of which was a residuum of coagulated blood, supposed to be that of Thos. à Beckett.

The Rev. F. Lockey, Bath.—An ancient iron vessel, found imbedded in a mass of conglomerate, on the shore off Charmouth, with specimens of the conglomerate and contents of the vessel.

The Rev W. W. Rowley.—Cases of splendid Indian insects, butterflies, beetles, &c.

The Rev. R. Symes, Cadbury Lodge, Yatton.—A small bronze figure found in a Roman Encampment on the Blackdown hills, near Taunton.

The Rev. J. H. Yatman, Winscombe.—An antique picture frame, containing a neatly-executed and ingenious model of Bristol Cathedral, made in pith, and bearing date 1715.

Mrs. Housman, Bath.—Transfer of brilliantly-tinted flowers from Pompeii; this transfer was made by Sir Humphrey Davy, and presented by him to Sir Thomas Lawrence.

Mrs. Farquharson, of Montacute.—A highly-ornamented antique stirrup, found at Hamdon Hill. A monastic ring and locket, found at Montacute Priory, and fifteen Roman coins, found near Hamdon Hill.

Mrs. F. H. Syngé.—A silver coin of the Saxon King, Edmund I.

Mrs. N. Smith, Clifton.—A beautiful cornelian ring found in the ancient camp on Brean Down.

Dr. J. H. Pring.—Electro-type casts of rare old coins, seals, and medallions. A beautiful specimen of arragonite from Holwell Cavern, in illustration of the paper read by Mr. Crosse.

Dr. Jos. Hume Spry, Bath.—A tile in pottery from the Alhambra, with inscription in Arabic. Small earthen vase from Pompeii. Chinese mariner's compass.

Dr. Tomkins.—Cases of British and Roman pottery, keys, daggers, spurs, &c. chiefly from Abingdon. East Indian matchlock, inlaid with ivory. Persian sword with enamelled scabbard.

Mr. J. Baker.—Rare antique gold, silver, and copper coins.

Mr. Castle, Worle.—Three Roman cameos, of Nero, Ti. Claudius, and Vitell. German. in fine preservation, found at Kewstoke. Two very ancient bridle bits, a spur, and brass stirrup. An iron breast-plate or cuirass, dug up in the parish of East Brent, in 1820. A beautifully wrought ancient two-edged sword and a bill hook, and an antique two-handled porcelain jar. Cases of ancient coins found at Worle. A very singularly-formed bird's nest, &c.

Mr. F. G. Dowty.—Views of Cheddar Cliffs, and King's Cliff, North Petherton. Portrait of Erasmus, by Holbein. 120 impressions in sulphur, of Somersetshire seals. Small pair of oval Italian landscapes, on copper, by Patol. Brass key, from Glastonbury Abbey.

Mr. J. Elton.—Arctic Tern, killed at Weston-super-Mare, in April, 1842. Honey Buzzard, killed at Bitton,

near Bristol. Moutagu's Harrier, killed in Hampshire, in 1838. Gadwall Shovellers, shot in St. Phillip's Marsh, Bristol, 1830. Snow Bunting, shot at Weston-super-Mare. Hawfinch, shot at Coombe, near Westbury-on-Trym, one on Redland Common, and another on Durdham Down, near Bristol.

Mr. Charles Empson, Bath.—Rubblings from brasses in Devonshire, Oxfordshire, and Somersetshire. Idols of gold, found in the lake of Guanatuvita, South America; and a portion of the golden armour of Montezuma. A very singular and large spiders-nest, with a curious spring-valve entrance, from the Greek Islands. Arctic plants, collected by Sir E. Parry.

Mr. B. Fry, Axbridge.—Fine specimens in Ornithology, neatly mounted with appropriate landscape back grounds, including among them one of the Alpine Swift, shot in this county.

Mr. Shrowl.—Fragments of an urn and of bones contained therein, found by the late Bishop of Bath and Wells, in a barrow, on Mendip, near the fosse road from Ilchester to Bath, one mile from Oakhill brewery. Ancient brass vase, inlaid with steel. Ancient brass snuffers, enamelled.

Mr. Colebrooke Stockdale, of Torquay.—Drawings of the churches and old mansions of Somerset, of the west front of Wells Cathedral, and of Long Leet.

Mr. W. Stradling.—Part of a very ancient altar pall, wrought in gold. Needle work of the time Chas. I.—“the Judgment of Solomon.” Needlework (embroidered with pearls, representing the restoration of Chas. II. Pair of gauntlets diapered with gold. Potsherds from a Roman pottery. Gun locks of the time of the Monmouth rebellion.

Two interesting cases of birds, Buntings, and Woodpeckers, procured on Clayhill Farm, Cannington, and set up by Mr. W. Tucker, of that place. A case of eight species of Bats, taken near Bridgwater. A case of Skeletons of Bats, Shrews, Moles, Newts, &c. One case of Coleoptera, viz. Curculionidæ and Carabidæ—150 species. Four cases of Lepidoptera, viz. Papilionidæ and Hisperiidæ—64 species; Sphingidæ and Zygænidæ—21 species; Bombycidæ and Arctiidæ—52 species. Two cases of Hymenoptera, containing more than 300 species. A tray of fresh-water, land, and sea Shells, Nuts, Beetles, &c. found under brick-clay, near Bridgwater, more than twenty feet deep. A tray of fresh-water, land, and sea Shells, collected from sand-banks at Chilton Trinity, Chedzoy, Westonzoyland, &c. all of both sets agreeing with recent species.
