

Additions to the Museum.

From January 1st to November 18th, 1903.

I. ARCHÆOLOGY.

(1). STONE IMPLEMENTS.

Presented by Dr. Frank Corner, The Manor House, Poplar, E.

SIXTEEN Palæolithic flint implements, viz. :—
Two from Plaistow, Essex.

Long, broad, thin, flake, with well-marked bulb of percussion and secondary chipping all round the edges, Rainham, Essex, February, 1899.

Small implement of plano-convex cross-section, Forest Gate, London.

Three small implements from Warren Hill, Suffolk (near Mildenhall). Implements from here are found prolifically,—mostly ovoids. One of the three is almost circular with chipped edges all round, and of bi-convex section.¹

Two implements from Wanstead Parish Pit (Essex), 24 to 26 feet above sea-level—on the general Terrace Gravel which extends over all East London, containing brick-earth and bones occasionally.

One from Leytonstone, 1903.

One from the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Leyton, December, 1897.

Two from Brent's Farm, Leytonstone, December, 1902.

1. Cambridge Museum contains a fine series from Warren Hill.

This place is about 250 feet above sea level. which is high for the Lea Valley ; within half-a-mile is the Phillbrook Valley (or Fillybrook), where numbers of extremely fine Palæoliths have been found.

Two from Farnham, Surrey, 1897 ; one of ovoid form.

One finely-patinated implement from Swanscombe, Kent.

From Mr. H. St. G. Gray, *Curator.*

Two specimens of modern flint-chipping, representing an ovate, and a tongue-shaped, Palæolithic implement, of black flint, lengths $6\frac{1}{4}$ and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches respectively. Made by Mr. H. S. TOMS, Sub-Curator of Brighton Museum. (*Deposited*).

Photograph of hammer-head found at Maxmills, Somerset, in 1865, by some men who were cutting a field drain. It is of fine grained granite (with some felspar), and measures 7in. long, 4in. broad, and 2in. thick ; weight $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.¹ (*Presented*).

Six flint flakes, all having secondary chippings, and a flint scraper, picked up in fields at Martinstown, Dorchester.

(*Presented*).

Presented by Mr. Thos. Leslie, Taunton.

Flint implement, with secondary chipping, Cotlake Hill, Taunton.

Natural perforated stone, in form of stone-hammer, found at Wilton, Taunton.

Two flint cores picked up by donor at Weymouth.

Presented by Rev. F. W. Weaver, F.S.A.

Eighteen flint implements and flakes, including portion of a flint celt, a finely-worked scraper and two cores, found by the donor on Creech Hill, near Bruton, 1903.² (Also a fragment of (?) Romano-British pottery found on same hill).

1. Photograph acquired through kindness of Mr. F. A. Knight, of Winccombe ; the original is in Weston-super-Mare Museum.

2. Previous "finds" from this place are recorded in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, vol. XLVIII, pt. i, p. 69.

Presented by Mr. H. W. Seton-Karr, 31, Lingfield Road, Wimbledon.

Twelve quartzite-sandstone implements of Palæolithic form, found by the donor at Poondi, twenty-nine miles west of Madras. They are from water-pits in laterite dug by natives.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Three Maori stone implements, New Zealand.—Presented by Mr. WALTER RAYMOND, Yeovil.

Quadrangular piece of sandstone, flat and with rounded edges, found by the donor, with hundreds of similar stones, on the surface, at Godalming.—Presented by Mr. J. COOK, Norton Fitzwarren.

Flint flake, with well-marked bulb of percussion, found in the garden of Taunton Castle by F. E. REED.

(2). OTHER ARCHÆOLOGICAL REMAINS.

Portions of four Romano-British pots, found in 1901 and 1903 by the donor, in the parish of Preston Plucknett, near Yeovil, in a field adjoining the old Roman Road from Ilchester to Dorchester, now called "Lark Hill Lane."¹—Presented by Mr. WALTER RAYMOND, Yeovil.

Twelve fragments of Mediæval pottery found in 1898 in excavating the lower part of the south wall of Maddington Church Tower, Wilts.²—Presented by Rev. C. V. GODDARD, Baverstock Rectory, Salisbury.

Twelve encaustic tiles and fragments from the site of the Church of "St. Peter and St. Paul," Taunton Priory Estate. This Church was destroyed by order of Henry VIII, *circa* 1538-9. Tiles, *circa* XII Century.—Presented by Mr. W. H. FISHER, Taunton.

1. They have been restored as far as possible.
2. See Paper on "Castle Neroche," *Proc.*, vol. XLIX, pt. ii.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY.

“Nack-reel,” for measuring and winding off the yarn produced by spinning-wheel, intended for use in weaving. After the wheel has been revolved several times it produces a *nack* or crack, thus showing that there are so many yards of yarn wound.¹—Presented by Mr. CECIL H. SPENCER PERCEVAL, Longwitton Hall, Morpeth, who purchased it in the parish of Hartburn, Northumberland.

Two “cards” formerly used in weaving, from a cottage in Northumberland; used for flax or wool.—Presented by Mr. C. H. SPENCER PERCEVAL.

Kaffir chief’s skin cloak, decorated with globular brass buttons and bead-work. Obtained during the late Boer War by a West Somerset yeoman. (*Purchased*).

Two old wrought iron candle-supports, taken from the high-backed pews of a West Somerset Church.—Presented by Mr. W. de C. PRIDEAUX, Dorchester.

Glazed pottery lamp, with one handle, from Taormina, Sicily, 1903.

Glazed pottery lamp, with two handles, from Naples, 1903.

Hanging pottery lamp, Fezzan, 1903.

Charm, in form of human hand, Fezzan.

Five Sicilian charms—three in form of finger-rings; the other two are pendants.

Thirteen Neapolitan charms, seven in white metal, three in mother-of-pearl, one in lava, and two in bone. (Some of these are figured in the donor’s work, “The Evil Eye,” p. 203).

Pottery snail, Portuguese.

Presented by Mr. F. T. ELWORTHY, F.S.A., Foxdown, Wellington.

Leather-covered “cap-case,” length 3ft. 11in.,—a box carried on the front of carriages or private coaches up to the middle

1. For fuller description, see Atkinson’s “Glossary of Cleveland Dialect,” 1868—under “Nack-reel.”

of the XIX Century. This specimen was made about 1830, and was in use at Walford, near Taunton, for many years.—Presented by Dr. R. LIDDON MEADE-KING, Taunton.

Leather case (exterior height, $7\frac{1}{2}$ in.; exterior diam., $6\frac{1}{2}$ in.), ornamented with slightly incised decoration; from Creech St. Michael Church. Probably a case for Church plate; the decoration suggests that it is of late XVI or early XVII Century date.—Presented by the Vicar and Churchwardens of Creech St. Michael Church (*per* Mr. C. H. SAMSON).

Iron key and two clay tobacco-pipes, one with maker's name on the heel (Geo. Webb).

Iron ember-tongs, probably late XVIII Century, $17\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, used for removing lighted coal or a glowing ember from the fire for the purpose of lighting pipes in the days when paper for "spills" was expensive and the modern match unknown.—Presented by Mr. C. TITE, Rosemount, Taunton.

Polished oak tinder-box, total length 14ins., width $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins., height 3ins., with handle and sliding lid. It is divided, laterally, into two equal compartments, one containing a wooden "damper," or extinguisher for the smouldering tinder; the other a bundle of sulphur-matches. From Somerton (Hitchings Davies Collection).—Presented by Mr. SAMUEL LAWRENCE, Taunton.

Iron "strike-a-light" of tinder-box of the common inverted U-shape; spur for cock-fighting, English, XIX Century.—Presented by Mr. E. MULFORD, East Reach, Taunton.

Specimen of the original water-pipes formerly used by the New River Company to convey the water supplied to London.

The pipes were formed from logs of elm-trees, about 10ft. long, hollowed out by some mechanical power—probably water-power. They were laid down in 1610, disused since 1800, and taken up in 1899. The lengths are tapered off at one end, so as to be fitted into the adjoining section. The length of the specimen is 5ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; greatest circumference about 5ft. 4in.¹

Presented by Mr. H. H. BAGNALL, Avishays, Chard.

1. See Notes and Queries column, "Somerset County Herald," March 28th, 1903; E. W. Swanton, April 4th, 1903; and H. St. G. Gray, May 16th, 1903.

Two large iron door-keys, lengths $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. respectively.—Presented by Rev. E. H. BATES, Puckington Rectory.

Iron door-key, probably XVIII Century.

Pair of old spectacles, with horn frame.

Large U-shaped “fire-steel,” or “fire-iron,” originally sold at about fourpence each, and usually made out of old files.—Presented by Mr. H. St. G. GRAY, *Curator*.

Wooden frame, for two pictures, made by a back-settler in Australia.—Presented by Rev. W. P. SOUTHEY, Linden Lodge, Taunton.

Printed copy of old notice:—“Beware of man-traps and spring-guns,” etc.—Presented by Mr. ALEX. HAMMETT, Taunton.

Steel Snuffers, early XIX Century.—Presented by Mrs. GEO. YOUNG, Motcombe, Shaftesbury.

Small box of what was sometimes known as “German tinder.” Sold over thirty years ago at penny per box.

Two XVII Century wig-curlers of clay, from Barnstaple.—Presented by Mr. A. RIPPON, 3, Leighton Terrace, Exeter.

Three clay tobacco-pipes (GEO. WEBB, I.D., and I.B.) Found by F. E. REED, in Taunton Castle garden.

Pair of reindeer moccasins, Red River, Canada.—Presented by Mrs. MEADE-KING, Walford, Taunton.

Maori basket, circular, finely made; women’s work.—Presented by Mrs. PATTON, Stoke House, Taunton.

Large iron man-trap, Somerset; length 4ft. 10in.—Presented by Mr. J. FEWINGS, Taunton.

Specimen of the root of the soap-plant (*gusungus*) from Bohotle (200 miles from Berbera), Somaliland; used by the natives for washing. Obtained during the recent war.—Presented by Capt. H. A. PHILLIPPS, R.N.

Pair of red-lacquered cane chop-sticks, Japanese.

Pair of bambu chop-sticks, Chinese.

Two Chinese *Kakemonos*, vividly coloured.

One of the figures is represented with all his finger-nails long, indicating that manual labour was not followed by him. Long nails are essential in the dramatic profession amongst the Chinese; and metal nail-protectors are used to prevent them from being broken.

Two incense-sticks, Chinese, universally known as "joss-sticks."

"They are burnt before all shrines, the odour being pleasant to the gods; quantities are burnt at funerals for the deceased's benefit. As they burn slowly and at a fairly uniform rate, they are sometimes used as time-checks for measuring the passage of time. The stick would be marked at intervals, and the elapsed time indicated by the amount burnt. A piece is sometimes placed between the toes before going to sleep, when it is desired to wake up at a given time; and it is probably the most effective 'alarm-clock' ever made, as there can be no doubt about the waking when the smouldering reaches the skin."—*H. Balfour, M.A.*

Presented by Mr. H. HAWKINS, Taunton.

Weather Prognosticator; designed and improved upon the system of the late astronomer, Sir Wm. Herschel, by Henry Troake, of Topsham, Devon, 1831; published by C. Upham, Bookseller, Exeter; Roper, Sculp., Exeter.—Presented by Mr. F. T. J. HAYNES, M.I.E.E., Taunton.

III. NUMISMATICS.

Die of the seal of the Ven. G. A. Denison, Archdeacon of Taunton, 1851.—Presented by the Ven. W. H. ASKWITH, Archdeacon of Taunton.

Medal designed by Sir John Evans, K.C.B., in 1880, for depositing in sites excavated by General Pitt-Rivers, F.R.S., to record date of excavation.—Deposited by Mr. H. ST. G. GRAY, *Curator*.

Two of the Kelway medals for hardy perennials for 1903, in bronze, *diam.* 2½in.—Presented by Mr. WM. KELWAY, Brooklands, Huish Episcopi.

Silver coin of the Roman Emperor, Eugenius, A.D. 392-394. *Obv.*:—D. N. EVGENIVS P. F. AVG. Head to r. *Rev.*:—VIRTVS ROMANORVM. Roma-Victrix seated. *In exergue*,

TRP. Found with the great hoard in 1821, in a field called "Ten Acres," at Holway, Taunton, in a Roman vessel containing a great number of similar coins, extending from Constantians to Honorius. (See *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, vol. XXIV, pt. ii, p. 104).—Presented by Mr. H. FRANKLIN, Taunton.

Sixpenny-bit of Edward VII, 1902 (*Mint condition*).—Presented by Mr. E. SPENCER DODGSON, Jesus Coll., Oxford.

Seventeenth-Century Taunton farthing, 1667 (*Boyne 182*), dug up in donor's garden at Evercreech.—Presented by Mr. EDWIN CORRY, Junr.

Eight coins, viz. :—Two Japanese ; Indian piece, one pie ; small coin, Ionian Islands, 1835 ; half-farthing, Victoria, 1843 ; Armada Centenary token, 1888, "Great Drury Lane Drama" ; copies, guinea and half-guinea, George III.—Presented by Mr. F. T. J. HAYNES, Taunton.

Fifteen coins, including four 3rd brass Roman coins (locality unknown)—Postumus, Victorinus, Claudius Gothicus, and another unidentifiable.—Presented by Rev. C. HOUGHTON, Ashill Rectory.

Second brass Roman coin, defaced ; halfpenny, George III, 1807 (good condition).—Presented by Mr. ROBERT LEWIS, Ashill.

Three copper coins, Fezzan.—Presented by Mr. F. T. ELWORTHY, Wellington.

Sixpenny of George II, perforated with two holes.—*Purchased.*

Spanish copper coin, "dos gramos," 1870.—Presented by Mr. F. MARKS, Taunton.

Sixpenny of William III, 1696.—Presented by Mr. THEO. TAYLOR, Taunton.

One-penny token, Wiveliscombe. — Presented by Mrs. PATTON, Stoke House, Taunton.

United States coin (one cent.), picked up by the donor in Nov., 1902, at St. Pierre, Martinique, immediately after the eruptions.—Presented by Capt. W. H. M. DANIELL, R.N.

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

Deed, with seal, of Thomas Esmonde, of Lodge, Chardstock ; date, 20 Elizabeth.—Presented by Mr. J. MOORE, 9, Victoria Avenue, Chard.

Two parchment documents, one of William and Mary, one of George I, relating to land in the parish of St. Olave's, Exeter.—Presented by Mr. W. H. FISHER, Taunton.

Water-colour (full-size copy, by H. Frier, Taunton) of the old oil-colour Map of "Meyndeepe and its adjacent Villages," presented by Mr. Wm. George, 1875. (The Laws on the sides of the original Map were not copied, as they are quite legible). See *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, vol. xv, pt. ii, p. 1. (*Purchased*).

Framed photographs of three wash-drawings of Charlcombe Church, Bath (2), and Charlcombe Manor House, by S. H. Grimm, *circa* 1790. (The originals are in the British Museum).—Presented by Mr. T. S. BUSH, 20, Camden Crescent, Bath.

Five water-colour drawings of the interior of Ilminster Church, in gilt frames ; painted about 1871.—Presented by Mr. E. SLOPER, Crouch End, London.

Map of Somerset (coloured), divided into Hundreds ; *circa* 1750 ; in glazed oak frame.

Engraving of the Rt. Rev. Henry Phillpotts, D.D., Lord Bishop of Exeter. Born at Bridgwater, 6 May, 1778 ; died 18 September, 1869.

Engraving of the great Duke of Wellington ; painted by John Lilley ; engraved by James Scott. He was Lord of the Manor of Wellington, Somerset, and took his title therefrom.

Lithograph of the Shire Hall, Taunton, 1855-8 (by Day and Son).

Foundation-stone laid Aug. 14, 1855, by Edmund Berkeley, 1st Lord Portman, Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset. First used for public business at the Lent Assize, 1858. Architect, Mr. W. B. Moffatt, London ; builder, Mr. George

Pollard, Taunton; cost about £20,000, exclusive of land and approaches. (For further details see Webb's "History of Taunton.")

Presented by Mr. C. TITE, Hon. Genl. Secretary.

Portrait of Field-Marshal Sir John Lintorn A. Simmons, R.E., G.C.B., G.C.M.G.; reproduced by Walton and Co., London.

He was born at Langford, Somerset, 12th February, 1821, died on February 14th, 1903, and was buried at Churchill, Somerset.

Presented by Lt.-Col. J. R. BRAMBLE, F.S.A., Hon. Genl. Secretary.

Etching of portion of Taunton Castle, and another on same sheet of "An Oak struck by Lightning," Sept., 1848, by W. F. Elliott.—Presented by Mr. D'ARCY TODD, London.

"Sale Bill-posters," Taunton, 1798-1824.

Printed letter to the "Inhabitants of Taunton," from H. B. Shillibeer, Sept. 28, 1843.

Copy of the "Taunton and Bridgwater Journal, No. 162, April 30th, 1814. Price Sixpence."—Presented by Messrs. WOODLEY & Co., "Somerset County Gazette."

"The Taunton Courier," Aug. 22, 1827; May 8, June 5, and July 3, 1833.—Presented by Mr. H. HAWKINS, Taunton.

The Bible, London, 1620, and two Concordances, 1622; bound together in leather, over oak, with brass fittings.—Presented by MISS GAPPER, 1, Haines Hill, Taunton.

Twenty-two half-plate photographs on "Nature mounts," viz.:—Glastonbury Abbey, 3; Tithe Barn, Glastonbury, 2; Wells Cathedral, 2; Huish Episcopi Church; West Pennard Church and Tithe Barn; East Stoke Church; Gate House, Montacute; Tithe Barn, Compton Dundon; Abbey Farm and Tithe Barn, 3; Hamp Green, Bridgwater (where the Duke of Monmouth is said to have slept); Lytes Cary, 2; Muchelney, 3.—Presented by Mr. JOHN B. CLARK, Street.

Seven quarter-plate mounted photographs of Wells Cathedral.—Presented by Mr. J. REG. H. WEAVER, Ealing, W.

Photograph, unmounted, and Bromide enlargement, mounted, of (1) The Water Gate, Bridgwater Castle—inner arch looking

towards river, 1902; and (2) outer arch of Water Gate, looking from river, 1902.—Presented by Mr. CHAS. MAJOR, Bridgwater.

Photograph of Rubbing of Brass Tablet to Louis Chevaleir, in Middlezoy Church, who fell in the Monmouth Rebellion.

V. NATURAL HISTORY.

(1). ANIMALS.

Seven large bones of the Moa, and several bones of the feet, etc. (*Dinornis maximus*), New Zealand; portion of skull, probably of a young Moa; skull of the Kakapo bird, New Zealand.—Presented by Mr. WALTER RAYMOND, Yeovil.

Three large bones of the Moa (*Dinornis gigantea*), from Pareora, Middle Island, Canterbury Settlement, New Zealand;¹ large piece of lava from Mount Vesuvius.—Presented by Mr. F. T. ELWORTHY, F.S.A., Foxdown, Wellington.

Vertebrae of the Moa, found by the donor in a Moa Hunter's Encampment; several smooth pebbles, which had doubtless been swallowed by Moas to aid in the trituration of food (when these stones became very smooth, and therefore unserviceable, they were spewed up by the birds); and a quantity of flint chips and flakes (flint is not found, native, within a distance of fifty miles); all from one site on the seashore (sand) at Gore Bay, Cheviot, South Island, New Zealand, about sixty miles N. of Christchurch.—Presented by Mr. C. DILLWORTH FOX, "Foxdown," Waikari, Canterbury, New Zealand.

Skin of a Boa Constrictor, from Jilore, near Malindi, Giriama Country, British East Africa.—Presented by the Ven. ARCHDEACON ASKWITH.

A Water-Rail.²—Presented by Mr. FRANK BUCKLAND.

A young Cuckoo.² (*Presented*).

1. These were previously deposited in the Museum.

2. Stuffed by the Society.

(2). ROCKS, MINERALS, FOSSILS, ETC.

Large collection of examples of rocks, minerals, fossils, and Natural History specimens. (Mentioned on p. 2, pt. i, but not yet catalogued).

Six examples of Kauri gum (fossil gum), of different colours—the lemon and sherry-coloured being the rarest—from the West Coast of Auckland, N. Island, N.Z. Varnishes of fine quality are made from this gum.

Piece of gum which has dripped from a gum tree, N.Z.

Fragment of gold quartz from the "Wealth of Nations" Mine, Reefton, W. Coast of South Island, New Zealand.

Calcareous sinter on sedge, N.Z.

Jaspery clay ironstone, of dark green and chocolate colour, New Zealand.

Fragment of a limestone, N.Z.

Four *nuclei*—one of cannon-ball form, of *deep* sandstone—from rocks close to "Foxdown," Waikari, New Zealand. (Note :—*The rock surrounding each of the nuclei is of the same nature as the nucleus itself.*)

Presented by Mr. C. DILLWORTH FOX, "Foxdown," Waikari, Canterbury, N.Z.

About a dozen specimens of the twin crystals of calcite, from Mr. Worthington's quarry at Bindon, near Wellington; from vein in the New Red Sandstone Conglomerate.—Presented by Mr. J. H. WORTHINGTON, Bindon.

"The interest of these specimens lies in the 'twinning,' which is on the rarest of the twin laws of calcite."—*H. L. Bowman, M.A.*

Fossil shell, *Gryphæa incurva*, from the Lower Lias under Mr. Duder's shop in North Street, Taunton. Found in excavating in undisturbed gravel.—Presented by Mr. JOHN DUDER, Taunton.

"As the Lias comes within a few miles of Taunton, it is not surprising to find evidence that it once extended over the site of the Town and Castle."—*A. J. Jukes Browne, F.G.S.*

Twenty-four Scotch pearls and fragments.—Presented by Mrs. C. TITE, Rosemount, Taunton.

Piece of fossil wood (about 2ft. long in its complete state). Obtained by the donor in the greensand, where it was lying *in situ*, at the east end of Beer Beach, near Seaton.—Presented by Mr. C. H. SPENCER PERCEVAL.

“A rough sea had removed the shingle and it was lying exposed. It was brought to my notice by one of the fishermen there some few years ago, when I obtained it. It was lying in one piece, but cracked through the middle. Chalcidony has formed on both sides of this crack.”—*C.H.S.P.*

Two pieces of fossilized oak, from “Nursery Field,” Motcombe, Shaftesbury.—Presented by Mrs. H. ST. G. GRAY, Taunton Castle.

Two pieces of wood from a large bulk washed up at Bude (1903), showing the work of barnacles and ship-worms.—Presented by Mrs. PATTON.

Oyster-shell-shaped “nucleus” from rocks in Derbyshire; some barnacles taken from the steel sides of a ship; vertebra of ichthyosaurus from Weymouth; specimen of iron ore from Dartmoor.—Presented by Mr. J. S. MAUDESLEY, Taunton.

Seventeen fossils from Pits in the chalk near Chard.—Presented by Mr. A. J. JUKES BROWNE, F.G.S., Torquay.

Eight belemnites from Dillington, near Ilminster.—Presented by Mr. W. H. FISHER, Taunton.