

Additions to the Museum

During the Year 1901.

ARCHÆOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY.

THREE large silk Flags, which belonged to the first corps of Volunteer Infantry, raised in 1804, in the county of Somerset, by the donor's grandfather, William Woodforde, Esq., of Galhampton, and Ansford House, Castle Cary. He was the Lieut.-Colonel commandant of the regiment when it became the East Somerset Regiment of Local Militia. (These flags have been erected in the Great Hall, where they look very imposing, the background afforded by the dark timbered roof showing them off to great advantage.)—Presented by the Rev. A. J. WOODFORDE, Locking Vicarage, Weston-super-Mare.

Reproduction (copper-gilt) of the "King Alfred Jewel," the original of which is in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. Purchased from Mr. ELLIOT STOCK.

Eight specimens from the ancient flint-working site, Wady el Sheikh, Eastern Egyptian desert, found by Mr. H. W. SETON-KARR, and presented by him (through the kindness of Mr. H. Balfour, M.A.). These worked flints exhibit various degrees of finish, but may mostly be classed as "failures," or implements broken during manufacture. They range from roughly blocked-out large pieces to well-made thin blades. Two of the implements (now mended) were broken during manufacture, as is proved by the discoloration of the flints, the portions having lain in different deposits.

Bronze Sword, of the late Bronze Age, found in ploughing on Pitney Moor, Somerset, Nov., 1901. (See p. 230).—On loan from Mr. H. C. PRICE, Drayton.

Martynia seed-capsule, as used in Burma as an antidote to snake-bite, because of its resemblance to a snake's head and fangs; they are hung round the neck. Pod of *Helicteres ixora* (*Sterculiaceæ*), believed in South India to be efficacious against colic and "twisting of the bowels."—Presented by Mr. HENRY BALFOUR, M.A., University Museum, Oxford.

A portion of a Tapestry Cartoon, depicting "The Flight of Darius at the battle of Arbela;" made at Mortlake, 17th century (8½ft. by 14ft.)—On loan from Mrs. MAYNARD, Henley Lodge, Taunton.

Palæolithic Chert Implement from the Broome Gravels, near Axminster; Flint Core, from which long, narrow flakes have been struck, from Aror, near Sukkur, River Indus; string of cylindrical Coral Beads, part of a ceremonial fly-whisk, from Benin City, West Africa; piece of *Kava*, from Fiji Islands, and a smaller piece, ready for use, from Tonga Islands. Cast of a ground and chipped flint Bracelet, found with others on the arm of a female, in a tomb at Hou (Diospolis), Egypt, 1898-9, associated with pots of late New Race type: these bracelets are manufactured by flaking only. Piece of Mandrake root, from Marston, Oxford; these roots are believed to be possessed of valuable medicinal and magic properties, by reason of the supposed resemblance to the human form sometimes shown in the natural growth of the root; this idea is common in England and elsewhere: they are often improved upon by art, to delude buyers who believe that the powers of the charm vary according to the closeness of the human resemblance.—Presented by Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, Curator.

Small Flint Scraper picked up by the donor—the Rev. F. W. WEAVER, F.S.A.—on Creech Hill, near Bruton, Somerset.

Five fragments of British Pottery, one burnt Flint, and

Eighteen Neolithic Flint Implements from Banwell Camp, Somerset, found by the donor, Mr. J. E. PRITCHARD, F.S.A.

Fourteen small Flint Implements, with secondary chipping, of the Neolithic age, ploughed up from time to time in the fields adjoining the Stone Circle of Arbor Low, in the parish of Bakewell, Derbyshire.—Deposited by Mr. H. ST. G. GRAY, Curator.

A few fragments of grey Romano-British Pottery, found at Norton Fitzwarren Camp, near Taunton.—Presented by Mr. T. LESLIE.

Portions of two Stone Roofing-tiles, with nail-holes, found at the Roman Villa at Brislington, Bristol.—Obtained by the Society on the spot, Aug. 1st, 1901.

Eleven Clay Tobacco-pipes, of the 17th century, found in Bristol, with the following marks on the heels:—I.H. (3), IOHN HVNT (1651), JEFFRY HVNT (1651), R.B., P.E. (Philip Edwards, 1649), T.M., R.N. (Richard Nunny, 1655), T.S. (Thomas Smyth, 1651), and a “Gauntlet” pipe. (See *Arch. Journ.*, vol. lviii, p. 342).—Presented by Mr. JOHN E. PRITCHARD, F.S.A.

Two old Clay Tobacco-pipes, one being marked on heel, “E.C. TAVNTON,” found in an old ditch at Bridge House, Taunton.—Presented by Mr. THOMAS GOODLAND, Taunton.

Some Encaustic Tiles from the Chapel at Park Farm, Donyat; Iron Horse-shoe and Glass from Ditton Street, Ilminster; Stone Implement, New South Wales.—Presented by Mr. W. L. RADFORD, Ilminster.

Two “Bellarmine” Jugs, 16th century, excavated near the Mansion House in the City of London; these jugs were used for serving ale in at public-houses and inns.—Presented by Mr. WM. RANSOM, F.S.A.

Glass Wine Bottle, “I. D. COLES. PYRLAND. 1807.”—Presented by Mr. E. H. LANSDOWN, Bath.

Two Glass Wine Bottles, “W. LEMAN. CHARD. 1771,”

and "W. WARREN. TAUNTON. 1807."—Presented by Mr. S. LAWRENCE, Taunton.

Hot-water Plate of Staffordshire Ware.—Presented by Mr. SPRAWSON, Bath.

Work-basket of Wire Gauze.—Presented by Mrs. HOUGHTON, Ashill Rectory.

Casts of Gold Medal (obv. and rev.), commemorating Blake's victories over the Dutch, 1653.—Presented by Mr. A. P. READY, Barum House, near Wealdstone.

Portion of the Vane from Wilton Church Tower, struck by lightning, 29th June, 1901: the initials, I.S. and E.B., are those of the churchwardens, John Stephens and Edward Beadon; and the date, 1853, that of the erection of the tower. Presented by the VICAR and CHURCHWARDENS of Wilton Church, Taunton.

NUMISMATICS.

The following Coins, presented by the Rev. A. M. FOSTER, Vicar of High Littleton, Bristol:—Shilling of Charles I; Sixpence of Charles II, 1676; Shilling of William III, 1699; a Shilling (1720), and a Sixpence (1723), of George I; Shilling of George II, 1758; a Shilling (1787), a Sixpence (1787), and a Threepenny-bit (1763), of George III.—Two Nuremberg Tokens.

TRADE TOKENS, XVII CENTURY.

1. Ilminster (*large*).

Obv.—A . ILLMISTER . FARDING = Two swords crossed.
T.P.

Rev.—A . ILLMISTER . FARDING = A stocking. T.S.
(*Boyne, 1858, 127*).

2. North Petherton.

Obv.—THO . LOVEDER . OF . = T.A.L. 1657.

Rev.—NORTH PETHERTON = T.A.L. (*Boyne, 1858, 157*).

3. Gloucester (*large*).

Obv.—LVKE . NOVRSE . MAIOR . 1657. = C.G. (*City of Gloucester*). A small R., the initial of Thos. Rawlins, the engraver.

Rev.—FOR . NECESSARY . CHANGE . = Arms of the City of Gloucester; three chevrons between two tor-teaux. (*Boyne, 1858, 58.*)

4. Thornbury, Gloucestershire (*large*).

Obv.—A . THORNBURY . FARTHING . = B.T. (*Borough of Thornbury*). 1670.

Rev.—IN . GLOUCESTER . SHEIRE . = A barrel, with flames proceeding from it, and a knot. (*Boyne, 1858, 150.*)

TOKENS, XVIII CENTURY.

1. Bath.

Obv.—HE SPAKE OF TREES FROM THE CEDAR TREE THAT IS IN LEBANON = Arch, inscribed BOTANIC GARDEN, with view of entrance; below, BATH TOKEN. 1794.

Rev.—EVEN UNTO THE HYSSOP THAT SPRINGETH OUT OF THE WALL = Ruined wall, with plants growing thereon, and a tree, below which is, I: KINGS: CH: 4: | V: 33.

2. Bath.

Obv.—A . BATH . FARTHING . TOKEN . = Monogram, with 1795 under.

Rev.—SPICES . TEAS . SUGARS . COFFEES . = Tea chest, inscribed M. LAMBE & SON . GROCERS . BATH .

3. Exeter.

Obv.—SUCCESS TO THE WOOLLEN MANUFACTORY = A weaver with carding-comb.

Rev.—EXETER HALFPENNY. 1792. = Arms of the City, with SEMPER FIDELIS.

On edge.—PAYABLE AT THE WAREHOUSE OF SAMUEL KINGDON.

4. Rochdale.

Obv.—ROCHDALE HALFPENNY. 1792.= Coat of Arms and Crest.

Rev.—A man working at the weaving loom.

On edge.—PAYABLE AT THE WAREHOUSE OF IOHN KERSHAW.

TOKENS, XIX CENTURY.

1. Bristol.

Obv.—ONE PENNY TOKEN . BRISTOL & SOUTH WALES = Prince of Wales' plume, with ICH DIEN.

Rev.—VIRTUTE ET INDUSTRIA. 1811. = Arms of the City, within a garter ; crest above.

2. Bristol.

Obv.—ONE PENNY . PAYABLE AT BRISTOL SWANSEA & LONDON = BB | & | COPPER | Co

Rev.—VIRTUTE INDUSTRIA. 1811. = Arms of Bristol, on a shield ; crest above.

3. Tavistock.

Obv.—TAVISTOCK . PENNY TOKEN = Prince of Wales' plume.

Rev.—DEVON MINES. 1811. = Mining appliances.

4. Worcester.

Obv.—WORCESTER CITY AND COUNTY TOKEN. 1811. = VALUE ONE PENNY, within a wreath.

Rev.—CIVITAS IN BELLO IN PACE FIDELIS. = City Coat of Arms.

5. Birmingham.

Obv.—BIRMINGHAM AND NEAT—(? NEATH). *Date defaced.* = A crown.

Rev.—CROWN COPPER COMPANY. = A PENNY.

Presented by Rev. S. E. DODDERIDGE, Amington Parsonage, Tamworth.

1. 17th Century Trade Token, Taunton.

Obv.—A . TAVNTON . FARTHING. = Rebus : a T and a tun.

Rev.—BY . THE . CONSTABLES . 1667. = A castle.
(*Boyne, 1858,—182*).

2. 17th Century Trade Token, Bristol.

Obv.—A . BRISTOLL . FARTHING * = C.B. 1652; below is a small R., the initial of Rawlins, the engraver.

Rev.—THE . ARMES . OF . BRISTOLL. = Arms of Bristol.
Nuremburg Token, found at the “Three Tuns,” Tancred Street, Taunton; and another, found in laying drains in the Cattle Market, Taunton, Aug., 1901. (*Purchased*).

First brass Roman coin of Hadrian, A.D. 117—138, *obverse inscription defaced*, MONETA AVGVSTI. type; found in the bed of the River Medway, near Chatham, Nov., 1901.—Presented by Mr. WM. COOPER, Taunton.

Third brass Roman coin of Constantine II, A.D. 337—340, found in Ditton Street, Ilminster, and presented by Mr. W. L. RADFORD.

Obv.—CONSTANTINVS . IVN . NOB . C. Laureated head to right.

Rev.—CAESARVM NOSTRORVM. In field, VOT. X., within a garland. In exergue, STR.

NATURAL HISTORY.

EIGHTY cases of Somersetshire Birds, stuffed and set up by Mr. Wm. Bidgood; and a cabinet containing a large collection of Somersetshire Butterflies and Moths, collected by the late Curator.—Purchased from Mrs. BIDGOOD.

Stuffed Molly-Hawk, caught on board the “Opawa,” off Cape Horn, July, 1892, by the donor; stuffed Cape Pigeon, “Opawa,” June, 1892, also caught by the donor—Capt. W. H. M. DANIELL, R.N.

Five specimens of the Convolvulus Hawk Moth (*Sphinx convoluti*), and two chrysalides of the Death’s Head Moth. (*Purchased*).

Collection of Algæ (sea-weeds), from Adelaide, South Australia.—Presented by Mr. THOS. POPE, Taunton.

Three rare Algæ:—(1) *Gonimophyllum Buffhami*, from Deal, Kent. The donor has also taken it at Torcross, South Devon. It is parasitic on *Nitophyllum laceratum*, and can only be detected readily on the fresh weed by touch, as it is harder than *Nitophyllum*, but is otherwise very easily overlooked. (2) *Fucus anceps*, only found in one British locality, viz., Kilhee, co. Clare, Ireland. (3) *Bonnemaisonia lamifera*, a Japanese seaweed which has become naturalized at Sandown, Isle of Wight, and Falmouth, in Cornwall, from which latter place this specimen was obtained in 1897 by the donor. This particular specimen is of special interest, as it was not floating, but growing in a tide-pool, attached to *Cystoseira*. The curious little hooks are characteristic of the species, and curl round and hold fast to any plant near them; it is this property that probably enabled it to become naturalized when detached from the bottom of Japanese ships visiting this country. It has recently been found also at Cherbourg, but nowhere else as yet between France and Japan.—Presented by Mr. E. M. HOLMES, F.L.S., Museum Depart., Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, London.

Collection of Egyptian Shells.—Presented by Mr. ELEY SCARLETT, Eastern Telegraph Co., Suakin, Egypt.

Skull of Hippopotamus, Zambesi River, S.E. Africa.—Presented by Mr. J. BRAY, Gunnery-Instructor, R.N.

Fossil "Pecten."—Presented by Mr. C. H. SAMSON (in memory of the late Mr. Bidgood).

Some Fossils dug out of the Oxford Clay at Wincanton, 1901.—Presented by Mr. GEO. SWEETMAN, Wincanton.

Piece of Gold Quartz from reef in the bottom of ancient workings of Chicago-Gaika mine, in the Sebakwe district, Rhodesia, S. Africa; and a smaller piece, showing the gold.—Presented by Mr. A. L. CHAMBERS.

Twelve specimens of Minerals from the Mountain Limestone—Lower Coal Measures of the Carboniferous System—at Ecton Hill, N. Staffordshire, including specimens of copper,

with sulphide of iron, zinc, calcite, chert, etc. Picked up by Sir Thos. Wardle and Mr. H. St. G. Gray, Aug., 1901.—Presented by the CURATOR.

A quantity of Geological specimens; a few marked with localities, such as Cheddar, Bovey, Wareham, and Raglan.—Presented by Mr. LEONARD HAWKINS, Taunton.

Seventeen specimens from the deep boring made in search of Coal at Lyme Regis, including *cores* of the Red Marl Series, Black Rhætic Shale, Rhætic Limestone, Grey Marl, Bitumenous or Carbonaceous rock, etc. This boring is the deepest ever made in this part of England; the bottom of the Trias Marl was not even reached at 1,300 feet. The specimens came from depths of from 96 to 1,300 feet. Coal was not found, although it was considered probable that it would be found within 400 feet from the surface. The hole was begun in February, 1901, and finished in August, 1901.—Presented by Mr. A. C. PASS, Hawthornden, Clifton Down.

WALTER COLLECTION.

IN addition to the above acquisitions, the Society has become possessed of an exceedingly valuable and extensive collection of Museum specimens, the munificent gift of the collector, WALTER WINTER WALTER, Esq., of The Gables, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. The collection, which will probably be enumerated and described in greater detail in vol. 48 of the *Proceedings*, contains, briefly, the following:—A large collection of antiquities, chiefly of the Roman period, found from time to time on Ham Hill, including a portion of a Roman *Loricæ*—believed to be an unique specimen; a Bull's Head of Bronze, of late Celtic design; Bronze Implements, Fibulæ and Ornaments, Flint Implements, Querns, Pottery, Human and Animal Remains, Bone Ornaments, Spindle-whorls, Roman Coins, etc.; a fine series of Encaustic Tiles (including Water-colour Drawings of some of the best) and other Relics from St. Nicholas' Chapel, Stoke-under-Ham,

and a Stone Cover of a Coffin (see *Proc.*, vol. xxxv, p. 135); Wood-carvings from local churches, etc.; a collection of Coins of various nationalities, and Tokens; many cases of local Birds, mostly shot and stuffed by the collector; British Birds' Eggs; a fine collection—in two cabinets—of British Lepidoptera, collected by Mr. Walter and set up by him; Savage Implements and Utensils of the Angoni tribe of Central Africa, New Zealanders, Australians, Pacific Islanders, etc.; Old English China and Glass, including many rare specimens; local curiosities, and objects of Art; a fine piece of Tapestry from an old house at Montacute; and a large collection of Foreign Stamps.