

Additions to the Museum

From January 1st to December 31st, 1907.

I. ARCHÆOLOGY.

(1). STONE IMPLEMENTS.

LARGE series of flint implements and flakes (including a few of chert); mostly of rough workmanship, and of Neolithic type. Found, chiefly, in the neighbourhood of Beer, near Seaton, and at Christchurch, Cambs.; a few from Salmonby (Lincs.), Ryston (Norfolk), Avebury (Wilts), Kingweston, near Henbury, and Bournemouth West.—Presented by Mr. CECIL H. SPENCER PERCEVAL.

Three flint implements (two knives and a combined cutting and boring implement), found with the prehistoric human skeleton discovered in Gough's Cavern, Cheddar, in Dec. 1903.—Deposited by the Curator.

These implements point to the transitional period between the Palæolithic and Neolithic stages of culture, and resemble similar implements found in the cave of La Madelaine, Dordogne, and elsewhere.

(2). OTHER ARCHÆOLOGICAL REMAINS

The Prehistoric Boat found at Shapwick in 1906, and figured and described in the *Proceedings Som. Arch. Society*, vol. LII, 1906, pt. ii, pp. 51-4.—Presented by Captain B. A. WARRY.

Three pieces of corroded and damaged pewter (plate, dish, and tankard), all apparently of the XVII Century. Found deep in the silt of the outer moat of Taunton Castle, in Cor-

poration Street, when the foundations for Taunton Free Library were being excavated in 1904.—Presented by the Rev. F. A. HOMER.

Pottery urn, damaged, of globular form, height 9½ ins., with dark reddish-brown burnished surface. Locality unknown; it may come from North Germany (Bronze Age).—Presented by Mr. H. FRANKLIN.

Pottery lamp, probably Roman, symbolical of the god Priapus.—Deposited by Mr. H. FRANKLIN.

Large corbel, human head, of Ham Hill stone, found in cutting a doorway through a 4ft. wall at the Fleur-de-Lis Inn, Stoke-under-Ham. The corbel was used as one of the building-stones for the wall, and may originally have belonged to St. Nicholas' Chapel at Stoke.—Presented by the Somerset Public House Trust Company.

Iron socketed implement, pointed and curved; found on the site of the Battle of Langport, close to, or in association with, a human skeleton.—Presented by Mr. E. W. VALENTINE.

A few fragments of unornamented handmade pottery, found in association with Danish battle-burials in trenches on the top of Cannington Park Quarry, near Bridgwater.—Presented by the Wick Barrow Excavation Fund. (*per* Messrs. Gray, Whistler, and Major).

Short, broad, brass thimble; probably mediæval. Found in the solid brick earth, 7ft. below the surface, at Dunwear, Bridgwater, Jan. 1907.—Presented by Mr. R. Y. FOLEY.

Small earthenware lamp from the prehistoric Palace of Knossos, 1903; and a small shallow vessel, or saucer, of earthenware, found in a cave known as the traditional Tomb of Zeus, in Mount Juktas, 1903. (*See* "Archæologia," vol. LIX, pp. 391-562).—Presented by Mrs. PATTON.

Piece of yellowish-green pottery with a dull glaze, found on the site of the "Trackway," East Clevedon, in making the Clevedon and Portishead Light Railway, 1907.—Presented by Mr. S. HOLLYMAN.

A few pieces of a large green glazed earthenware vessel; mediæval. Found at Peasemars, near Ilminster.—Presented by Mr. G. W. WARRY.

(3). BRONZE IMPLEMENTS, WICK PARK.

Founder's hoard of bronze implements, mostly in a damaged condition, some being collected apparently as material for the melting-pot, for the purposes of casting new implements. Late Bronze Age, —probably *circa* B.C. 500. Found together, in 1870, in clay in a space of about one foot cube, 2ft. below the surface of a field (which was being drained) to the N.E. of Wick Park plantation, near Stogursey (about 100yds. to the left of the hunting-gate and 5yds. from the fence). They consist of:—Swords, portions near handles, with rivet-holes (3); other fragments of swords (17); end of sword-scabard (1); portions of knives (2); spear-heads and parts of same (19); portion of a spear-head with barb (1); socketed celts, all damaged, with oval section (4), with square section (25); fragments of socketed celts (37); palstaves (2); gouges (2); “jets” from the necks of moulds (15); fused bronze disc (1); fragments of fused bronze (7); cake of (?) copper, and fragments of others (11). Total number of pieces, 147. (Evans's *Bronze Implements*, pp. 120, 304, 423, 450, 467; *Proc. Soc. Antiq. Lond.*, 2nd ser., vol. v, p. 427).—Deposited on loan by Sir ALEXANDER ACLAND HOOD, Bart., P.C., M.P.

(4). HAM HILL ANTIQUITIES, DEPOSITED ON LOAN BY
MR. A. V. CORNISH.

Roman Coins.—“Third brass” coins of Gratian, Constantine period, and Valentinian I. All found near Bedmore Barn, 1907.

Bronze Objects.—Found at “Bedmore Barn,” or in connection with the Roman villa there:—Nose and catch-plate of a fibula; handle and small portion of the bowl of a typical

Roman spoon ; thin bronze, perhaps part of a sword-sheath ; perforated disc, tinned ; and a perforated piece of bronze.

Found on the northern spur of the Hill :—Fibula with thin flat bow, of the end of the 1st century or beginning of the 2nd century A.D. ; small handle, with straight top ; and a roughly cast heavy piece of bronze, T-shaped.

Glass.—Small blue bead. Found at the head of the quarry close to Bedmore Barn.

Antler.—Short piece of red-deer antler, showing marks of the saw at both ends ; perhaps intended for hafting purposes. Found on the E. side of the N. spur.

Bone.—Portion of a ring with smooth convex outer surface. Found near "Ham Turn."

Found on the N. spur of the Hill :—Tail-bone of a dog or cat, perforated longitudinally and probably used as a bead ; piece of bone of circular section, probably a rivet.

Iron.—Found near Bedmore Barn :—Twelve nails, mostly with large heads ; two pins, or piercers ; two fragments.

Found near the E. entrance :—Ox-goad ; and three fragments of iron.

Spindlewhorls.—Ornamented whorl of Kimmeridge shale. Found near Bedmore Barn.

Unperforated disc of Ham Hill stone, perhaps a spindle-whorl in process of manufacture. Found on the E. side of the N. spur.

Part of a stone whorl. Found near the "third brass" coin of Gratian, Bedmore Barn.

Baked Clay.—Smooth fusiform sling-bullet. Found at "The Rocks" near Bedmore Barn.

Pottery.—Three fragments of red Samian ; two pieces of imitation Samian ; fragment of a saucer of red ware ; piece of a black ware colander ; large piece of a bowl with "basin-shaped rim" ; handle of pot ; and two eyelets, or loops, for suspension.

Stone.—Whetstone found near Bedmore Barn.

Flint.—Found near Bedmore Barn:—Small saw ; five scrapers ; and a worked flake.

Found on the N. spur, "Ham Turn," etc. :—Two scrapers ; two worked flints ; small knife ; large flake ; a core ; and a hammerstone.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY.

(1). CLUB-BRASSES, CLUB EMBLEMS, OR CLUB POLE-HEADS, CHIEFLY SOMERSET.

One hundred and sixty-four examples collected by Dr. THOS. HOPKINS, of Burnham, including 11 fixed to their original poles and some duplicates. Of these 132 specimens have been retained for the Society's collection, including 10 on poles. The remainder, being duplicates, have been sold for raising funds for purchasing new varieties. The 164 examples were purchased for the moderate sum of £40 from funds raised for the purpose among members of the Society [*See* subscription list, p. 101 (pt. i)].

Twelve club-brasses presented by Mr. W. B. BROADMEAD, in addition to the 35 examples presented by him in 1906 (*See* vol. LII, pt. i, 71-2). Of these 47 specimens, 37 have been retained for the Society's collection, the duplicates being sold for raising funds for new varieties.

The following new varieties have been presented during 1907 :—

Two from Dr. Hopkins (one probably Tolpuddle, Dorset). One from Mrs. Kettlewell ; old club, East Harptree. One, Winsley (Wilts), seven stars, from Mr. P. E. Le Gros. One of South Petherton on pole, from Mr. Hugh Norris. One of *modern* Blagdon, Taunton, on pole, from Mr. G. Gibbs. Two of the Royal George Friendly Society, Stoke-under-Ham, one being a steward's "brass," from Mr. Hensleigh Walter.

The following have been purchased during 1907 :—

Three, (*Dr. Hopkins*) including the steward's "brass" (a

stallion) of the White Horse Inn, Hambrook, Glos. One, Watchet (*Franklin and Hare*). Two (*W. Baker*). One of iron, Drayton (*H. Blake*). Three, one said to be Yatton (*F. Owens*). One, bell-shaped "brass." One, small crook (*T. Wicks*). One (*Mrs. L. Palmer*).

One was procured by exchange (*Mr. P. E. Le Gros*). Mr. Hugh Norris also presented a large printed sheet of "Articles belonging to the Benefit Club of South Petherton, beginning the 30th day of January, 1786."

The collection of Club-brasses now exhibited in Taunton Castle Museum is represented by 197 specimens, from Somerset and the borders of Devon, Dorset, Wilts and Gloucestershire, of which about 180 are distinct varieties.

During the last few years, in addition to the "brasses" above mentioned, a few examples have been presented to the Museum, viz., two by Mr. R. H. Walter, one by Mr. C. Tite, and two by Mr. H. Franklin (including one of lead).

Slight modifications of certain types have been collected; but, in some cases, the differences are apparently unimportant, and in all probability each of these does not represent a separate locality. Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the localities of many of the "brasses," and some villages many miles apart appear to have had identical emblems.

The whole collection is shown in two large ebonized plate-glass cases (provided by the Brereton Fund). One case contains the majority of the "brasses" *on the flat*; the other those *on the round*, the horse-shoe brasses, and those with human and animal forms.

See "Club Pole-Heads in Somerset," by Sir Spencer Ponsonby Fane, *The Connoisseur*, XVII, pp. 256-262. Also *Som. and Dor. N. and Q.*, IX, 305.

(2). MISCELLANEOUS.

Rush-light holder, height 14½ ins., used up to the middle of the XIX Century at Somerton.

Ivory tooth-pick case, the exterior decorated with gold piqué work; end of the XVIII Century.

Medical feeding-spoon of pewter; early XIX Century.

Iron door-key, length 7¼ ins.; probably early XIX Century.
—Presented by Mr. E. W. VALENTINE, Somerton.

Iron key, length 7 ins., XV Century. Found under the floor of the study, Hinton Blewett Vicarage, 1891.—Presented by the Rev. E. C. DRURY.

Pair of cream-coloured gauntlet gloves (S. Belben's), used by the "Somerset Javelin Men" when escorting the judge.—Presented by Mr. W. R. BELBEN.

Wooden tankard, with handle, having an indented inscription, apparently burnt by a red-hot metal stamp, S.— | P.M. | 1826.

Iron cannon-ball found in Station Road, Taunton, in widening the street, 1907.—Presented by Mr. H. FRANKLIN.

Double-barrelled flint-lock pistol, inscribed BRISTOL, and, in two places, WILLM. HOLE. Late XVIII or early XIX Century.—Presented by Mr. ERNEST SPRANKLING.

An earthenware "Devonshire oven" found built up in the walls of the old George Inn, North Town, Taunton, demolished in the widening of Station Road, 1907.

Although this round type of oven is still made near Fremington, North Devon, it is probable that this specimen is of early date—perhaps as early as the XVII Century.

—Presented by Mr. GEO. GIBBS.

Parish constable's staff with traces of blue and red paint.

Part of an iron spit.

Stoneware candlestick; late XVIII or early XIX Century.—Presented by Mr. H. R. PERRETT, Wick, Stogursey.

Somerset ox-shoe.—Presented by Mr. JAS. RAWLINS.

Two finely carved wooden paddles from the Hervey Islands, Pacific Ocean.—Presented by Mr. CHAS. J. LOMAX.

"Pinchbeck" watch, *circa* 1760; the case is composed of an alloy of three parts of zinc to four of copper. The later "Pinchbecks" were plated with gold.

Christopher Pinchbeck was born at Clerkenwell, 1670, and died in 1732; was buried in St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet Street; Edward Pinchbeck, eldest son of Christopher, was born in 1713, and followed in the business. Christopher junior, was the second son of the first named, carried on a similar business in Cockspur Street, and died there in 1783, aged 73. The introduction by this firm of the imitation of gold gave rise to the proverbial term "Pinchbeck finery," which is still occasionally used.

—Presented by the Rev. C. W. WHISTLER, M.R.C.S.

Old level used for surveying purposes at Brympton up to about 1875.—Presented by Sir SPENCER PONSONBY FANE, G.C.B., P.C.

Iron calthrop, used in early days for impeding cavalry.—Presented by Mr. T. CHARBONNIER.

Several leaves of a Buddhist *ola* book.—Presented by the Rev. D. P. ALFORD.

Pair of shoes for summer wear, and another pair made of sealskin ; Iceland.—Presented by the Rev. J. E. W. HONNYWILL.

Paste-board patch-box ; XVIII-XIX Centuries.—Presented by Mr. F. UNDERWOOD.

Pair of handcuffs dug up in “Kingsbury’s Field,” Taunton.—*Purchased.*

Bone fork with four prongs, said to have been found in digging at Bishop’s Hull, 1906.—*Purchased.*

III. POTTERY.

Leeds mug with handle, height $4\frac{3}{4}$ ins. ; inscribed in black letters **R** : **U**lcstcrott **B**ishops **L**ydeard. 1775.—*Bought for the Museum by subscription by*: Archdeacon Askwith, the Revs. Bates, Hamlet and Heale, and Messrs. H. J. Badcock, Tite, Franklin, and S. Lawrence.

Earthenware handled jug with yellowish-brown glaze ; early XVI Century. Found in the grounds of East Stoke House while cutting a drain, about six feet below the surface.—Deposited on loan by Capt. CHAFFEY, East Stoke House.

Pottery money-box with dull yellow glaze ; XVII-XVIII Century.—Presented by Mr. T. CHARBONNIER.

Glazed earthenware apple-toaster ; XVIII Century. Dug up in a garden at Woolston, near Williton.—Presented by Mr. A. HARDIN.

Large stoneware pitcher ; probable early XIX Century. From the neighbourhood of Minehead.—Presented by Mr. GEO. GIBBS.

IV. NUMISMATICS, AND PLATE.

Silver chalice, height 5½ins., the cover dated 1573, maker's stamp **J. D.**; and a silver paten, damaged, diam. 4ins., pricked on the top with **R. C.** 1674, but probably made *temp.* Charles I; both belonging to Wheathill Church, near East Lydford. (*See Inventory of Somerset Church Plate, Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, vol. xliii, pt. ii, p. 187).—Deposited on loan by the Rector and Churchwardens.

Well-preserved pewter flagon of the end of the XVII Century, height 14ins.; belonging to Old Cleeve Church, near Washford.—Deposited by the Rector and Churchwardens.

Sixteen pieces of pewter, including a paten from Lapford Church, a XVII Century flagon from Chawleigh, and a fine Charles II tankard; also twenty-two Scotch communion tokens.—Deposited on loan by Mr. T. CHARBONNIER, and added to the collection of 190 specimens acknowledged in the *Proceedings*, vol. lii, pt. i, p. 75.

Four shillings Bath token, 1811. *Obv.*—**BATH TOKEN FOUR SHILLINGS. 1811.** Arms of the City, hand clasped above. *Rev.*—**A POUND NOTE FOR 5 TOKENS GIVEN BY S. WHITCHURCH AND WM. DORE.**—Presented by the Rev. W. F. ROSE.

“First brass” Roman coin, somewhat defaced, found on Ham Hill; threepenny copper token, Wiveliscombe, 1814; two medals, Admiral Vernon; bronze medal, dated 1586; and a calendar, 1772, in the form of a brass token.—Presented by Mr. E. W. VALENTINE.

A pair of medals, “The Reform Bill.”—Presented by Mr. F. MARKS.

Brass counter, probably struck at Nuremberg; found by Mr. W. Cory, at Evercreech, May, 1907.—Presented by the Rev. F. W. WEAVER, F.S.A.

XVII Century token of Christopher Cooke, Taunton, 1667; dug up in a garden near the schools, Bradford-on-Tone.—Presented by Mr. F. W. MATHEWS.

Half-penny of James II, dated 1697 (?), struck at St. Germain-en-Laye; found near the site of Taunton Priory; also four Georgian half-pennies.—Presented by Mr. G. W. RIGDEN.

Taunton farthing, 1667.—Presented by the Rev. Dr. S. J. M. PRICE.

Sixteen miscellaneous coins.—Presented by Mr. FREDK. UNDERWOOD.

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

Four hundred and sixteen pen-and-ink drawings of the Ancient Baptismal Fonts of Somerset, finely executed by Mr. Harvey Pridham, and mounted in eight albums, all of which have been indexed.—*Purchased for 100 guineas.*

Miniature, 2ins. by 1½ins., of Elizabeth Broadmead (formerly Rottenborough), of the parish of Wilton, Taunton, painted by P. Foy on March 23rd, 1781, when she was 115 years of age (see inscription on the back of the miniature). She appears to have been born in 1666 and died in 1784, being buried in Wilton churchyard on March 10th, 1784,—thus living to the remarkable age of 118.

Presented by Miss MARY WOODFORDE, Stoke St. Mary.

A lithograph of E. Broadmead (of which a copy hangs in the Museum) states that she was born in 1670. Miss Woodforde (the donor of the miniature), however, attaches far more value to the written word of her grandfather than to the unsupported printed statement.

Elizabeth was the daughter of a small farmer who bore arms at Sedgmoor, and the widow of a soldier. She is delineated in the miniature in a coat which had apparently belonged to a man of the Blues, or Royal Artillery, inasmuch as they were at that period the only corps who wore blue.

The miniature was painted for Dr. Thos. Woodforde of Taunton, who was much interested in this old woman. He left the painting to his son Charles, who, in the year 1847 had it lithographed. From C. Woodforde it was inherited by Miss Mary Woodforde, who has presented it to the Museum. C. Woodforde was taken when a lad by Thomas, his father, to see Elizabeth Broadmead, who smoked a pipe and spoke distinctly unparliamentary language. His visit was made to the old woman about two years after the painting was executed in 1781.

When she was a girl of nineteen she walked in procession before the Duke of Monmouth on his entry into Taunton on June 18th, 1685. So that the donor's father is the only link between herself and the woman who saw the Duke of Monmouth!

Mr. J. H. Spencer's copy of the Wilton Registers, published in 1890, gives the old lady's name as Elizabeth Broadway, but on a further examination of the original registers it is found that the last syllable has been considerably altered and it is very difficult to say whether "mead" or "way" is intended. Collinson and others, however, speak of her as "Broadmead," and it will be best to still describe her thus.

Portrait in oils, 24ins. by 20ins., of Charles Broom, parish clerk and boatman of Creech St. Michael, painted by F. O. Lake of Taunton, in October, 1832.

Frederick Orchard Lake, artist, etc., was born at 10, East Street, Taunton, on Dec. 19th, 1798, and died at the same place, Nov. 26th, 1875.

Portrait in oils, 24ins. by 20ins., of Emanuel Wills, parish clerk of Thurloxtton, near Taunton, from 1773 to 1817. Painted by E. V. Rippingille, artist, (1798?-1859), when on a visit at Creech St. Michael Vicarage. The Vicar of Creech, the Rev. W. Cresswell (died 1849) for a time held the living of Thurloxtton as well. Rippingille during church service one Sunday drew the head of the old clerk on his thumb-nail; he

subsequently enlarged it, and it was considered a striking likeness. Wills was buried at Thurloxton, Dec. 7th, 1817, aged 84.

Coloured print, varnished, 13½ins. by 11½ins., of E. V. Ripplingille's picture, early XIX Century, of "The Cheat Detected," or "A Scene in a Gaming House."

Bequeathed to Taunton Museum by the late Mr. CORBET CRESSWELL, Mansfield Terrace, Taunton.

Engraving of Henry Labouchere, Baron Taunton, 1798-1869, son of Peter C. Labouchere of Hylands, Essex, and Over Stowey, Somerset. Born 15th August, 1798; died in London, 13th July, 1869; buried at Over Stowey Church. M.P. for Taunton, 1830-59.

Photogravure of Mr. Edward J. Stanley, of Quantock Lodge; from a painting by the Hon. John Collier, 1906. Mr. Stanley (1826-1907) was M.P. for West Somerset, 1882-5; and for the Bridgwater Division, 1885-1906. President of the Somersetshire Archæological Society, 1897 and 1898.

Presented by the Hon. Mrs. STANLEY.

Lithograph of Henry Norris, born at Taunton, 1752; died 1823.—Presented by Mr. WM. STOATE.

Two engravings, Charles I and James II.—Presented by Mr. F. MARKS.

Lithograph of "Old Isaac Joules," a well known gipsy in Somerset. The old man has a portable knife and scissor grinding machine on his back.—*Purchased.*

Framed photograph of the tomb of Henry Fielding at Lisbon, where he died in 1754.

This is the second tomb (in the English cemetery) and was erected in 1830 through the exertions of the British chaplain, the Rev. Christopher Neville.

Framed sheet of engravings of Presidents of the United States from Geo. Washington, born 1732, to Martin Van Buren, died 1837.

Deposited on loan by the Somerset County Council.

Wash-drawing of Taunton Castle from a XVIII Century engraving in Toulmin's "Taunton."—Presented by Mr. W. B. BROADMEAD.

Copybook of Thomas Young, the philosopher and linguist, containing specimens of penmanship in thirteen different languages ; dated 1787.

Dr. Thos. Young, M.D., F.R.S., etc., was born at Milverton, June 13th, 1773 ; he died in 1829. In 1787, when only 14, he became classical tutor to Hudson Gurney, grandson of David Barclay, of Youngsbury, Herts, and it was here that Young wrote in this copybook in 1787.

Presented by Mr. JOHN YOUNG, Bristol (nephew of Thos. Young).

Printed sheet (framed) recording the "Execution of Joseph Wedlake and G. White in Taunton Goal, May 21st, 1883."—Presented by Mr. CHAS. TITE.

Photographs of the faces of a quadrangular stone disinterred near the chancel arch of West Camel Church, *circa* 1850.—Presented by Mr. ARTHUR R. GRAHAM.

Indenture of the Return of the Rt. Hon. Henry Labouchere and Sir Thos. Edward Colebrooke, Bart., for the Borough of Taunton, July 30th, 1847 ; and a printed notice for the Polling of Voters for the Borough of Taunton, July 30th, 1847.—Presented by Mr. J. S. CHANNER.

Bundle of documents relating to property in Canon Street, Taunton, from 36 Henry VIII to Elizabeth ; and other papers of the XVIII Century.—Presented by Mr. J. E. KINGSBURY.

The Oath of a Burgess, City of Bristol, 1760 ; *The Times*, Oct. 3rd, 1798 (*reprinted*).—Presented by Mr. F. UNDERWOOD.

Portion of a late XVI Century printed and illustrated book, entitled "Arcandam" ; found in the roof of an old house at Barnstaple.—Presented by Mr. T. CHARBONNIER.

Photographs, tracing and correspondence, having reference to a barbed iron spear-head, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. long, the socket decorated

with a silver inlaid pattern of straight lines. It formed part of the collection of Mr. L. Pigeon of the "Chard Road Inn," Chard Junction; but is now in the British Museum. A relation of Mr. Pigeon's "believes it was found in the neighbourhood," but some authorities consider it to be of Eastern origin (a matter still under discussion).—Presented by Mr. WALLIS CASH.

VI. NATURAL HISTORY.

(1). ANIMALS, ETC.

Young adder with two heads, killed by "I.W.W." at Combe St. Nicholas close to "Betty Trump's tombstone."—*Purchased.*

Glazed case containing a fine otter (which weighed about 28lbs.), with its prey, a pike, a little over 20lbs. in weight. They were taken at Christchurch, Hants.

Glazed case containing two pheasants; (1) a cock—hybrid albino and common pheasant; (2) an ordinary female pheasant. They were shot in North Wales.—Presented by Mr. J. VERE FOSTER.

Lower jaws of four species of voles, found in a bone cave at Walton, near Clevedon, 1906-7:—viz., four examples of *Microtus Malei*, Hinton; two examples of *Microtus nivalis*; nine of *M. gregalis*; and nine of *M. ratticeps*. (See *Proc. Bristol Naturalists' Soc.*, 4th ser., vol. i, 1907, pp. 183-191).—Presented by Dr. H. C. MALE and Mr. GEO. E. MALE, Walton Lodge.

Greater part of the skull of *Bos longifrons* (estimated height at shoulder 3ft. 7ins.) found at Chilton Brickyard, Bridgwater, 11 feet below the surface, 1906. Presented by Mr. R. Y. FOLEY.

Saw-fly, *Sirex gigas*, captured in a factory in Taunton, 1907. *Purchased.*

Scorpion from Bellary, Madras Presidency.—Presented by Mr. P. A. CHAMBERS.

Three specimens of the Vegetable Caterpillar of New Zealand, each attached to a stem; also half another example

to show the filling up of the body by the pith. (*Given to Mr. Fox by Mr. W. G. Rutherford, of the Public Works Department, Wellington, N.Z.*)—Presented by Mr. C. DILLWORTH FOX.

(2). ROCKS, FOSSILS, ETC.

Two samples of Doulling stone, (1) from the Fine beds, (2) from the Chelynch beds.—Presented by the Ham Hill and Doulling Stone Co. (*per* Mr. J. H. Staple).

Five samples of Ceylon tea, Aug. 1st., 1907.—Presented by the DEMODERA TEA CO.

VII. WALTER COLLECTION.

(1). MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS.

Presented by Mr. R. HENSLEIGH WALTER, M.B.

Lias spindlewhorl, with large hole; found in digging a drain under the entrance path to Stoke-under-Ham Church, about 3 feet deep, 1905.

Black earthenware handle of a shallow Romano-British vessel, found while ditching a field adjoining Bagnell Farm (N.), where there appear to be several hut-circles, June, 1907. (The farm is about three-quarters-of-a-mile south of Bedmore Barn).

Black glass wine bottle; on boss B. | I.M. (John and Mary Beaton); XVIII Century. It belonged to the maternal grandparents (the Beatons) of Mrs. John Francis of Tintinhull.

Pair of ink and pounce bottles, formerly used by Mr. Richard Walter.

White marble object, triangular, with a central circular depression; perhaps a "pill slab."

Cup-shaped piece of yellow glazed pottery, with a large, flat, perforated base; perhaps early XVIII Century.

Pair of raising sticks, formerly used in the glove industry to "raise the points" at the back of gloves. Given to the

donor by Miss Chant of West Stoke; used by her great-grandmother, Mrs. Chant, *circa* 1750.

Iron latch and catch; Ilchester Gaol.

Money-changer's weight, *temp.* James I, representing XIs. in gold. Found during alterations at a manor house at Curry Mallet, 1907.

Counter for reckoning, struck at Nuremberg, *circa* 1550, by Hans Schultes.

Two water-colour sketches of tessellated pavements at Wadeford, Combe St. Nicholas, by Richard Walter. One of these is represented in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, vol. I, frontispiece; (*see also* vol. I, pt. i, p. 28).

(2). RELICS FROM HAM HILL. (See also Pt. II, pp. 179-182).

1. Found at "Ham Turn." All presented, unless otherwise stated.

Bone implement, length 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins., Late Celtic, which "may have been used for selecting certain of the warp-threads for pattern-weaving, say, in two colours." (*Deposited*).

Bone piercer, perforated at the larger end, and two bone needles. (*Deposited*).

Part of a roe-deer antler with a circular perforation; it has been broken through a lateral perforation near the burr of the antler.

Two portions of tibiae of sheep, one showing cuts, the other with marks of gnawing and a perforation.

Fragment of worked bone.

Perforated horn-core, perhaps used as a cheek-piece for horse-bridle.

Two polished tines of red-deer antler.

Portion of a polished boar's tusk, which may have been used as a burnisher.

Iron dart-head (*spiculum*) used as a projectile from a Roman *catapulta*, found with human bones.

Iron key, Roman.

Curved wide band of bronze, finely patinated and ornamented with incisions.

Two fragments of bronze, including part of a pin.

Baked clay fusiform sling-bullet.

Five large discs of Ham stone, one being perforated, another partially bored.

Six spindlewhorls (four of Ham stone, one of pottery, and one a smooth perforated pebble). Possibly the last named may have been an amulet.

Two fragments of triangular baked clay loom-weights.

A few worked flint flakes.

Several fragments of pottery, some highly ornamented, one with basket-work design; Late Celtic.

A fragment of red Samian ware.

2. Roman Coins. Deposited on loan.

Sestertius of Claudius I, A.D. 41-54. Found at "Ham Turn," 1902.

Dupondius of Caligula, A.D. 37-41, struck in memory of his brothers Nero and Drusus. Found at "Ham Turn," 1907.

Sestertius of Antoninus Pius, A.D. 138-161. Found at the S.E. corner of "The Warren," near the Roman villa, 1903.

Sestertius of Antoninus Pius. Found at Tor Point Quarry, 1895.

Dupondius, defaced, early II Century. Found in a gully about 30ft. below the surface on the Norton side of the Hill, 1905.

"Third brass" apparently of Postumus, A.D. 259-267, and another of the late IV Century (? Valentinian II). Found at the Roman villa, 1907.

"Third brass" of Tetricus junior, A.D. 267-273. Found on the earthworks overlooking Little Norton, 1907.

"Third brass" of Claudius Gothicus, A.D. 269-270. Found *circa* 1860.

“Third brass” of Gratian, A.D. 367-383. Found at the S.E. corner of “The Warren,” near the Roman villa, 1903.

“Third brass” coin, late III Century, but much defaced. Found near the “Frying Pan,” inside the earthworks.

3. From the site of a Roman Villa, near Bedmore Barn, discovered and excavated by Mr. R. H. Walter. All presented.

The following antiquities :—Three complete *imbrices* ; three pieces of *tegulae* ; large piece of a sandstone roofing-tile ; roofing-tile of Purbeck shale, with nail-hole complete ; a few pieces of frescoed plaster ; fragment of pounded-tile concrete from floor ; specimens of stone and red earthenware *tesserae* ; fragment of green window-glass ; piece of a thin clear glass vase ; T-shaped iron nail ; base of a red Samian vase marked, on the inside, SAGI. OF. ; fragments of Romano-British pottery ; also a scale plan of the villa.

4. Found in the E. Valley, E. side of N. spur of the Hill, during excavations by Mr. Walter (by special permission from the Duchy of Cornwall) in May, June and July, 1907, within a radius of six yards, around a point about 150 yards S. of the “Frying Pan,” in a rough flooring largely consisting of burnt fragments of Ham stone. Site A '07. Deposited at Taunton Castle by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and Mr. R. Hensleigh Walter, M.B.

Bronze.—Flat curved piece of bronze, probably the bow of a fibula ; Roman fibula, derived from La Tène type III ; Roman fibula, the ornamentation on the bow treated in Late Celtic style ; Romano-British fibula, in three pieces (now mended), with thin flat bow ; disc having 15 circular indentations on the face,—perhaps a counter used in some game ; large stud, or nail, with a circular flat head ; piercer, perhaps used in leather working, with long flattened tang to fix into a

handle; piece of cast bronze, probably one end of a sword-guard; piece of sheet bronze, originally of elongated oval form, ornamented with a row of small bosses near the edge, with holes punched at the edge for stitching to leather or a fabric, possibly used to ornament a belt (*mitra*); portions of three wire chains of fine make attached to a small circular ring—probably a chatelaine; fragment of sheet bronze which may have been attached to a shield; incomplete fibula with a thin, broad, flat, unornamented bow, the catch-plate being deficient; a circular boss made of a concrete-like substance, and covered with sheet bronze, found *close* to the last-named; part of a pin; and a *dupondius* of Marcus Agrippa, 39-27 B.C., struck after his death.

Antler.—Two pieces, one being of septagonal cross-section, the other worked to a bevelled gouge-shaped end.

Glass and stone.—Piece of thick green glass, and a piece of slag.

Greater part of a stone spindlewhorl; and five small smooth pebbles.

Iron.—Four spear-heads, all socketed, one having a prominent midrib on both sides of the blade; narrow, socketed lance-head; three socketed arrow-heads; two knives; three tanged chisels; four fragments of a scabbard; bucket-handle; piece of a lock and handle of a key; large hook with ring end; fifteen nails of various descriptions; eight smiths' punches and stamps; three socketed tools; part of an adze (?); piece of a bond of a wheel; band ring; (?) butt-end of the spear having midrib (see *ante*); and twenty-seven portions of iron implements and utensils.

Pottery.—Handle of a large Roman amphora with maker's mark, (?) POLTCI; seven pieces of red Samian, one piece having a rivet-hole, another with potter's mark, LICINVS. F.; two fragments of thin cream-coloured ware; and a few examples of the common Roman and Late Celtic pottery, including some fragments of very large vessels.

5. Found in September, 1907, in the East Valley (S. section), E. side of the N. spur of the Hill, about 170 yards N. of the "Prince of Wales Inn," at a point adjacent to Chislett's Quarry (*re-opened* 1907). Site B '07. Deposited on loan.

Gem.—Roman gem, 11 by 9.5 mm., carnelian intaglio; figure of an eagle with outstretched wings. Probably of the II or III Century.

Bronze.—Tinned fibula, pin deficient, Roman, of a common type; Roman fibula, tinned, of rare type, and in fine preservation; small buckle, the connecting bar of which was of iron (now deficient); small circular pendant with loop for suspension; tweezers of slender make; pin of a brooch; head of a stud, or nail; and a few odd fragments.

Glass.—Small bead of pale greenish-yellow colour.

Iron.—Nose and part of the bow of a fibula; a stylus; socketed arrow-head with rivet-hole for attachment to the shaft; spear-head with point bent and broken; and a small bar with an oblong loop at one end, and a circular loop at the other end,—perhaps for harness.

Stone, etc.—Part of a roofing-tile of Ham stone penetrated by the nail of iron with which it was fixed; small globular pounder and mortar (?) of Ham stone; two well preserved pieces of charcoal.

Pottery.—Two small parts of the rim of a fine earthenware lamp, Roman; four fragments of red Samian, one having part of the maker's name remaining; and a few small fragments of other Roman pottery.

6. Found in the "Central Plateau" of the N. spur of the Hill, about midway between Chislett's and Tor Point Quarries. Site C '07. Deposited on loan.

Bronze.—Snake ring, ornamented on the outer face by regular transverse notching; strap-terminal, tinned on upper surface; and point of a large nail.

Iron.—Knife having an ogee curved blade; tapering piece, similar in form to one side of a pair of compasses; curved piece of flat iron; and head of a miniature pick-axe.

Bone, etc.—Weaving-comb, of a common type found at the Glastonbury Lake Village in large numbers; it is extremely smooth from prolonged use; seven of the eight teeth are perfect, and in length they lessen from one side of the comb to the other.

Square-sectioned socket of bone, a haft (?); greater part of a bone pin with ornamental head; and a small green glass bead.

Stone and Baked Clay.—Small white pebble of plano-convex section; part of a whetstone; speckled pebble; fusiform sling-bullet of baked clay; and a baked clay spindlewhorl of hexagonal cross-section; piece of imitation Samian pottery.

7. Miscellaneous. Deposited on loan.

Bronze copy of a Roman enamelled fibula found by Mr. R. H. Walter at Bedmore Barn (in the S.E. corner of "The Warren" railed off for quarrying purposes), Sept. 1906.

Thin piece of circular bronze having projections at the four quarters. Found in 1907 at the N.W. corner of Ham Hill near the ramparts, close to the place where the enamelled disc was found in 1905 (*Proceedings*, LI, pt. i, 87). The thin piece was probably the back for the disc, both being of the same diameter.

Large Roman steelyard (*statera*), found in Feb., 1907, about 140 yards to the S. of the "Frying Pan" on the E. side of the Hill; also a bronze scale-pan (*lancula*), found in May 1907 close to the steelyard, and doubtless belonging to it.

VIII. MARSHALL COLLECTION.

During the autumn Mrs. Hartley Maud (formerly Mrs. Wilfred Marshall) on leaving Norton Manor presented to the

Museum the late Mr. John Marshall's fine collection of British albino and other birds, handsomely set up by Gardiner ; also the complete collection of North American Indian curiosities and trophies obtained by the late Mr. Wilfred Marshall during his travels. Three plate-glass cases were also presented to contain these specimens. These collections will be catalogued and set up before the next annual meeting of the Society.

IX. WOODHOUSE COLLECTION.

When Miss L. Woodhouse was leaving her house at Radipole, Weymouth, two months ago, to reside elsewhere, she offered to the Society the greater part of her collection of Antiquities and Objects of Art on loan. The Curator reported on them to the Committee, and favourable terms having been arranged by which the objects selected would remain at Taunton Castle Museum for a minimum period of fifteen years, some of the best things have been accepted and removed to Taunton. They consist chiefly of Greek and Roman antiquities and pottery, a few bronzes, and a valuable series of Majolica. These will be catalogued and arranged in the Museum in due course ; and will be reported upon in the next volume of *Proceedings*.