

**Report of the Curator of the
Somerset County Museum, from July 22, 1925,
to July 13 (Annual Meeting), 1926**

As the result of Excavations conducted on behalf of the Somersetshire Archæological Society additions to the Museum collections have been obtained from the Meare Lake Village and from Ham Hill.

The Marquess of Bath has deposited on loan in the Museum the archæological remains found in Gough's Cave at Cheddar. These specimens were formerly shown in cases in the engine-house at the entrance of the cave. They include the remains of the 'Cheddar Man'.

The collections of prehistoric antiquities have also been enriched by a number of stone and bronze implements kindly presented by Mr. J. E. Pritchard, F.S.A.

One of the most striking additions is the case containing trumpets, drums, banners, etc., of the West Somerset Yeomanry, placed on deposit by the Yeomanry's trustees.

We have to thank Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey for being instrumental in getting a number of horse-brasses and other 'by-gones' presented to the Museum. This collection and a series of lamps have been arranged during the year. An interesting collection of domestic ironwork, including some rush-light holders, has been given by Mrs. Prideaux in memory of her late husband, W. de C. Prideaux, F.S.A., who was born at Wellington.

The coin collections have received some attention; and the series of Anglo-Saxon silver pence, struck locally, given by Mr. C. Tite, have been labelled.

The Woodhouse Collection, received in 1907, and one of the few loan collections remaining in the Museum, has been removed

by Miss Linda Woodhouse and her nephew, Major O. W. White. The objects, mostly art, had no local significance.

The Society's earliest manuscript has been examined by Mr. K. Sisam at the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and is now in the Museum, labelled, 'fragment of an Anglo-Saxon Book of Gospels for the Sundays, with short expositions, copied in the south of England, *circ.* 1100 A.D.'

In the Library some of the series of books have been re-arranged; and Lt.-Col. H. R. Phipps, D.S.O., has done a large amount of work in the indexing and arrangement of the Society's manuscripts.

The Botanical Section held a general meeting at the Castle on January 16, 1926, and the Entomological Section on March 4th. The Microscopical Section held a meeting at the Castle on January 28th and another at Taunton School on March 31st. The annual meeting of the Ornithological Section took place on April 8th, and in the afternoon, jointly with the Taunton and the Bridgwater Field Clubs, the Section held a meeting in the Exchange Picture House, when Captain C. W. R. Knight, M.C., described his bird film, 'Aristocrats of the Air'. The Taunton Field Club also held conversazioni at Taunton Castle and the Municipal Hall on January 14th and March 11th.

The Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 1,044 members in July 1926, including twenty life members and three honorary members.

The Museum and Library were visited by 8,393 persons in 1921, 8,250 in 1922, 8,909 in 1923, 8,302 in 1924, and 7,763 in 1925.

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Additions to the Museum

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I. ARCHÆOLOGY

(1). STONE IMPLEMENTS

FLINT implements of Neolithic type (four scrapers, two knives, a fabricator, and a flake struck from a piece of a polished celt). Found by the donor in the parish of Abbot's Leigh.—Given by Mr. A. SELLEY.

Plaster cast of a large stone adze-hammer, perforated and countersunk from both surfaces; the original was found at Dunster, *circ.* 1889.—Presented by Mr. A. V. CORNISH.

Ten flint implements and flakes, found in ploughed fields at Stratton-on-the-Fosse, 1925-6.—Given by Mr. AIDAN SAVAGE.

Scraper of chert found in gravel in constructing the new main-road at Ashill, 1925.—Given by Mr. W. L. RADFORD.

Four flints with secondary chipping picked up by the donor on the surface, Quantock Hills, 1926.—Given by Mr. A. T. WICKS.

Chert implement of St. Acheul type, length $5\frac{1}{4}$ in.; from the Broom gravels, River Axe.

Palaeolithic implement, length $4\frac{3}{4}$ in.; Savernake, Wilts.

Flint axe, chipped and partly ground, oblong cross-section, length $6\frac{1}{4}$ in.; Neolithic; Denmark.

Small polished celt of a dark green stone, length $2\frac{1}{16}$ in.; ? West Indies.

Greenstone axe, polished, with an oblique cutting-edge; somewhat damaged; length $5\frac{1}{8}$ in.; Maori, New Zealand.

Axe of very dark green stone, highly polished; the crescentic

edge has never been sharpened ; length 7 in. ; Maori, New Zealand.

Four large arrowheads of chipped flint ; America.

Presented by Mr. JOHN E. PRITCHARD, F.S.A.

Seven conch-shell implements, lengths $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. to $6\frac{7}{8}$ in. ; Barbadoes, Lesser Antilles, 1905.

Four stone axes, winged at the butt-end, lengths 4 in. to 7 in. ; St. Lucia, Lesser Antilles, 1902.

Stone celt, polished, length $6\frac{1}{4}$ in. ; Demerara, British Guiana, 1904.

Presented by Lt.-Colonel F. P. NICHOLLS.

(2). MISCELLANEOUS

The Antiquities found during the eleventh season's excavations at the Meare Lake Village, Field No. 2, in June, 1926, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Bulleid and Mr. H. St. George Gray.—Presented by the SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL.

Crown of a red-deer antler and two antler picks, found in the fosse at Avebury in the excavations conducted by the British Association under the superintendence of Mr. H. St. George Gray. (' Finds,' Nos. 136, 234 and 267).—Presented by the STONE CIRCLES COMMITTEE, BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Ten bronze implements of the Bronze Age presented to the Museum by Mr. JOHN E. PRITCHARD, F.S.A., to mark the completion of twenty-five years' service of Mr. H. St. George Gray as Curator (April 25, 1926).

The implements are as follows : Plain flat celt, length 105 mm., weight 197 gm. ; plain flat celt with decided thickening in the middle, length 145 mm., weight 471 gm. ; small celt with indications of slight flanges and cross-stop, length 97 mm., weight 151.5 grammes (Irish type) ; celt with flanges and rudimentary stop-ridge, length 157 mm., weight 599 gm. ; small celt with cast flanges but no stop-ridge, length 96 mm., weight 117 gm. ; small palstave of Irish type, damaged, length 86 mm., weight 130 gm. ; palstave with prominent flanges and high cross-ridge, length 123 mm., weight 431 gm. ; palstave with deep ' undercut ' pockets for insertion of the cleft wooden handle, length 116 mm., weight 241.5 gm. ; socketed celt with oval opening, length 75 mm.,

weight 150 grm. ; socketed spearhead, having two loops, length 120 mm., weight 74 grm., including what appears to be a piece of the shaft in the socket.

Bowl of brown earthenware, with overhanging rim, height $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. ; Romano-British. Found on Ham Hill, and given to Dr. Walter by the Rev. C. F. Powys, when vicar of Montacute.

Spur of bronze, broken, fourteenth century. Found on Ham Hill.

From the late Dr. R. H. WALTER's Collection.

Half a pair of iron shears, polished bone pin, bone hook perhaps used for making coarse textile, greater part of a large stone celt, and a hammerstone of flint. All found on Ham Hill, Stoke-under-Ham.—Presented by Dr. S. L. BRIMBLECOMBE.

Disc of a light porous stone, probably an incomplete spindle-whorl, dug up at Downside Abbey, 1926.—Given by the Rev. Father E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Object of lead bearing some resemblance in outline to a rude form of quadruped, length $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. Found in a field near the pond at Nordrach, Blagdon, Mendip. Also a few Roman remains found in the same field.—Given by Mr. A. SELLEY.

Button of brass, diameter 23 mm., which shows 'vair', the coat of Beauchamp. Found in cutting the new main-road at Ashill, 1926.—Given by Mr. W. L. RADFORD.

Sir Thomas Beauchamp, the last lord of Ashill of that name, died in 1430. His shield may be seen on the cornice of the roof of the nave in the parish church.

Greater part of an encaustic tile with equestrian figure design, thirteenth century. Found by the donor on the site of Dunkeswell Abbey, E. Devon. (This Cistercian Abbey was founded in 1201).—Given by Mr. P. R. BENDON.

Small ointment-pot of red ware, glazed, height $1\frac{1}{8}$ in., early eighteenth century. Found in excavating for a petrol tank in the yard of the County Hotel, Taunton, July, 1925, depth about 9 feet.—Given by Mr. W. J. STICKNEY.

Two bone awls, lengths $4\frac{1}{4}$ in. and $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. ; from Estavayer, Lake of Neuchatel ; bronze pin, probably of a fibula, from the same place.—Given by Mr. F. W. HEMBRY.

(3). REMAINS FROM GOUGH'S CAVE, CHEDDAR

The following archæological remains found from time to time in Gough's Cave, Cheddar, and outside near the cave's mouth. Deposited on loan in the Somerset County Museum by the MARQUESS OF BATH, K.G. (through his sub-agent, Mr. R. F. Parry):

Human skull and skeleton, known as 'The Cheddar Man', and described in *Journ. Anthropol. Inst.* xlv (1914), 241-263, by Professors Seligman and Parsons; in *Som. & Dor. Notes and Queries*, ix, 2-5, by H. St. George Gray; and in the *Geol. Journ.*, by H. N. Davies.

Part of a *baton de commandement* and another bone implement (both figured in *J. A. I.*, xlv).

Three awls cut from metacarpus of sheep; four other bone awls of less interest; spatula-like bone implement (found Nov. 6, 1891); part of radius and ulna (extinct); worked flints and flint flakes,—about 130 from 'present cave', and a box mostly from 'Long Hole'.

The following specimens from 'Long Hole', and mostly Roman:

Pottery lamp; six fragments of pottery, Roman and Late-Celtic (one piece 'Lake-village' type); half a large whorl of baked clay with flat faces; six spindlewhorls (two of pottery, two stone, two Kimmeridge shale); harness-ring of shale; part of large armlet of shale; small perforated disc of lead.

Bronze.—Twisted piece, crook-shaped, patinated; handle of spoon; steelyard with two hooks; child's bracelet; part of bracelet (two strands twisted); tweezers (broken); two pieces of bronze.

Iron.—Knife, and spearhead (much corroded).

Bone, etc.—Three game pieces; whistle; carved handle; two pins; socketed implement, pointed; cheek-piece of horse's bridle, with two transverse holes; whetstone; a few boars' tusks.

Coins.—145, mostly Roman.

The following specimens from the s. side of the Entrance to Gough's Cave, known as 'The Slither':

Bronze.—Bar of steelyard with notches well marked; parts of three bracelets; two finger-rings; one hook; two pairs of tweezers; tray full of thin bronze fragments.

Other Materials.—Some corroded iron fragments; glass bead (weathered); bone 'bobbin' (metatarsus of sheep); large rounded disc of Kimmeridge shale with central perforation (much split up); part of pottery mask-head (female); series of fragments of Roman and Romano-British pottery (some large), including handles; human bones, including the calvaria of skulls and a lower jaw; large number of animal bones.

Coins.—About 340 in bag, mostly Roman.

Siliqua (silver) of Julian II, A.D. 335–363, struck at Constantinople.

Solidus (gold), in mint condition, of Valentinian II, A.D. 375–392, struck at Trèves.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY

The following specimens presented by Mrs. PRIDEAUX, in memory of her late husband, W. de C. PRIDEAUX, F.S.A. :

Medicine-spoon of pewter, nineteenth century.

Wooden jug with handle, made up of thirteen staves held together by four bands of copper, height $10\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Two rush-holders, one mounted on a wooden stand, the other on an iron tripod.

Two rush and candle holders, one mounted on a block of wood, the other on an iron tripod, the legs joined by a ring-base.

Ember-tongs and tobacco-stopper combined, length $18\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Clay-pipe burner—a heavy iron rack in which long clay pipes were fired, length $12\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Short bar crooks for use over a wood fire ; from the ‘ Pipers Inn ’, Ashcott, Somerset.

Devonshire ‘ goose-neck ’ or ‘ pollyandy ’, otherwise an ‘ idleback ’ or ‘ lazyback ’, used with kettle over hearth fire.

Hanger of iron with a flat sheet-iron ratchet attachment.

Band-lock to which a chain is attached.

Finely-cut late seventeenth-century door-key ; bunch of four sixteenth-century door and cabinet keys ; six other door-keys.

Two specimens of chain-shot.

The below-mentioned Collection of Horse-Brasses, etc., was made by Mr. S. LLOYD HARVEY for presentation to the Somerset County Museum :

Two martingales each with brass buckle and four brasses attached, one on each martingale being a crescent. One of the brasses is lettered J. C. Wall ; he was the carting-agent for the old Bristol and Exeter Railway Company.

Two brass-studded bridle-reins, complete, and a bridle-rein holder ; leather head-strap with two swinging brasses, on one of which a horse is engraved ; two rosettes (red, white and blue) ; a whalebone whip fitted with twenty-two brass ferrules, a coin of Edward VII (1902) fitted at the end.

The above were formerly the property of Mr. George Durbin of Woodborough Farm. (They were purchased by subscription.)

The following specimens were given by Mr. Lloyd Harvey: One leather frontlet with its 'star' and 'face-brass', a brass rosette, a pair of rosettes, one bell, four fly-terrets, one star, and two modern rosettes with discs of George V and Queen Mary; twelve face brasses (four castings, eight stamped).

Old face brass, cast; face brass, the central device consisting of crossed javelins. Given by Mr. Wm. Sharpe, Shirehampton.

Crescent of brass, cast. Given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Latchem, Radstock.

Two face brasses, stamped. Given by Mr. Wm. Cray, Radstock.

Two face brasses, cast. Given by Miss E. J. Rivers, Radstock.

Fly-terret. Given by Mr. and Mrs. C. Ball, Kilmersdon.

Two face brasses, cast and new. Given by Miss Nellie Taylor, Midsomer Norton.

Face brass, stamped. Given by the Rev. Father Horne.

Triple-bell terret, weight 7 oz. Given by Mr. Edward Chivers, Writhlington.

'Hair topping', new. Given by H. Marsh & Co., Bristol.

The following given by Mr. Sidney Coles:

Pair of cart-horse blinkers, bearing crest (William Murray, formerly William Foxlow, of Banner Cross, co. York); brass rosette, with cable-pattern edging; oval blinker brass; fly of a terret, armorial design.

Man-trap, length 5 ft. 11 in., found many years ago in a wood at Hardington, Somerset.—Presented by Mr. R. VERNON.

Club-brass, or pole-head, which belonged to the donor's father, Harry Hill (initials on blade), Kilmersdon.—Presented by Mr. CHAS. HILL, Midsomer Norton (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Hill was a member of the old Kilmersdon club—a far older institution than the Kilmersdon Church Friendly Society established 1856, registered under the Friendly Society Act 1861, and dissolved in 1913. The old club was probably started *circ.* 1810. Its anniversary day was June 4th; the church club day was Whit-Monday.

Two clay pipe-bowls, marked.—Given by the Rev. Father E. HORNE.

Bowls, etc., of three clay tobacco-pipes, marked; dug up at 'Flamberts', Trent.—Given by Mrs. HICHENS.

Four clay tobacco-pipes, Bristol, marked.—Given by Mr. C. S. M. BOMPAS.

Whistle of baked clay, the mouthpiece painted red, length $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.; by means of the two holes two notes can be sounded; Mexican or Peruvian.—Presented by Mr. W. R. WATERMAN.

Carved wooden figure; West Africa.—Given by Mrs. K. S. DEVAS.

The following exhibits deposited on loan by the Trustees of the WEST SOMERSET YEOMANRY, together with an ebonized show-case (outside dimensions, 77 in. by 55 in. by 31 in.) :

Two drums (horse-drums) on ironwork stands, with drumsticks. Both of them bear the Royal arms and are inscribed, 'West Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry'; along the top of the side, 'Presented to W. S. Y. C. by Hon. Col. Portman, July 1854'.

Two drum-banners measuring $47\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 24 in.; both inscribed 'West Somerset Yeomanry, 1794. 1894. Presented by Ye Faire Maids of Taunton Deane'.

Six silver-plated trumpets, length $16\frac{1}{4}$ in., inscribed 'West Somerset Yeomanry' with crest, and below, 'Presented to the West Somerset Yeomanry by Lieut. P. G. R. Benson 1914'; also 'Hawkes & Son, makers, London'.

Doulton stoneware jug, height including its ebonized stand, 13 in., which is inscribed, 'Presented to the Officers Mess West Somerset Yeomanry by Capt. J. P. T. Allen, 1899'. On silver shield affixed to jug: 'Presented by the inhabitants of Yeovil and its vicinity in testimony of their approval of the conduct of the Mudford Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry during the Riots in that Town in 1851. To Mr. Jno. Palmer, Barrow'.

Two banners of dark red silk, hand-painted, each measuring about $33\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 20 in. In alternate corners on both sides of the banners, *W. S. Y. C.* and the Hanoverian horse; also the two banner-poles, length about 5 ft. 11 in.

Regimental order (framed), bearing the name of C. K. K. Tynte, Colonel Commandant, and dated Halswell, June 1, 1837.

Engraving (framed) of John Southey Somerville, 15th Lord Somerville, 1st Colonel.

The frame, measuring $31\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $24\frac{1}{4}$ in., bears a brass plate inscribed, 'W. S. Y. C. Presented to the Mess by Capt. A. G. Barrett'. Lord Somerville was born at Fitzhead Court, near Taunton, September 21, 1765; he died at Vevay, October 5, 1819. He was one of the sixteen Peers of Scotland, and President of the Board of Agriculture.

Water-colour copy of a portrait of Trumpet-Major J. Palmer, dated 1852 (framed).

Trumpet-Major Palmer joined the Dunster troop of the West Somerset Yeomanry in October 1850, and retired in April 1906. He had won upwards of forty prizes for shooting, besides others for sword exercise. He died during the Great War at the age of 86.

III. CHINA, POTTERY, AND GLASS

The following pieces of glass and pottery found in deep excavations in Newgate Street, London; all may be of the eighteenth century: Four glass phials, or medicine bottles, of round cross-section, heights $4\frac{1}{8}$ in. to $5\frac{3}{8}$ in.; small scent bottle of streaked pale greenish glass, of flattened oval section, height $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.; two other pieces of glass (damaged); colour-pot on pedestal, of white Delft ware, height $2\frac{1}{8}$ in.; greater part of an egg-cup, perforated, of cream-coloured ware.—Given by Mr. F. W. HEMBRY.

Two lumps of glass and a stone polisher from the old glass-works at Glass House Farm, Stanton Wick, parish of Stanton Drew. (See *The Connoisseur*, March 1923, p. 128).—Given by the Rev. Father E. HORNE.

Tiny glass bottle, height $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., and a fragment of ornamented stoneware, dug up at 'Flamberts', Trent, early seventeenth century.—Given by Mrs. T. HICHENS.

IV. NUMISMATICS

Half-guinea, George III, third issue, dated 1806. Found by Ernest Liddon, sexton, in digging a grave on the N. side of the church at North Curry, depth about 6 in., February 3, 1926.—Presented by the Rev. Preb. D. J. PRING.

Silver medal, Crimea, 1855; diam. 37 mm.; awarded to Regimental Sergeant-Major Wm. Lyons.—Presented by Mr. F. Y. VICKERY.

Coronation medal of silver, George V and Queen Mary; diam. 32 mm.—Presented by Mr. A. G. WYATT.

Private Ed. Sibley, whose name is inscribed on the edge of the medal, attended the Coronation as representative of the National Reserve (Somerset), H. Co., Chard. Sibley was formerly in the Rifle Brigade, in the Indian Mutiny and the Relief of Lucknow.

Military badge, consisting of oval garter inscribed 'Second Somersetshire' surrounded by a laurel wreath; inside garter, '41' in large open figures; on the top, the sphinx inscribed 'Egypt'.—Given by Mrs. HENSLEIGH WALTER.

'First brass' coin or *sestertius* of Faustina the Elder, wife of

Antoninus Pius (she died A.D. 141). Found in ploughing at Westcombe, Batcombe, Som.—Given by Mr. JOHN TREEBY.

Two 'third brass' fourth-century Roman coins,—Constantine I (Constantinopolis) and Valentinian I. Found with a great number of similar coins in Woodland Road, Portishead, Som., during contract work a few years ago.—Given by Mr. A. SELLEY.

'Third brass' coin of Tetricus junior, A.D. 267 - 273. Ploughed up in a field at Writhlington, Som.—Given by Mr. A. W. ILES, Radstock.

Farthing of Charles I.—Given by the Rev. Father E. HORNE.

Threepence of Elizabeth, found at The Mill, Foxcote, Som., by the donor.—Given by Mr. G. COLES, Foxcote.

Halfpenny, George III, 1807, found by the donor amongst débris from excavation for foundation of new chimney-stack at Radstock Collieries Yard.—Given by Mr. WM. DAY.

Small Eastern coin of gold, diam. 8.5 mm. (? Persian).—Given by the Rev. H. D. LEWIS.

Farthing, George IV, 1825 ; one-guinea weight, 5 dwt. 8 gr., marked also G III R.—Given by Mr. S. LLOYD HARVEY.

Four brass weights, (a) Current weight sovereign, Royal Mint, 1843 ; (b) Ditto, half-sovereign ; (c) Current weight sovereign, Royal Mint, 1891 ; (d) $\frac{1}{2}$ -Moidore.—Given by Mr. R. P. WATTS, Radstock.

Guinea-scales in long narrow mahogany case, length $5\frac{1}{4}$ in.—Given by Mrs. E. M. C. GREEN, Crewkerne.

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

Procurations, 1585-86, Deaneries of Taunton, Bridgwater, Crewkerne, Dunster, etc., sewn up in a parchment wrapper which proves to be the upper half of a folio from a great Breviary—the feasts of St. Edith of Wilton and St. Euphemia, September 16th ; parts of 4th and 5th Lectons at Mattins ; probably Sarum, possibly Augustinian. Refined work *circ.* 1400. The MS. as sewn up measured $8\frac{3}{4}$ in. by $6\frac{3}{8}$ in.—Deposited on loan by the Rev. LINDSAY COURSEY, as Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Taunton.

Water-colour drawing of the glass of the E. window of the S. aisle of Charlbury Church, Oxon., by the donor; framed; exhibited at the Royal Academy, 1920.—Presented by Mr. J. C. N. BEWSEY.

Reproduction of the donor's drawing of the E. front of Montacute House, on paper 19 in. by 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.—Given by Mr. J. NICHOLSON JOHNSTON.

Two enlarged photographs of portraits at Orchard Wyndham, (1) Judge Jeffreys, (2) Robert Carr, Earl of Somerset (died 1645); photographs Orchard Wyndham, (1) of the ceiling in the Solar, (2) of the frieze in the Peacock Room.—Presented by Mr. W. WYNDHAM.

Crayon reproduction of picture of the Duke of Monmouth by Sir Peter Lely, from the original in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle.—Given (framed) by Mr. MAURICE WILKINSON.

Photograph of a plan of Glastonbury Abbey and the mace of the Corporation of Ilchester, dated August 17, 1723 (the original in the Bodleian Library). It shows the Edgar chapel in the wrong position.—Given by Mr. F. BLIGH BOND, F.R.I.B.A.

Etching (reproduced) of Somerton, by C. R. B. Barrett, 1893.—Given by Miss I. M. ROPER, F.L.S.

Photograph of portion of Domesday Book relating to Taunton and Taunton Deane.—Given by Mr. H. P. PALMER.

Drawing of tower and buildings on the top of Willett Hill (nearly 950 ft. above sea-level), in the parish of Elworthy.

The drawing is entitled 'The Gothick old Gatehouse on Willett Hill; R. Phelps, inven., M. Willis, delin.'. The old label further runs, 'This building was made to represent an old ruin about the year 1774. It cost £130 (£50 raised by subscription, Mr. Bernard of Crocombe gave £80)'. Also a watercolour-drawing of the country adjoining Willett Hill with the tower in the distance, and a sepia sketch.

Given by the Rev. E. H. SWEET-ESCOTT, Hartrow Manor.

Photograph (framed) of a large silver soup tureen, with following inscription: 'A memorial of the respect and esteem of the officers of H.M. Second Somerset Regiment of Fencible Cavalry for their colonel John Berkeley Burland, March 8, 40 Geo. III'.—Given by Mr. J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

The names of all the officers are inscribed on the inside of the lid. (*Som. & Dor. Notes and Queries*, xv [1916], 17; *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.* lxxvii [1921], 60-61.)

Photograph of encaustic tile (three conjoined legs in shield), Woodspring Priory, near Weston-super-Mare.—Given by Mr. F. W. HEMBRY.

Photograph of base of cross and stump of shaft, Compton Dundon, October 31, 1926.—Given by the Rev. Father E. HORNE.

Thirty-three photographs having reference to lace and lace-making,—mostly Bedfordshire.—Given by Mr. A. A. CARNES.

Facsimile of tiny reproduction of 'Weldon's Ladies' Journal', prepared for the Queen's dolls' house.—Given by Mr. C. WEBBER.

VI. NATURAL HISTORY

Greenland Falcon, *Falco rusticolus candicans* Gm., adult female. Picked up, disabled, in a garden at the back of Malvern Road, Watchet, February 20, 1926.—Presented by Mr. E. B. BELLAMY (and stuffed at the cost of the Ornithological Section).

Kingfisher, *Alcedo atthis ispida* L., and White-breasted Barn-Owl, *Tyto a. alba*, Scop., both shot by Mr. H. R. Middleton, husband of the donor, at Lower Marsh, Kingston, near Taunton.—Presented by Mrs. E. MIDDLETON, Radyr.

Fossil shell (bivalve) from the Lias of Newtown Hill Quarry, Carlingcott, Peasedown St. John, Som.—Given through the instrumentality of Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey.

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DONATIONS

Archæologia, vol. lxxiv; *Magni Rotuli Scaccarii Normanniæ*, 2 vols., 1840-44.—Presented by the Society of Antiquaries.

The Canterbury and York Society, pts. lxxv, lxxvi.—Given by the late Rev. Dr. S. J. M. PRICE.

History of Corn Milling, vol. i, Handstones, Slave and Cattle Mills, by Richard Bennett and John Elton.—Given by the late Rev. Preb. J. HAMLET.

The Book of Bath, written for the 93rd annual meeting of the British Medical Association, Bath, July 1925.—Given by the Mayor of Bath.

Abbeys (G. W. R.), by Dr. M. R. James, 1925 ; *A Brief History of Somerton*, by Harold Hall.—Given by Mr. C. HALL-STEPHENSON.

Excavation of the Late-Celtic Urn-field at Swarling, Kent, by J. P. Bushe-Fox.—Given by Mr. ROLAND PAUL, F.S.A.

The Conquests of Ceawlin, the Second Bretwalda, by Major P. T. Godsall.—Given by the Publishers.

Suffolk Green Books, no. xviii.—*Two Bedfordshire Subsides, 1309 and 1332*.—Given by the Compiler, the Rev. S. H. A. HERVEY.

Études Critiques sur les Mollusques Fossiles, by L. Agassiz, 1840 ; *Der Jura*, by F. A. Nuenstedt, 1858 ; *Paléontologie Française (Terrains Crétacés, 2 vols., and Terrains Jurassiques, 2 vols.)*, by A. d'Orbigny, 1840-49.—Given by Dr. A. W. ROGERS, F.R.S.

The Slates of Wales, by F. J. North, D.Sc. ; *Guide to the Collections of British Lepidoptera*.—From the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff.

The Farming of Somersetshire, by T. Dyke Acland and W. Sturge, 1851.—Given by Mr. C. D. P. H. NICHOLSON.

The Birds of Cornwall and the Scilly Islands, by E. H. Rodd and J. E. Harting, 1880 ; *The Birds of Dorsetshire*, by J. C. Mansel-Pleydell ; *White Wild Geese*, by H. S. Gladstone ; *Twelfth Report on Somerset Birds, 1925* ; *British Birds, 1926*.—Given by the Ornithological Section.

The Journal of Botany, 1926 ; *The Flora of Weston-super-Mare*, by G. St. Brody ; *The Botanical Society and Exchange Club, Report, 1924*.—Given by the Botanical Section.

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