

Report of the Curator of the
Somerset County Museum, from June 10, 1936,
to June 22 (Annual Meeting), 1937

THE chief interests in the Museum for the year ended 22 June 1937 have centred round the Wyndham Galleries in which archæological remains, found chiefly in Somerset, are being systematically arranged according to period, from the earliest Stone Age to Medieval times.

This work has been gradually in progress from the time the galleries were opened—then only partly furnished—on 3 October 1934 (see *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, vol. lxxx, pp. xlviiii–lii); but since the arrival of the present assistant-curator (Mr. R. Rainbird Clarke), on 1 January 1937, work in this department has been more rapid, for 90 per cent. of his time has been devoted to it. Gradually the archæological material is being removed from other parts of the museum to the Wyndham Galleries, and at the same time a catalogue is being compiled: the junior members of the staff have done a large amount of labelling and the copying of much descriptive matter. Mrs. St. George Gray has left her mark in many and varied directions.

During the year, following the laying of cork flooring in the lower gallery, this room has now been provided with desk and upright cases as originally designed in polished mahogany. Their cost has been defrayed by the generosity of Mr. William Wyndham and a grant kindly made by a joint committee of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust and the Museums Association (£250). Below some of the desk-cases tiers of drawers for storage of specimens are being fitted. Students will now be in a position to study the Archæology of Somerset to great advantage.

Since Dr. A. Bulleid presented his model (in 1935) of a single typical hut illustrative of the lake-villages, he has given another

EXCURSION TO EXETER

29 July 1937

This excursion was arranged for members living in West Somerset and also for those belonging to the Taunton Field Club, but owing to other fixtures that day the attendance was rather small.

Visits were made to St. Katherine's Priory (Polsloe), the Cathedral, the Museums, Bampfylde House and St. Nicholas' Priory.

of a group of fourteen dwellings at the south end of the Glastonbury Lake Village; and the two models are now exhibited together.

Another 'treasure-trove' hoard of coins, pewter, etc., has been found at Shapwick only 6 ft. distant from the similar hoard discovered in 1936. The vessels and some of the coins are important additions to the Roman collections, and the 'find' is described in this volume, pp. 148-152.

Excavations were conducted at Glastonbury Abbey during the early summer of 1937, and at Camerton, followed in September by another season's work at the Meare Lake Village. From Meare the museum specimens were of greater interest than in some years, and they have been presented to the Museum by the undersigned who now owns the eastern village.

A small hoard of gold coins was found at Henstridge, and our Museum has been able to acquire an angel of Henry VII and one of the rose nobles of Edward IV.

Another important acquisition for the Museum is the set of six Taunton Election plates of Bristol delft ware, given by Mr. J. W. Barrett and described in the following pages.

Owing to the death of Mr. R. Neville-Grenville, a past president of the Society, the Museum has become enriched by a fine collection of Yeomanry uniform and accoutrements which belonged to himself and his father.

Before leaving the Museum, mention should be made of a substantial gift made by Dr. R. L. Meade-King, chairman of the Museum Committee, to pay for the greater part of the cost of providing a new floor for the Great Hall of the Castle. This will, later on, lead to a better display of the Bird collections. According to the present programme the Great Hall cannot receive attention for the present.

At the end of 1936 the Museum lent some specimens for the Heraldic Exhibition at Birmingham. With the approval of Colonel Hartley Maud, the ethnographical specimens from North America given some years ago by the late Mrs. Hartley Maud (Mrs. Wilfred Marshall) have been handed over to the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery.

As the following lists show Library acquisitions have been considerable. Additional Library space will soon be provided

when the Exchequer rooms, over the inner gateway of the Castle, have been altered and furnished for the purpose.

During the year a 'Short Index to the Proceedings of the Som. A. and N.H. Soc., vols. i-lxxx', has been issued to members.

The Wyndham Lecture Hall continues to be much used and is frequently let to societies and other organizations. A new electric lantern (Newton & Co.) was provided in June.

The South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries held its autumn meeting at Salisbury on 2 October 1936, and the annual meeting at Stroud took place on 23 April 1937, when Mr. D. W. Herdman's term as president came to an end.

The South-Western Naturalists' Union held its annual congress at Taunton last Whitsuntide when, with the permission of the Som. A. and N.H. Soc., it made its headquarters at Taunton Castle.

The Botanical Section of the Society held its annual meeting at headquarters on 18 March 1937, the Entomological Section on 16 February, and the Ornithological Section on 6 April. The Taunton Field Club held a conversazione at the Castle on 3 December 1936.

The Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 955 members in June 1937, including twenty-one life members and five honorary life members.

The Museum and Library were visited by 8,869 persons in 1932, 8,738 in 1933, 8,865 in 1934, 8,780 in 1935, and 10,127 in 1936.

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Additions to the Museum

From 10 June, 1936, to 22 June (Annual Meeting), 1937

I. ARCHÆOLOGY

(1). STONE IMPLEMENTS

CELT of stone, chipped and polished, with a large part of the cutting-edge and sides broken off, length 7 in.; from Flamborough, Yorks.

Long, narrow, serrated flint flake, of Creswellian type, length $3\frac{1}{4}$ in., found in Kent's Cavern, Torquay; narrow flint flake with serrated edge, from Bempton, Yorks; two leaf-shaped arrowheads of flint.

Given by Mrs. E. S. CHALK.

Two small chert implements, found in the Broom gravels, near Hawkchurch, W. Dorset; Palæolithic.—Given by the Very Rev. Prior E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Globular hammer-stone, found by the donor in Middlezoy Sand-quarry No. 1.—Given by R. J. T. HARDYMAN, King's College, Taunton.

Stone implement, picked up on Whitefield Farm, Wiveliscombe.—Given by Mr. W. HEYWOOD (*per* Mr. P. J. D. Way).

Polished stone adze, Maori, from Kumara, New Zealand.—Given by the Executors of the late Miss WIGRAM.

(2). MISCELLANEOUS

The Antiquities found during the fourth season's excavations at the Meare Lake Village, field no. 3, 1936,—this field being the property of Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, F.S.A., who presented the objects discovered.

Model of the southern part of the Glastonbury Lake Village, showing a group of fourteen dwellings and the relative position of the border-palisading; scale 8 ft. to the inch. Constructed by Dr. A. BULLEID, F.S.A., and given by him.

Two pottery vessels from the Glastonbury Lake Village restored by Dr. A. BULLEID, and handed over to the Somerset County Museum for safe-keeping. They are numbered P 27 and 28.

Part of a broken-up ornamented pottery vessel of Neolithic 'B' type (Peterborough or West Kennet long-barrow pottery). Found in 1936 on Meare Heath at a depth of $4\frac{3}{4}$ ft. below the present surface. (See illustrated paper by H. St. George Gray in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, lxxxii, 160-2.)—Purchased.

Four small fragments of early Bronze Age 'A-C' beaker pottery and rough flint scraper found with some fragmentary female human remains at a depth of about 3 ft. 6 in. at Sand Quarry No. 1 Middlezoy 1933.—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

Barrel-shaped urn of pottery, height $9\frac{1}{4}$ in., diameter at mouth $7\frac{1}{3}$ in.; ornamented chiefly with chevrons. Found in 1834-5, in a barrow in a field, 'Sparborough', at Willett, Elworthy parish, Somerset.—Given by the Rev. E. H. SWEET-ESCOTT in 1925. (See *Proc.*, xxix, i, 46; lv, i, 92; *Som. Co. Gaz.*, 9 Sept. 1882; J. L. W. Page, *An Exploration of Exmoor*, 1890, pp. 222, 225; Abercromby, *Bronze Age Pottery*, 1912, ii, 44, and No. 464, Pl. xciv; D. P. Dobson, *Archæol. of Som.*, 1931, 80; *Antiq. Journ.*, xiii, 451).

A few stone and bronze objects, flint implements, etc., found on Ham Hill, S. Somerset.—Given by Dr. S. BRIMBLE-COMBE.

Cross-ribbed bow fibula of bronze, length 38.5 mm.; found on Ham Hill in 1933; mid first century A.D.—Given by Mr. C. E. BEAN.

Platter, or shallow bowl, of red Samian pottery (form 18/31); stamp ends, S.M.; date c. 80-120 A.D.; found by the donor at Doniford, about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles east of Watchet Harbour,—in the cliff 3 ft. below the surface.—Given by Mr. F. E. ROBINS.

Flat bone implement, pointed at both ends and highly polished by long wear, length $4\frac{1}{4}$ in.; use unknown, but it may have been a weaving or modelling tool; found, depth 5 ft., in the Rectory garden at Yeovilton (no associated relics).—Given by the Rev. A. H. BELL.

Part of an amber necklace found near York Castle; Anglo-Saxon.—Given by Mrs. E. S. CHALK.

II. ETHNOGRAPHY AND FOLK MATERIAL

The Douglas ring, of silver, bearing the Douglas cognizance (a heart surmounted by a crown); found in the ruins of Odiham Castle, Hants, where David Bruce, David II king of Scotland (1324–71), only son of Robert the Bruce, spent some part of his eleven years of captivity (1346–57).

Tobacco-stopper of carved wood with a ferrule of silver, length $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. ; made from wood from the Shakespeare mulberry-tree.

This specimen was given in 1802 by the Rev. John Lucy, of Charlecote Park, Warwickshire, to the Rev. James Hurly, of Taunton, the great-great-grandfather of the late Rev. Preb. D. J. Pring, father of the donor.

Sword in steel sheath which belonged to John Pring, ensign in the Somerset Fencible Cavalry stationed at Sheffield in 1803.

Scent bottle of glass, Victorian; paste buckle, oblong, Victorian; 'mother-of-pearl' spoon, Victorian; brooch consisting of a small ammonite found at Lyme Regis; three clay tobacco-pipes, with maker's marks.

Given by the Rev. C. J. PRING, The Rectory, Dowlish Wake.

Dressing and jewel case, which belonged to the donor's mother; two lady's fans, Victorian; cross of filagree; three pairs of spectacles in silver, steel and tortoiseshell mounts; two long purses; two models of pedlar's baskets and contents; sketches of the works for the tunnel under the Thames from Rotherhithe to Wapping, 1829.—Given by the Rev. Canon LLEWELYN BEVAN.

Three-wheeled drug butt drawn by a horse in chains; sledge, or dray, a type used in the XIX Century and earlier for carrying crops, hay and peat from steep ground (such as are mentioned in *Lorna Doone*); both these 'bygones' were at one time in use on Hollam Farm, Bridgetown, Exton.—Given by Mr. W. H. NORMAN (*per* Mr. Alfred Vowles).

Part of the collection of Horse-Brasses made by Mr. A. Malaher, consisting of forty-one brasses mostly collected in the neighbourhood of Wellington, Nynhead and West Buckland.—Given by Mr. WILLIAM SIMMS.

Club-brass in the form of the sun,—an engraved circular disc, $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter.—*Purchased*.

Oak door, linen-fold pattern, mid XVI Century; height 5 ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., width 2 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (now used as the door leading from the Adam Library to the Exchequer in Taunton Castle).

Two brown silk umbrellas with finely carved ivory handles; length 35 and 38 in. respectively, and a dark blue silk umbrella or parasol, with ivory handle, length 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; Victorian.

Given by Mrs. HALL-STEPHENSON on leaving Somerton.

Two standard measures of wood, 1 pint and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint, turned out of the solid; stamped CO. SOMERSET in three or four places; also stamped G IV and S.M. (standard measure).—Given by Mr. LIONEL RUTHERFORD (*per* Mr. Stephen Hamilton).

Pair of bellows covered with painted leather-work, XVII Century; top-hat of beaver, early XIX Century; small portmanteau of leather; methyated spirits lamp, c. 1875; three brass arms of fire-screens, Victorian; nautical instrument; four pairs of children's kid gloves; cast iron weight; shagreen spy-glass, XVIII Century.—Given by Miss L. M. MEDLYCOTT, aunt of Sir Hubert Medlycott, Bt.

Wooden glove-stretcher, early XIX Century; scissors for trimming lamp-wicks; flint and tinder wick lighter, c. 1900; collection of nine early forms of 'petrol lighters', c. 1914–1921; two lady's cigarette holders in silver cases; Bryant and May's matches in long case; pen-knife in case, late XIX Century; needlework piercer of bone; set of four girls' letter seals with trite mottoes, mid XIX Century; Townsend's *Western Counties Railway Guide*, March 1884; Vezey & Co., coach builders, Bath, catalogue of Victorian designs and names of carriages.—Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY.

Two long purses of netted work; one of them contains half-a-crown of George IV, 1819, in almost mint condition.—Given by Dr. F. J. ALLEN.

Doll's wooden bedstead (with fittings), given to Grace Ball Stuckey in 1816; bell-pull ring in use at Muchelney from 1796 to 1902; child's dress, c. 1814; two baby-boy's bibs, c. 1814; three pairs of cuffs which belonged to Mrs. Stuckey of Muchelney, died 1835; three pairs of silk stockings belonging to the Ball family of Ash, 1796–1835; tatten collar and pair of cuffs.—Given by Miss M. STUCKEY CLARK.

Pitch-pipe of mahogany, length $16\frac{3}{4}$ in., adjustable to different notes ; formerly used at Silverton Church, E. Devon ; iron horse-shoe.—Given by Mrs. E. S. CHALK.

Potato masher (in two parts).—Given by Mr. F. de F. DANIEL.

Spring-gun, described as a fox-trap ; length 18 in., weight $6\frac{1}{2}$ lb.—Given by Mr. A. H. RICHARDS (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Creeper (of iron), with points or spikes, worn under the boot to avoid slipping in frosty weather (see *N.E.D.*) ; found in a trench in laying water-pipes at Gurney Slade, Som. ; iron trivet with brass top and wooden handle, early XIX Century.—Given by the Very Rev. Prior E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Three infants' caps and two lady's head-dresses ; special constable's staff, Taunton, early XIX Century.—Given by Mr. JOHN W. BARRETT.

Three boy's box-spurs ; pestle and mortar, the former of iron and latter of bronze—the vessel is cordoned and has a loop-handle on either side.—Given by Mr. A. R. GIFFORD (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Photographic camera, whole-plate, with Ross lens ; mid Victorian.—Given by Mr. R. W. FOX.

Pewter tankard, 1 pint, inscribed, 'J. J. Mills, White Lion, Taunton', with M on handle, second quarter of XIX Century (the inn was formerly in East Street).—Given by Dr. R. L. MEADE-KING.

Horse-brass in form of cross, with head of Edward VII in relief.—Given by Major F. M. E. KENNEDY, C.B.

Brass scales for weighing sovereigns and half-sovereigns ; ox-cue.—Given by Dr. A. BULLEID, F.S.A.

Ox-cue found in the flood-soil, eastern village, Meare Lake Village.—Given by Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, F.S.A.

Helmet of iron of the period of the Commonwealth, found in the moat of Nunney Castle.—Bequeathed by Mr. A. MARTIN G. DANIEL.

Dress fastener, 1870.—Given by Miss E. F. CLAYTON.

Front of a uniform of a Yeoman of the Guard, with initials V.R. ; pair of hand fire-screens, Victorian.—Given by Mrs. A. BULLEID.

Pair of infant's shoes worn by Queen Victoria.—Given by Mrs. P. J. BARNICOTT.

Mid Victorian doll; also doll's jewellery and fan.—Given by Miss F. M. ABRAHAM.

Dress-suspender of brass, Victorian.—Given by Mrs. G. W. LEWIS.

Four metal buttons perforated floral design, early Victorian.—Given by Mrs. W. J. SALTER.

Handkerchief used with the donor's mother's (Mrs. A. W. Baynham) wedding-dress; lace parasol cover; fan of white satin, lace (Honiton) and ivory.—Given by Mrs. B. L. MEASHAM.

Transparency, 'Children with kitten', probably Swiss, c. 1850.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

Uniforms and accoutrements, West Somerset Yeomanry, of Robert Neville Grenville, who died on 13 September 1936, aged 89 years; and of his father, Ralph Neville Grenville (born 1817).—Given by the Executors of the late R. NEVILLE GRENVILLE (Mr. Hugh Neville and Capt. Philip Neville).

One Lieutenant's and two Major's tunics worn by Major John Gill, the donor's father, as an officer of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry; also two braided waistcoats and a helmet (the tunics date about 1904).—Given by Mr. W. J. R. GILL.

Badge (modern) of the Queens Royal Regiment (West Surrey) raised in 1661 for the defence of Tangier and called the Tangier Regiment.

In 1685 it fought at Sedgemoor under Colonel Kirke. Owing to its badge it there earned the nickname of 'Kirke's Lambs'. Its subsequent stay in Taunton is commemorated by the names 'Tangier' and 'Gibraltar' given to its camping-grounds.

Given by Lt.-Genl. Sir GERALD F. ELLISON, K.C.B.

Four pieces of Burmese art in wood, metal, lacquer, gold and coloured glass.—Given by Mr. HUGH DUNSTERVILLE.

III. CHINA, POTTERY, AND GLASS

'Set' of six tin-enamelled plates (delft), Bristol—probably from Richard Frank's Redcliffe Pottery. The rim is of

oriental design with sponged surroundings ; the middle design represents a pillow, the central portion inscribed, **SIR INO. POLE FOR EVER : 1754 :**, surmounted by a heart. Colour : Blue or bluish-white ; diameter of plates $8\frac{3}{4}$ to $8\frac{7}{8}$ in.

There is a similar Taunton Election plate in the British Museum, and in 1890 there was one in the collection of B. T. Harland, of Croydon. There is an election plate of similar type in the Somerset County Museum, inscribed to 'Willes and Popham . Taunton . 1768'.

The set of six plates has been handed down in the Barrett family, with the tradition that six members went to an election banquet, at which the articles used were new, and that the guests were presented with those they had used, to keep as a memento of the occasion ; afterwards the six members are said to have pooled the plates so that one might have a complete set of six.

The circumstances which surrounded the Taunton election of 1754 are noteworthy. At the General Election in April John Halliday, of Yard House, was returned, but died on 9 June following without having taken his seat. Parliament was at the time prorogued, not to meet again until the winter. Two prospective members were, however, immediately chosen to contest the vacant seat ; and the struggle continued for nearly six months. The candidate whom the Country Party supported was Sir John Pole, Bt., of Shute, co. Devon. The gentleman to whom the Court Party was attached (after Mr. Robert Webb had declined) was Robert Maxwell (afterwards Earl of Farnham) who was returned ; and it is recorded that the rage of Pole's supporters was exceedingly bitter.

Given by Mr. JOHN W. BARRETT.

Bristol delft plate (tin-enamel), diameter $8\frac{7}{8}$ in., with floral designs in polychrome ; it came from a sale at Chipley Park.—Given by Miss M. FRANKLIN.

Handled jug, partly glazed, height $5\frac{5}{8}$ in., found in building operations at Wellington ; XVI—XVII Century.—Given by Mr. E. TWYFORD.

Vase and bowl of coloured Elton ware.—Given by Mrs. G. MONTAGUE.

Very small scent bottle of clear white glass, with opaque white spiral streaking, height $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.

On one side, in relief, the initials E. S. in green with a heart in pink above ; on the side 1818 in maroon-coloured glass. The donor's grandmother Elizabeth Shapland saw the bottle made, but it is not known whether at Nailsea or Bristol. Similar love-tokens are figured by H. St. George Gray in *The Connoisseur*, lvii, June 1920, which are dated 1819–22.

Given by Miss ELIZABETH SHAPLAND GAYDON.

IV. NUMISMATICS, ETC.

Roman hoard, consisting of a small pottery beaker containing 120 silver coins (*siliquae*) of the late Roman Empire, Constantius II to Honorius, found by W. Crane (Meare) on 18 May 1936, on Shapwick Heath, depth 2 ft. The pot was placed upright in a handled cup of pewter, the whole covered by a pewter saucer and a pewter plate. After the inquest the British Museum retained 41 of the coins for the National collection, and the remaining 79 coins, together with the above-mentioned objects were purchased for the Somerset County Museum. (See H. St. George Gray's paper on this subject in *Proceedings*, lxxxii, 163-170, with two plates).

Part of a late Roman hoard of *siliquae*, Constantius II to Arcadius, found by Percy S. Mullins on 18 June 1937, on Shapwick Heath, depth 2 ft., at a distance of only 6 ft. s.e. of Hoard No.1 found in 1936 (described above). The coins were placed in a pottery beaker which was again deposited within a jug of pewter cut for the purpose. These vessels together with 20 of the coins have been purchased by the Somerset County Museum. The remaining coins, *viz.* 105, were acquired, after the inquest, by the British Museum. (See H. St. G. Gray's paper on this hoard in this vol. of *Proceedings*, pp. 148-152, with two plates).

'Third brass' coin of Gallienus, A.D. 254-268, found at East Horrington, near Wells.—Given by Mr. S. J. C. MATTHEWS.

Twenty-five Roman coins and three other Italian pieces, collected in Rome.—Given by Miss MAY SCARLETT.

Two of the four gold coins (two rose nobles of Edward IV, two angels of Henry VII) found together by R. A. G. Brown early in June 1936 at Lower Marsh Farm, Henstridge, Somerset, in taking up a sitting-room floor. An inquest was held, and one of the coins was purchased by the British Museum. One of the rose nobles (ryal) of Edward IV and one of the angels of Henry VII were purchased by the Somerset County Museum.

Florin of Queen Victoria, 1849.—Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY.

XV Century jetton, French, perhaps from the Tournay mint; found at Tintinhull.

Bronze medal, diameter $1\frac{3}{4}$ in., commemorating the restoration of the Royal Exchange.

In 1838 the second Royal Exchange was destroyed by fire, and on 28 October 1844 Queen Victoria opened the new Royal Exchange built by Mr. (afterwards Sir) William Tite.

Given by Mr. H. S. HOWARD.

Mail-coach half-penny. XVIII Century token, payable at Bristol. Doit (A.D. 1590) of Gelderland (Geldria), a province of Holland. Brass weight marked 'X.8g. according to Authority' on one side; on the other, Irish harp, crowned, dated 1683; found in Taunton.—Given by Mr. S. CHINN.

XI shillings weight, inscribed I. R. MAG. BRIT.—XIs. James I. Found at Wells.

In 1612 the nominal value of the gold coins was raised 2s. in the £; so that the Unite passed for 22s., and the Angel for 11s. At the same time a slight increase was made in the weight of the coins.

Given by Mr. H. R. ROLLS.

Card counter for 2s. 6d., white metal, inscribed on both faces '2½ Shilling'.—Given by Mr. G. LOCKYEAR (*per* Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey).

Key of silver, copy of a XVII Century key in the Somerset County Museum, presented by the architects to Mr. W. Wyndham to open the new Wyndham building in the Courtyard on 1 June 1932; and a silver-gilt key, copy of a XVII Century key in the Museum, presented by the architects and contractors to Mr. W. Wyndham to open the new Wyndham Galleries at Taunton Castle on 3 October 1934.—Given by Mr. W. WYNDHAM, F.S.A.

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

Portrait in oils of a Gentleman in blue velvet coat, painted by Richard Phelps; half-length, with head turned slightly to the left. In gilt frame measuring 35 in. by 29 in. Before

being re-lined the canvas was inscribed on the back, 'Painted by R. Phelps in 1751'.

Phelps is described in Maxwell Lyte's 'Dunster' as being of Porlock; and he is recorded with other members of his family on a brass in Porlock Church, where his death is given as 12 July 1785 (his wife, Mary, died 30 May 1753). Several members of the Phelps family are given under Porlock in *Taunton Wills*.

In 1738 R. Phelps did some lettering—Commandments and Lord's Prayer—in Luccombe and Porlock Churches (see Chadwyck-Healey, 177, 385). He was paid for 'doing up' the altarpiece in Dunster Church in 1729, and he painted the sign of the Luttrell Arms Hotel in 1736. In Dunster Castle there are three Luttrell portraits from his brush, all Margarets, who died in 1764, 1766 and 1792; but he is described as 'an indifferent painter'.

J. Faber engraved, after Richard Phelps, a portrait of Bampfylde Moore Carew, king of the Gipsies (1693-1770?), who was born at Bickley, near Tiverton.

Given by Mr. E. T. VAUGHAN, through the National Art-Collections Fund.

Engraving of William Watson, 1665-1733, inscribed 'Gulielmus Wattson de Stower in Comit. Dorset. M.D.'. The manor of North Cheriton, Somerset, descended from Dr. Watson to the donor, Miss ETHEL GALE.

Photographic portrait of Robert Neville Grenville, D.L., C.A., who died at Butleigh Court, 13 Sept. 1936. (See obituary notice, *Proc.*, lxxxii, 241-2).—*Purchased*.

Enlarged photograph of the Rev. Preb. Daniel J. Pring, who died at Ilminster, 9 May 1936; born 30 Jan. 1860. (See obit. notice, *Proc.*, lxxxii).

Geological map of Somerset, Geol. Surv. sheet, coloured by John D. Pring, 1852 (*framed*).

Given by the Rev. C. J. PRING.

Photographic copy of H.M. Office of Works' plan of the Stone Circles, etc., at Stanton Drew, Somerset, signed by Frank Baines, July 1912; scale 3 in.=100 ft.—Given by H.M. Office of Works (Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments).

Rotograph of the original sketch of the Battle of Sedgemoor (copy shown in the Church of Chedzoy). The original is contemporary but of unknown authorship, and is to be found in the Bodleian Library (*MS. Ballard* 48, fol. 74).—Given by Mr. MAURICE WILKINSON.

Forty-eight photographs, on forty-five sheets, mainly of Somerset architecture—the work of the donor, Dr. F. J. ALLEN.

Three framed photographs—two of the Monmouth tree at Whitelackington, the other of Whitelackington church and manor-house.—Given by Miss E. BOWERMAN.

VI. NATURAL HISTORY AND GEOLOGY

Orange-coloured Mole, taken alive in garden at Timberscombe, Spaxton, Som., by Mr. H. H. Sweet-Escott's garden-boy.

Skin of partly albino Common Rat, young, taken on Sedgemoor, 28 June 1937.—Given by Mr. R. H. GARDNER.

Small collection of fossils, Lias and Rhaetic, Curry Rivel, from the collection of the late W. A. E. Ussher, F.G.S., of H.M. Geol. Surv.—Given by Mrs. R. H. DANIEL.

Fossil ammonite, Fivehead.—Given by ROBIN S. MATTERSON.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Electrometer made by Dr. James Hurly Pring, c. 1847.

Electro-Magnetic Coil (home-made); also a crochet needle-holder serving as a graving-tool and two hand vices of steel for screwing the blade or object to be engraved upon. These objects were used by Dr. J. H. Pring in the process of engraving by electricity, and the coil was invented by him, c. 1847.

Given by the Rev. C. J. PRING.

Microscope by William Harris & Co.; early XIX Century.—Given by Mrs. E. S. CHALK.

Glass-fronted bird-case.—Given by Mrs. W. RENDELL.

Glass shade and stand.—Given by Mr. W. J. SALTER.

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Archæologia, vol. lxxxv for 1935.—Given by the Society of Antiquaries.

Pamphlets, Election bills, Theatre bills, etc., relating to Taunton, mainly of XIX Century.—Given by Mr. J. W. BARRETT.

The Bestiary of Guillaume le Clerc, 1210–11.—Given by the Translator, Mr. G. C. DRUCE, F.S.A.

The Opus Major of Roger Bacon, 2 vols., 1928; fifty pen-and-ink Sketches by J. E. H. from a copy of Polydore Virgil's *History of England*, 4to, 1860; Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Register 'Scrope' (1630), Abstracts and Index, by J. H. Morrison—*typescript*, 1934.—Given by Mr. BOIES PENROSE.

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