

## Report of the Curator of the Somerset County Museum, from June 22, 1938, to July 11 (Annual Meeting), 1939

ALTHOUGH the archæological collections in the Wyndham Galleries have received due attention during the period under review, the major work in the Museum has been carried out in the Great Hall of the Castle—a gallery which measures 120 by 31 feet. The decorators took their departure after a few weeks' work, but the Museum staff, including Mrs. St. George Gray and the Assistant Curator (Mr. R. R. Clarke), have had to concentrate on much special and systematic work—the most arduous being the relining of several cases—large and small—to match the cream shade of the Hall itself.

All this work was a preliminary to the re-arrangement of the contents of this large gallery, including the Somerset birds and mammals, and the elimination of practically all the foreign birds. A large proportion of the extraneous material has been put into store or placed in the large gallery upstairs; this room has had to be closed to the public, temporarily, until a scheme develops to prepare and furnish it for the reception of the Society's large collections of Bygones, Folk Material and Costume.

This work has extended also to the so-called Keep, where the cases containing the China and other collections have been relined in the same cream shade. Here further developments are in progress. All these developments have entailed a large amount of labelling, and the hand-printing has been done by Miss V. M. Newman, whose work has now extended for a period of over four years.

Reverting to the Great Hall attention should be called to the military flags and the banners of the village clubs of Somerset. Three of the former—flags of the first Somerset volunteers (1804)—are in bad condition, but they are now being methodically repaired and netted.

During the winter of 1939-40 the remainder of the bird-cases in the Hall will receive attention, and it is hoped to transfer other inappropriate exhibits, as the collections develop, to other positions in the Museum. The Hall will then be devoted entirely to local Natural History and Geology.

In the lower of the Wyndham Galleries the arrangement of the Roman and later remains has been completed up to a point, but further cases are required to show certain specimens to the best advantage. Following the making of a tiered stand for the Quern stones from the Meare Lake Village, a similar stand has been fitted up for the equally large and representative collections from Ham Hill and other places in the County. The surplus—and the Society owns a very fine collection of these stones—is systematically stored for reference. The relics found in 1938 at the Meare Lake Village are temporarily shown together in the lower gallery; it was a rich season especially in small 'finds'.

Recent acquisitions are now shown in a separate case in the Keep, and removed to their proper series as found convenient.

It should be reported that the collection of Candlesticks, mostly of brass (107 specimens), brought together by the late Ernest C. Treplin, F.S.A., has recently been purchased from his estate. These specimens had been on loan in the Museum since 1914.

Several club-brasses and a few other 'bygones' have been given in memory of the late Frank J. Clark, of Street. One of the most interesting specimens added to the collections during the year is the early medieval bronze bowl from Taunton Priory, figured in *Proceedings*, lxxxiv, 100-103. Other metal vessels of importance will be listed in next year's report; they will probably be fully described in *Proceedings*, lxxxv.

A third hoard of Roman coins was found by P. S. Mullins on Shapwick Heath on 13 June 1938. These fourth-century bronze coins numbered about 1123, and form a very large 'Valentinian' hoard. They were contained in a canister-shaped vessel of pewter,  $8\frac{3}{8}$  in. in height. The coins have been described by Mr. J. W. E. Pearce, F.S.A., in the *Numis. Chron.*, 5th ser., xix (1939).

Turning to the Library department attention should be drawn to the long list of donations, including the accession of publications of the Public Record Office, under the 50-volumes scheme, and a certain amount of Somerset manuscript chiefly from the Ernest E. Baker and the W. H. P. Greswell collections. *The Complete Peerage*, by G. E. Cokayne, in 8 vols., has been purchased and several other important books.

Of interest to local historians is the Supplement to Collinson's *History of Somerset*, which is on the point of being published. Dr. Winckworth has compiled and given an Index to Webb's *History of Taunton*. The Society has published separately *Royal Arms and Achievements in Somerset Churches*, by Prof. E. Fawcett, F.R.S., which may be purchased for 2s. 6d.

Mr. B. W. Taylor paid a three-weeks' visit to Taunton in August 1938, when he rendered valuable assistance in the arrangement of parts of the Library.

During the past two years a good deal of the Curator's time was absorbed in the compilation, with others, of lists of ancient houses and cottages in connection with Section 17 of the Town and County Planning Act of 1932. This has now been completed. The additional details of this record are preserved at Taunton Castle.

In the spring the Curator was engaged for 3½ weeks on the excavations conducted on behalf of the Society at Burrow Mump in the Athelney country. The results of this work, with illustrations, will appear in the *Proceedings*, vol. lxxxv for 1939.

In conjunction with the Quantock tour of the combined junior schools of Taunton arranged for 9 June 1939, there were organized visits to the Museum during May and June by 660 children from the elementary schools.

The South Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries held its autumn meeting at Torquay on 24 September 1938, and the annual meeting at Gloucester on 22 April 1939, when Mr. H. E. Balch, F.S.A., was re-elected President.

The Wyndham Hall has been used by a number of organizations during the year, chiefly however for lectures on Air Raid Precautions. Regular lettings were arranged for the Taunton Gardeners' Association and the Taunton Madrigal

Society. As previously the hall has been used periodically for all the Wyndham Trust Lectures for the Secondary and Elementary Schools of Taunton.

The Botanical Section of the Society held its annual meeting at headquarters on 30 March 1939, and the Ornithological Section on 29 March. The meetings of the Entomological Section have been suspended. The Taunton Field Club held conversazioni at the Castle on 27 October 1938 (when a joint meeting was held with the Bird Section), and on 9 February 1939.

The Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society consisted of 961 members in July 1939, including twenty-two life members and five honorary life members.

The Museum and Library were visited by 8,865 in 1934, 8,780 in 1935, 10,127 in 1936, 9,348 in 1937, and 10,450 in 1938.

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## Additions to the Museum

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### I. ARCHÆOLOGY

#### (1). STONE IMPLEMENTS

OVATE core implement exhibiting characteristics of the Acheulean culture ; said to have been picked up by the owner towards the bottom of the s. slopes of Dolebury Camp, parish of Churchill (A. 2010).—Deposited on loan by Mr. JOSEPH POYNER.

Collection of about 450 flint implements mainly of Neolithic and Bronze Age types found on the surface, *c.* 1910–20, (1) in ploughed fields between Walton Bay and Portishead, opposite Black Nore Point lighthouse (chiefly Portishead Down), and (2) from a site which extends from the top of Wraxall Hill to Failand Inn. Also, from (1), the cutting-edge of a bronze palstave or socketed celt (A. 2682–2790).—Given by Mr. R. EGERTON GODWIN.

Patinated flake, roughly trimmed into the form of a leaf-shaped arrowhead, Shapwick Heath, Som. (A. 3027).—Given by Mr. H. S. L. DEWAR.

One Palæolithic implement, and five finely flaked flint blades, (?) N. Central Europe.—Given by Miss M. STUCKEY CLARK.

Stone arrowhead picked up near St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.—Given by Rev. QUENTIN SCHAUT (*per* Rt. Rev. Abbot Horne).

#### (2). MISCELLANEOUS

The Antiquities found during the sixth season's excavations in field no. 3 Meare Lake Village. 1938,—this field being the property of Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, F.S.A., who presented the objects discovered.

Copy of wood frame found at the Glastonbury Lake Village in 1896 (see "Glaston. Lake Village", i, pls. lii-lvii); two casts of wood showing adze and axe marks, and cast of human cranium showing a sword-cut, Glastonbury Lake Village.—Given by Dr. A. BULLEID, F.S.A.

Bronze brooches, key and Roman coins from one or more sites in Ashwick parish adjacent to the Fosse Way (A. 2939-46).—Given by Mr. HAMILTON PRICE (*per* Dr. A. Bulleid).

Bowl of thin bronze of golden hue, found on the west side of the Tithe Barn, Taunton Priory, early part of the twelfth century; illustrated and described in H. St. George Gray's paper in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, lxxxiv, 100-103.—Given by Mr. FRANK SMALL (*per* Col. Cameron Dunbar).

Axe-head and knife of iron found in June 1939 in clay, 8 ft. below field-level in widening a small bridge on north side of Hambridge Bridge, Curry Rivel.—Given by the SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL (Surveyor's Depart.).

Fragment of Roman box-flue tile, bearing impression of a human finger-tip; found, depth 3 ft., at Low Ham (A. 2972).—Given by Mr. H. COOK.

Shards of coarse grey-black Romano-British pottery, 3rd-4th century; found in extending the aerodrome at Weston Zoyland, depth 6-8 ft. in sand (A. 3008).—Given by Mr. H. J. FRY.

Small shards of coarse Romano-British pottery, found at Brent Knoll Camp, June 1939, in top layer of rampart material (A. 3033).—Given by Mr. W. J. WEDLAKE.

Bronze strip-bow brooch, bronze disc brooch, and a few other specimens of Roman date, from superficial diggings at Charterhouse-on-Mendip, 1938, near 'alleged camp' (A. 2566-7).—Given by Miss A. E. FORD.

Shard of pottery, probably early-middle Bronze Age (A. 940), and some human remains (A. 2978); found at Greenacres, Compton Road, Shepton Mallet, 1934 (see *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, lxxx, 67-8).

## II. ETHNOGRAPHY AND FOLK MATERIAL

Basket-hilted sword, or back-sword, found on the south side of the Polden Hills, in the n.w. corner of the middle of the three Decoy Ponds on Walton Moor in Walton parish; English

manufacture, early eighteenth century (figured and described in Mr. St. George Gray's article in *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, lxxxiv, 137-8).—Deposited on loan by Mr. H. N. HICKLEY.<sup>1</sup>

Carved mahogany wheelbarrow and spade used in cutting the first sod of the Dorset Central Railway (Som. & Dor. Joint Line), at Blandford, 13 November 1856,—the ceremony performed by Lady Smith of the Down House, Blandford (later she lived with her brother, Colonel William Pinney, at Somerton Erleigh, Somerset).—Deposited by Mr. R. W. PRETOR PINNEY.

The following specimens presented in memory of Mr. FRANK J. CLARK (*per* Mr. Hugh Clark) :

Brass skimmer, with iron handle ; brass ladle with iron handle ; leather bottle, dated W.A. 1772, later used as receptacle for cart-grease ; wooden bird-scarer ; flail ; and ten club-brasses.

Club-brass, Stoke St. Gregory.—Given by Mr. A. W. ALLEN.

Medal-like object of 'cock-metal' ; a forgery made by 'Billy' and 'Charley', two men living in Rosemary Lane, Tower Hill, London ; mid nineteenth century.—Given by Major F. M. E. KENNEDY, C.B.

Copy of a seventeenth century key in the museum, which was presented by the architect to Mr. Wm. Wyndham (the donor) to open the Workrooms, etc., at Taunton Castle, on 1 June 1932 ; silver-gilt copy of a steel key of the seventeenth century in museum, used by the donor of the Wyndham Galleries, Mr. Wm. Wyndham, in opening the building on 3 October 1934 (presented by the architects and contractors). Given by Mr. WILLIAM WYNDHAM, F.S.A.

Doll's bedstead, made by Arthur Trevelyan, at Wallington, Northumberland, c. 1820-30, and sent to his niece, Mrs. B. I. W. Hancock, by Beatrice Perceval, of Severn House, Henbury, Glos.

Wooden notice-board, bearing the following inscription in relief : ' Man Traps and Spring Guns are set in this Field and Garden ' ; taken from the stable wall of Alcombe Lodge facing Church Street, Alcombe.

<sup>1</sup> Sword returned to the family, 2 Dec. 1939, after Mr. Hickley's death.

Iron cannon-ball, found in or close to the earthwork known as Bury Castle above Selworthy.

Wooden case cut out of the solid for the conveyance of medicine in glass bottles, *c.* 1885.

Speaking-trumpet, Victorian.

Given by Mrs. HANCOCK (before leaving Alcombe).

The following 'bygones' given by Miss M. ORCHARD, Porlock: Victorian parasol, black silk, collapsible handle; blue watered silk waistcoat, worn by donor's father, John Orchard, at his wedding, 2 July 1856; pair of embroidered lawn sleeves; carved bone needle-case; flute played by the donor's father in the Selworthy Church band in the middle and third quarter of the nineteenth century; muff-warmer of Britannia metal, nineteenth century; tuning-fork; musical and theatrical toy used by the donor's sister; twelve Valentines and Christmas cards, third quarter of the nineteenth century.

Pair of lady's shoes of green silk, late eighteenth century; shagreen eye-glass case; long purse of bead-work; lip-salve box, Scotch; pair of Prussian 'iron jewellery' earrings; cameo shell brooch; finger almanack, 1898, in case.—Given by Miss ERSKINE, Stamford, Lincs.

White earthenware milk bowl, with spout for pouring, stamped 'Wedgwood'; pocket pin-cushion of inlaid woods, made at Tunbridge Wells, late nineteenth century.—Given by Miss M. STUCKEY CLARK.

Wooden table-linen press, early nineteenth century.—Given by Mrs. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL.

Flowers in silk embroidery, in gilt oval frame, *c.* 1790.—Deposited on loan by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

Small drug ointment or poison pot, height 1½ in.; found under one of the bedroom floors at Poundisford Park, 1929.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL.

Portion of a quilt, Italian work of the early eighteenth century,—the outside border a later addition.—Given by Mrs. G. W. SAUNDERS.

Thread-winder for coloured silks, finely constructed, in its contemporary leather-covered case, second half of the eighteenth century.—Given by the Rt. Rev. Abbot E. HORNE, F.S.A.



Waistcoat of Alexander Adair of Heatherton Park, near Taunton, grandfather of the donor. He was born in 1791 and married in 1828; died at Heatherton in 1863; high sheriff of Somerset, *c.* 1836.—Given by Miss HELEN ADAIR.

Candle-box, late nineteenth century.—Given by Mr. J. S. W. POPE.

Kettle-tilter, 'idleback', 'goose-neck', or 'pollyandy' (Devon), used so that water could be poured from a large kettle without removing it from the fire.—Given by Mr. SIDNEY WILKINS.

Carpenter's auger, with a wide 'blade'.—Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY.

Steel razor set in a handle of ox-horn, probably eighteenth century; tool or emblem of iron having three shaped points and tang for hafting.—Given by Mr. A. MALAHER.

Roasting-jack, by Geo. Salter & Co.; shot flask; two brass powder-flasks (the smaller one, for pistol).—Given by Mr. F. G. VINER.

Three-pronged fork, late nineteenth century.—Given by Mrs. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY.

Lower part of a suction-pump taken from the bottom of a well at Stapley, Blackdown Hills; seventeenth century.—Given by Mr. J. COOK.

Two iron pot-hangers.—Given by Mr. W. J. LONG.

Curved iron blade with seven coarse teeth, having two wooden grips set at opposite angles; stamped 'Patented in America', etc.—Given by Dr. S. L. BRIMBLECOMBE.

Two-pronged fork, large, hand wrought, used on Rocks Farm, Exford.—Given by Mr. RICHARD STEER.

Small tin plate commemorating the International Exhibition, 1861.—Given by Mr. J. S. COX.

Tomahawk,—hafted stone head fastened by an encircling mass of gum; Australia.—Given by Miss M. HATHWAY.

### III. CHINA, POTTERY, AND GLASS

Vase of pale blue jasper ware, with white reliefs, Wedgwood, nineteenth century (Cat. 8-23).—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

Tin-enamel bowl, delft ware ; Temple Back, Bristol (Edward Ward period), or Brislington ; early eighteenth century (Cat. 5-64).—*Purchased.*

Nailsea glass shade used for hastening the ripening of grapes out-of-doors, mid nineteenth century.—Given by Mr. P. T. MARSHALL.

#### IV. NUMISMATICS, ETC.

Taunton stump-end spoon, broken across the middle of the bowl ; the back of the handle bears the impressed mark T.D. in three places = THOMAS DARE ; at the handle-end the initials E.P. and G.P. are pricked, with date 1662 between them.—Given by Mr. RALPH HYMAN, London.

Spoon of pewter, of the latter half of the sixteenth century ; found under one of the bedroom floors at Poundisford Park, 1929 ; seventeenth century trade token, William Minck, Blandford.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL.

Tin cast of seal matrix, the original dug up in 1938 in cemetery, High Littleton, Somerset (? xiii century).—Given by the Rev. R. G. BARTELOT, F.S.A.

*Dupondius* of Maximianus Herculeus, A.D. 286-305 ; found in the garden at 'Mayfield', Hillfarrance.—Given by Mr. JOHN WOOD.

*Sestertius* of Severus Alexander, A.D. 222-235, dug up at Stratton-on-the-Fosse.—Given by the Rt. Rev. Abbot E. HORNE, F.S.A.

Cinquecento or sixteenth century copy of *sestertius* of Caracalla ; two trade checks, Taunton and Minehead.—Given by Mr. A. P. PALLETT.

Pewter token or check, impressed with a bell, a crown and initials W.I.H. (William John Hartgill), Bell and Crown Inn, Zeals.—Given by Lt.-Col. E. G. TROYTE-BULLOCK, C.M.G.

Two Ilminster trade checks.—Given by Mrs. M. LOVETT TURNER.

Sixpence of Elizabeth, 1591.—Given by Mr. W. J. LONG.

Sixpence of Elizabeth, 1596, found at Wiveliscombe.—Given by Mr. C. VICKERY.

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

Two photostats of the MS. map and description of the Battle of Sedgemoor, dated 1685; the original in the possession of Hoare's Bank, and found there among papers of Robert Nelson, a religious writer, which were deposited by his executors, *c.* 1718.—Given by Messrs. C. HOARE & Co.

Photostat (in four sheets) of 'The Plot of Glastonbury, showing the Abbey in the fields, and the Parish Church, in High Street' on the left; on the right, Glastonbury Tor, etc.; coloured MS. on vellum, 25 in. by 28 in.; contained in a folio volume of over seventy surveys of estate plans, first quarter of the seventeenth century, belonging to the Duke of Northumberland.—*Purchased.*

Photostat of the Sedgemoor (1685) page in the Weston Zoyland church register.—*Purchased.*

Engraving of the Rt. Hon. John Earl of Egmont, Viscount Perceval of Kanturk, Baron Lovell and Holland of Enmore, Baron Perceval of Burton, etc.; first Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, etc. (This was the second Lord Egmont, 1711–70).—Given by Mr. PHILIP STURDY.

'A List of the Names of the Rebels that were Executed at Lyme, Bridport, Weymouth, Melcombe Regis, Sherbourn, Pool, Wareham, Exeter, Taunton, and several other places. . . . London, printed by E. Millet, next door to Mr. Shiptons Coffee-House near Fleet Bridge, 1686.'—*Purchased.*

Leather bound printed book, 7 in. by 4½ in., Frankfurt, 1593, 'Otho Casmann's Creation of the Universe', etc. (Casmann was a schoolmaster and preacher, died 1607.) The vellum fly-leaves comprise part of a manuscript of the second half of the thirteenth century, which Mr. Eric G. Miller, of the Department of MSS., British Museum, describes as fragments of a medical treatise on the treatment of fevers.—Given by Messrs. BARNICOTTS Ltd.

Pencil drawing of Broomfield Church, 1850.—Given by Mr. A. J. R. WILSON.

Photograph of Greenham Barton, parish of Stawley, *c.* 1910.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

Autograph letter, dated Sherborne House, Sherborne, 2 November 1857, from W. C. Macready (1793–1873) to P. Huffam, Mutual Improvement Society, Yeovil.—Given by Mr. S. F. WHITMEY.

Lithograph of 'Mr. William Beard, Banwell' (Somerset cave explorer), 'painted and drawn on stone by S. G. Tovey, Bristol, 1841'.—Given by Mr. V. B. CROWTHER BEYNON, F.S.A.

## VI. NATURAL HISTORY

Six cases of stuffed birds, which were formerly in the Fenwick Bisset Collection; they include Kingfisher, Hobby, Chough, Ruffs and a Reeve, and Grey Phalarope.—Given by BEATRICE LADY BOLES.

Pike, said to weigh  $23\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., taken in the Bridgwater-Taunton Canal, on the Taunton side of Bathpool, by Charles Revill, Rock House, Taunton, *c.* 1918.—Given by Mr. H. M. PALMER.

Ammonite from Blue Anchor.—Given by Mr. HAROLD C. HUGHES.

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THE following Record Publications, published by H.M. Stationery Office (obtained under the Fifty Vols. scheme) :

*Patent Rolls* : Edward VI, vols. i to vi, 1547-53 ; Philip and Mary, vols. i to iii, 1553-57.

*Close Rolls* : Henry III, vols. vii to xiv, 1251-72 ; Richard II, vols. i to vi, 1377-99 ; Henry IV, vols. i to v, 1399-1413 ; Henry V, vols. i, ii, 1413-22 ; Henry VI, vols. i to iv, 1422-47.

*State Papers* : Charles II, vols. xii to xxvii, 1671-85.

Public Record Office—short description—on the occasion of the Centenary Reception, 26 October 1938.

*Archæologia*, vol. lxxxvii for 1937.—Given by the Society of Antiquaries.

Interleaved and annotated copies of the following works by Rev. W. H. P. Greswell : *The Land of Quantock, Forests and Deer Parks of Somerset, The Story of the Battle of Edington, and Chapters on the Early History of Glastonbury Abbey. The Auncient Ecclesiastical Histories of the first 600 years after Christ*, by Meredith Hausner, 1577 ; *Britannicarum Ecclesiarum Antiquitatis*, by James Ussher, 1687 ; *Concilia, Decreta, Leges, Constitutiones in re Ecclesiarum orbis Britannici*, by Sir Henry Spelman, 1639 ; *Reliquiae Spelmannianae*, by Sir Henry Spelman, 1698 ; *Alfred the Great, King of England*, by John Spelman, 1678 ; *Britannia Sancta ; or Lives of Saints*, pts. i and ii, in one vol., by Bishop Challoner, 1745.—All from the W. H. P. Greswell Collection, and given by Mr. ERNEST A. GRESWELL.

*An Encyclopaedia of Religions*, by M. A. Canney, 1921 ; *The Present State of Old English Furniture*, by R. W. Symonds, 1927 ; *English Domestic Architecture of the XVII and XVIII Centuries*, by M. Bunney, 1928 ; *Mazes and Labyrinths*, by W. H. Matthews, 1922 ; *Ancient Egyptian, Assyrian and*

*Persian Costume*, by F. S. Hornblower, 1920 ; *An Introduction to Mythology*, by Lewis Spence, 1921 ; *Archaic England*, by Harold Bayley, 1919 ; *Mediæval England* : a new edition of Barnard's *Companion to English History*, edited by H. W. C. Davis, 1924 ; *Orpheus : a General History of Religions*, by S. Reinach, 1909.—Given by Mr. I. FITZROY JONES.

*The Sherleian Odyssey*, 1938.—Given by the Author, Mr. BOIES PENROSE.

Somerset Record Society, vol. liii (1938), *Bridgwater Borough Archives, 1377-99*.—Given by Mr. A. H. WITHERS.

Map of the Parish and Manor of Wootton Courtney : scale 6 chains to an inch (Hosegood collection).—Given by Mr. T. H. ANDREW.

*Calendar of the Manuscripts belonging to the King's School, Bruton, 1297-1826*.—Given by the Editor, Mr. T. D. TREMLETT.

*Somersetshire Parishes*, by A. L. Humphreys, in 2 vols., 1906.—Given in memory of Mr. FRANK J. CLARK.

*Poachers and Poaching*, by J. Watson, F.L.S., 1891 ; *A Manual of Prayers for the use of the Scholars of Winchester College*, by Dr. Thos. Ken (Bishop of Bath and Wells).—Given by Mr. J. S. COX.

*The Black Death of 1348 and 1349*, 2nd edit., by Abbot F. A. Gasquet, 1908 ; *The Pantheon*, 16th edit., by A. Tooke, 1747.—Given by Dr. A. E. HOWSE.

*A Family of Kennedy of Clogher and Londonderry, c. 1600-1938*.—Given by the Author, Major F. M. E. KENNEDY, C.B.

*A Short Account of the Conservators of the River Tone*, by Roger Goodland, revised by C. H. Goodland, typescript, 1938.—Given by Mr. C. HAROLD GOODLAND.

*The Manor of Nunney-Delamare, Somerset*.—Given by the Author, Comdr. S. N. SMITH, R.N.

*A Short History of Our Own Times from the Accession of Queen Victoria to the General Election, 1880*, new edit., 1903, by Justin McCarthy.—Given by Lt.-Col. H. R. PHIPPS, D.S.O.

*Poundisford Park*.—*A Catalogue of Pictures and Furniture*, compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Vivian-Neal, 1939 ; *Country Life*, 20 and 27 Feb. 1926, containing Hazelbury Manor ; *A Cruising Voyage round the World, first to the South-Sea, thence to the East Indies and homewards by the Cape of Good Hope, begun in 1708*

and finished in 1711, by Capt. Woodes Rogers, 2nd edit., 1726 ; *Sale Catalogue of Contents of Burton Pynsent, Curry Rivel*, 22-24 March 1939 ; *Wells and Glastonbury Millenary, Illustrated Description of a Collection of Documents*, 1909.—Given by Mr. A. W. VIVIAN-NEAL, F.S.A.

*Tools and the Man*, by W. B. Wright, 1939.—Given by Mr. WM. WYNDHAM, F.S.A.

*The History of Taunton*, by James Savage, 1822.—Given by Miss A. BLUETT, Williton.

*The Jubilee of County Councils, 1889-1939*, with Somerset appendix.—Given by the Somerset County Council.

*Wild Flowers of Attica*, by Shirley C. Atchley.—Given by Miss D. LOWE, M.B.E.

*The Journal of Botany*, 1939.—Given by the Botanical Section.

*British Birds*, 1939 ; *Report on Somerset Birds*, 1938.—Given by the Ornithological Section.

*The Manor House, West Coker*, from *Country Life*, 14 Oct. 1922.—Given by the late Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, G.C.M.G.

*Illustrated Guide to the Church Congress and Exhibition, Bristol*, 1938 ; *A Guide to the Tarr Steps, Exmoor*, by H. D. S. Sweetapple-Horlock, 1939.—Given by Mr. H. ST. GEORGE GRAY, F.S.A.

Mate's County series,—*Somerset, Historical, Descriptive, Biographical*, early XIX Century.—Given by the Misses SULLY.

*Report, Wells Natural History and Archæological Society*, 1938.

*The Church of St. Mary, Ashill*, by A. Vivian-Neal.—From the Publishers (reprinted from S. & D.N. & Q., 1939).

*Proceedings, Bath Branch, Som. Arch. & Nat. Hist. Society*, 1938.

*Are the British 'Anglo-Saxons' or 'Celts'?*—Given by the Writer, Mr. C. L'ESTRANGE EWEN.

*Somerset Folk*, by Very Rev. Ethelbert Horne, F.S.A.—Given by the Publishers.

*Greek Testament*, Amsterdam, 1683.—Given by Mr. C. HALL-STEPHENSON.

*Sylva Sylvarum, or a Natural History in Ten Centuries*, by Francis Lord Verulam, 1670.—Given by the Executors of the late JOHN MORLAND.

*The Lesson ; After Sedgemoor ; Old Cup o'Tay ; The Competition ; and A Pottle of Brains* (playlets) ; *The Tale of a Cat and other Plays*.—Given by the Writer, Mrs. CLEMENT SALAMAN.

Entick's *New English-Latin Dictionary*, by W. Crakelt, 1814.—Given by the *Somerset County Gazette*.

*A Short Guide to St. Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol*, 2nd edit., by Comdr. W. N. Madan, R.N., 1911 ; *Wellington Church, Re-dedication Service*, 28 June 1938 ; *Wellington School, Dedication of the Memorial Chapel*, 25 May 1931.—Given by Dr. F. C. EELES.

*Kenwood Poems*, by John C. Paull, 1938.—Given by the Author.

*The Museums and Art Galleries of the British Isles*, by S. F. Markham, B.LITT., M.P., 1938 ; *Museums and the Public*, 1938 ; *25th Annl. Report, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust*, 1938.—Given by the Carnegie Trust.

*Transactions and Proceedings, Torquay Natural History Society*, vol. vii, pt. 4 (1937-38).

*The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bishops Lydeard*.—Given by the Writer, Mr. J. L. HUGHES OWENS.

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