

NOTES ON RECENT ACCESSIONS

TO THE MUSEUM

ARCHAEOLOGY

The material excavated by Mrs. Nugent Young and Miss K. Richardson from the Iron Age A site at Chinnor has been placed on permanent loan by the President and Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Bronze Palstave found at Deadman Dean, High Wycombe, presented by High Wycombe Museum.

Bronze Palstave found during excavations in railway cutting, Bacon House Wood, Buckingham, presented by Mr. G. Sikes, Water Stratford.

Latten Spoon, 16-17th century, found during excavations at Abbey Farm, Great Missenden, presented by Miss J. Williams, Great Missenden.

NUMISMATICS

Mr. Plattin of Box Tree House, Wycombe Marsh, whilst digging in his garden, unearthed an uninscribed Ancient British gold stater (Type B7 Evans). After negotiations, the Society was able to purchase it (see Plate 2).

Captain G. P. Woollerton, R.N. (Retd.), has presented, in memory of his father, the late Edwin Goodburn Woollerton, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., of Wendover, a gold stater of Tasciovanus (Type 7 (11) Evans), B.C. 15–A.D. 10, minted at Verulamium (see Plate 2).

BYGONES

About 1683, Sir William Pritchard, an alderman of the City of London and one-time Lord Mayor, built at Great Linford, six Almshouses and a School. In each of the Almshouses there was a single wooden oak-panelled canopied bed with rope mattress. These were in continuous use until about 1940. They were then sold to a dealer in Newport Pagnell, who in turn sold two of them to a person at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire. Two others went to Kent, and the subsequent disposal of the remaining two is unknown. The two in Gloucestershire were traced during this past summer by way of Great Linford, Newport Pagnell, Retford, back to Great Linford, and eventually to Moreton-in-the-Marsh. Here they had remained for the past ten years. At this stage Lady Barlow, wife of the President, on hearing of the above discovery, most generously purchased one and presented it to the Museum.

Mr. G. Eland, in his book *In Bucks*, figures one of these beds, and one is also to be seen in *Old English Household Life*, by G. Jekyll and S. R. Jones (Batsford).

Mr. C. Pursell of Mill Farm, Weston Turville, presented a very fine example of a Buckinghamshire-type long Wooden Plough.

A model of a typical 18th-century kitchen was presented by the late Miss G. Hammerton of Marlow. This model had been in the Hammerton family since 1796.

COSTUMES

Mrs. Theodora Roscoe of Chalfont St. Giles has presented a small collection of Victorian dresses.

Mrs. Frances G. Field, late of Milton Keynes Rectory, presented a collection of costumes which belonged to her husband's great-grandfather. It included a blue cloth tail-coat c. 1809, two long biscuit-coloured coaching top-coats, some buckskin breeches, a number of ladies' dresses c. 1830–35, and a gown to be worn whilst having the wig powdered.

Under the will of the late Miss K. R. Tompson, a life member of the Society, an extensive collection of books, oil-paintings, black and white lace, and a number of embroidered bedspreads, etc., has been received at the Museum.

LOANS

Mr. and Mrs. Bashall Dawson of Chalfont St. Giles have most generously placed on loan their remarkable and well-known collection of Folk-lore material. There are, in this collection, many rare examples of Treen, two very interesting ploughs, a unique crinoline dress-stand, and a large number of 19th-century kitchen utensils.

Mr. F. Bowden of Thame Park, Thame, has loaned the bed in which John Hampden traditionally slept whilst he was a boarder at Thame Grammar School; he was at this school until 1610, when, as a commoner, he went to Magdalen College, Oxford. It is a most interesting and historical piece and bears the 'handiwork' of a number of boys who slept in it, not least amongst them being Edmund Waller the poet, first cousin to John Hampden, who carved his initials and date 1617 on the central panel of the headboard. History records that he also practised this art on the door leading to the Masters' Apartments during the

previous year. Other occupants of this bed who also left their names included the two sons of the Rev. John Kipling, headmaster 1729 to 1768, and later rector of Chearsley in 1769.

The Chief Inspector of the Weights and Measures Department, Bucks. County Council, has deposited on loan a number of obsolete weights and measures.

MUSEUM NOTES

In 1930 the Society purchased a silver penny of Edward the Confessor (A.D. 1042-1066) from a coin dealer in London. Its main interest at the time was that it had been minted in Buckingham. During the periodic examination of the various collections in the Museum, this coin was examined more closely and was seen to be of a very rare type. On the obverse it shows the helmeted head of the king to left and in front sceptre pommée with the legend EDPERD REX. The reverse has a single circle and the legend LIFWINE ON BVLILN. LIFWINE is an unusual spelling of the moneyer LEOFWINE, who minted coins for Harold Harefoot and Edward the Confessor in Buckingham. This coin (see Plate 2) is similar to that shown in the B.M.C. Type V, Brookes Type V, and Hildebrand's Type E (B.C.M. 65/30, Fig. 3). *Ex* ALLEN, 1908 (22), and CARLYON-BRITTON, 1913 (595) collections.

Mrs. Mason of Quinton brought to the Museum on September 25th, 1950, a freshly hatched female specimen of *Protoparce convolvuli* (*Convolvulus Hawk Moth*) which had been found at the Post Office, Quinton. Some four or five of this unusual visitor from the Continent had been recorded in the County some weeks earlier, but this specimen was obviously one of the succeeding generation which had bred in this country.

TO THE LIBRARY

Trade Tokens of Bucks.: Manton and Hollis. This was Mr. Manton's own interleaved copy. Purchased.

Ten volumes of *Archaeologia*. Donor: Warren R. Dawson, F.S.A.

Place-Names Society (3 vols.). Donor: Sir Alan Barlow.

The Armorial Glass of the Oxford Diocese, 1250-1850. Donor: E. Clive Rouse, F.S.A.

Methuen's Little Guide to Bucks. Donor: E. Clive Rouse, F.S.A.

Fifteen vols. of *Antiquity*. Donor: F. W. Reader.

R. C. S.

TO THE MUNIMENT ROOM

COURT ROLLS of Manors of Ashley Green, Blackwell Hall, and Mordaunts in Chesham, 1355 to 1754; and of Whelpley in Chesham, 1378. Given by Lady Roundway, per Wilts Archaeological Society.

Court Rolls of Manor of Grove in Chesham, 1400 to 1468. Deposited by Mr. W. F. Lowndes, per British Records Association.

Court Rolls and Court Books of Manor of Ivinghoe, 1559 to 1720; and of Rectory of Ivinghoe, 1525 to 1528. Given by Mr. R. M. Roberts.

Court Books of Manors of Monks Risborough, 1710 to 1739, and of Princes Risborough, 1688 to 1726 and 1758 to 1774. Deposited by Messrs. Parrott & Coales, per Bucks County Council.

Court Rolls of Manor of Tickford in Newport Pagnell, 1400 to 1407; and Survey of Manors of Newport Pagnell and Great Linford, 1541. Also four early grants (1311, 1414, 1437, and 1452) to Tickford Priory, of which the first is the original General Confirmation by Edward II of all lands granted by Fulk Paganel, the founder, and others, made necessary as all the earlier grants had been destroyed by fire. Also many other documents relating to Tickford and Newport Pagnell, all being part of a valuable and interesting collection belonging to the descendants of Dr. Henry Atkins, deposited by Hertford County Record

Office. Dr. Atkins was a favourite Court Physician of Elizabeth and James I, by whom he was granted the site of the dissolved Priory and its Manor, and lands in the Manor of Newport Pagnell.

Large consignment from the collection of Mr. W. F. Lowndes, chiefly concerning the family and their estates in Winslow and Chesham, 17th to 19th centuries. The rest of this collection has been deposited, per the B.R.A., with the Public Record Office, London, Essex, Hertford, Kent, and West Sussex County Record Offices, and Bury St. Edmunds and Shrewsbury Borough Libraries.

Large collection of deeds relating to various Chesham manors and properties in Chesham and Amersham, 17th to 19th centuries. Deposited by Capt. the Hon. J. C. C. Cavendish.

One hundred and twelve deeds, Snell estate in Brill, Oakley and Piddington, 1586 to 1824, with Surveys made in 1756 and 1768. Deposited per Hertford County Record Office.

Fifty deeds, Stewkley and Wing, 17th to 18th centuries. Given by Major S. F. Markham.

Eleven early grants, 14th and 15th centuries, and 16 of later date, concerning Simpson (1), Wavendon (1), Newport Pagnell, and Hanslope. Deposited by Bedford County Record Office.

Ten documents tracing the history of a house called 'Smartes,' now 11 Aylesbury Road, Wing, from 15th century to 1752. Given by Mrs. F. Chignell, per Mr. A. V. Woodman.

Seven deeds, Litlecote in Stewkley, 1607 to 1736. Given per B.R.A.

Two Aylesbury deeds, 17th century, part of a series given previously by Mr. J. E. Broad.

Grant of Tree Warren in the Manor of Stowe to Sir Thomas Temple, 1616. Given per B.R.A.

Pedigree of the family of Bulstrode and 'The Book of Bulstrode,' two quarto vols. MSS.; compiled, bound, and given by Mr. Henry W. Bulstrode, Isle of Wight.

C. B.

THE SOCIETY

ANNUAL SUMMER EXCURSION

The Society's Annual Summer Excursion was held in beautiful weather on 20th July, 1950, when a party of members and their friends numbering about 80, visited Thornton Church, where the recently replaced Ingylton Tomb was inspected. A history of the Church and Manor, and a description of the discovery and re-erection of the tomb, were given by Major J. D. Young.

After lunch at Buckingham, the party visited Stowe, and were conducted around the Mansion, the School Chapel, and the Parish Church by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Fernihough. A visit was then paid to the very fine Church of Hillesden.

AUTUMN MEETING

The Society's Autumn Meeting was held at Amersham on 28th October, 1950, when some formal amendments were made to the Rules in order to comply with regulations made under the Scientific Society's Act of 1843.

After this formal business had been dealt with a very interesting illustrated lecture on 'Norman Architecture in Bucks,' was given by the Rev. H. Poole, F.S.A., who had for several years been studying the churches of the county and taking a series of excellent photographs of their Norman features.

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