

FIELD WORK.

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The usual week-end and vacation camps at Burrington have been held throughout the past year, and a record number of members attended the Summer Camp. A camp has also been held in the Wye Valley, a report of which is issued in this number of Proceedings. At Burrington the Hut accommodation has been greatly increased—several bunks, a kitchen, and a new tool shed being added.

At Sea Mills, during the excavation of the foundations for the new Low Level Road Bridge, gravel terraces have been found along the banks of the rivers Avon and Trym some twenty feet above high water mark. A possible palæolithic chert implement has been found here.

Excavation has been carried out in Goatchurch Swallet with a view to finding a new system of caves. As yet, however, entrance has not been gained, so operations will be continued in the Summer when the stream is smaller.

Photography has been carried out in the upper reaches of Swildon's Hole, but not in the lower, the 40-ft. waterfall being impassable.

An expedition was made to the Castle of Comfort, Priddy, when the ramparts and the Roman Road marked on the Ordnance Survey Map were examined. Their characters have been noted.

The Roman Road in the neighbourhood of Tynning's Farm has also been examined, and it has been suggested that excavations should be carried out to ascertain the exact course of the road, which is sunken, and exceedingly straight. It connected Brean Down with Charterhouse.

Bone Hole, Black Rock, has been visited. This was probably used as a Palæolithic dwelling, but the top layers were found ransacked.

A rift in Uphill Quarry has been examined and seems originally to have been a sea cave.

A party visited the Broom Pits, near Axminster, whence they returned with some very fine Palæoliths, some rough weapons and

a fragment of ivory. A small point, three smaller specimens of coups-de-poing from a depth of 30—40 feet, and a large rolled implement from a pit above the Ballast Pits were also recovered. Most of the specimens came from a bed of sand and gravel below the large chert nodules. The finest specimen was an Acheulean coup-de-poing with fine chipping.

A Chellean point and rolled hand axes were purchased; the latter came from a great depth in the Broom Pits.

At the time of writing excavations are being carried out at Slaughterford, near Chippenham, in a series of rifts discovered by Capt. St. Barbe. Human remains, a few flints and some pottery have been discovered. A report however will be issued in the next number of Proceedings, when it is expected that the work will be finished.
