

## Report for the Years 1929-1931

Throughout this period the Society has continued its excavations on the Mendips and elsewhere. The results attending its efforts have been as good as in previous years. Following the policy set by the Society two or three years ago, not to publish inconclusive *interim* reports, the publication of the results of the major work undertaken must await the next issue. The cave investigations have been subdued during the last year, pending the completion of surface work already undertaken.

### MENDIP REGION.

Excavations have been made to determine the nature of an earthwork called Gorsey Bigbury (U.B.S.S. *Proc.*, Vol. III, p. 35). This is situated to the south of Blackdown. The results are not yet ready for publication.

At Tynning's Farm, the North and South Barrows have proved the main offensive for the Society's onslaught during the past year. The work has been carried out under the direction of Dr. H. Taylor, each barrow being wholly removed, bed-rock exposed throughout its extent, and rebuilt. In order that investigations might be complete, excavations on the North Barrow have been extended 35 feet beyond the periphery of the barrow. The barrow proved to be bipartite. Beneath the original earthen mound were three cysts quarried in the rock. One, roofed by a roughly corbelled vault, contained the primary burial, which was by cremation, three pygmy cups (types 4 and 5, Abercrombie), and other objects. The paste and decoration of the imperforate cup are beaker-like, the others are in the normal ware. During the early stages of the barrow-building flint implements debris and a few potsherds seem to have been scattered over the middle third of the site. They include polished flint, pygmy tools, tranchets, and all the usual surface types, excepting arrowheads, and a fragment of a narrow overhanging rim, such as is found upon the earlier Type I cinerary urns and some food-vessels.

The secondary part consisted of a cap of stones, associated with a cremated burial, which was contained in a finger-printed biconical urn, and placed in a small pit in the original barrow. A similar urn containing another cremated interment was buried after the addition of the stone cap. Sherds of many vessels in a ceramic of Hallstatt affinities were scattered around each of these.

Some 680 pieces of flint and 650 of pottery, apart from the cinerary vessels, have been obtained from the tumulus. A report will appear in the next number of the Society's *Proceedings*.

At Sun Hole excavations are temporarily held up until it is possible to get rid of the accumulated spoil of previous working parties.

Excavations at Aveline's Hole have progressed slowly, and have been confined almost entirely to the exterior of the cave.

#### WYE VALLEY.

The work at King Arthur's Cave has been completed, and it is hoped that the report on the animal remains will be completed in time to publish the final report in the next number of *Proceedings*. A survey of the district has been undertaken with a view to future work.

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