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Other Invertebrates

Over the past few years an attempt has been made to build up collections of invertebrates, in particular the woodlice, centipedes and millipedes, and examples of most of the common and some of the rare species are now in the collection. The Museum also has small collections of brachiopods and corals, as well as some of the smaller lesser known groups of invertebrates.

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THE HERBARIUM AT AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE, YORK

This collection was passed on to me when I took over the Department a few years ago but apart from immediate first aid (removing a nest of mice) it is only recently that I have been able to put in some elementary curating. All specimens have been catalogued using Clapham et al. and arranged accordingly. Many of the older specimens have deteriorated considerably but they have been retained together with their data. Unfortunately there are a number of specimens lacking any data.

The main collection consists of 1,570 specimens of Pteridophyta, Gymnospermae, and Angiospermae. This collection can be divided into three main groups:

Collection made in 1835/36 probably by two collectors as yet unidentified (I may be able to trace one in time). Most of these have localities and in some cases more ecological data. It is going to be some time however before detailed localities can be traced since often local names of areas are used.

Collection made by Rev. Fr. Damian Webb, OSB from Oxford (mainly field trips) and from North Yorks. 1942

Collection made by Rev. Fr. Aidan Gilman OSB from Oxford, Suffolk, North Yorks, and Scotland. 1952

The remainder of the main collection is either local to Ampleforth or the results of various field trips from the College. In addition some material collected by myself. There are also some specimens collected in the Hereford area about 1870. These may have been collected by the same as the 1836 specimens. If this is so it should be possible to trace him. At that time the English Benedictine Congregation had a common noviciate at Belmont, and some of the senior priests from Ampleforth spent time down there.

In addition to the main collection there is a collection of 384 Alpine plants, collector unknown; a few species of plants from Gulmarg, Kashmir collected by myself in 1944; and a collection of about 100 specimens of Bryophyta as yet very roughly sorted.

There are certainly some interesting specimens such as Cypripedium calceolus from Eden Dene 1884- and one Gramineae labelled Stipa pennata 1835 from Garrow Hill. The latter I believe recorded about that time in the North of England, although as yet it has not proved possible to trace Garrow Hill.

The collection is obviously worth retaining and curating to the best of my ability. (I am a zoologist and not a systemic botanist so cannot claim to be able to check much of the taxonomy). We are not a public museum, but I have the College authority to show the collection to anyone seriously interested and would be delighted to do so for anyone who made an appointment. Moreover in time we hope to be able to relate the localities more accurately and eventually duplicate the catalogue with this information so that some records could be more easily consulted.

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JOB CREATION AND BIOLOGICAL RECORDS AT CLIFTON PARK  
MUSEUM, ROTHERHAM

The collection of information concerning the wildlife of the