

Old Curiosity Shop,
Market Place,
Poole,
Dorset.

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Sir

Mr. Wm Carter has kindly
favoured me with your address.

When living at Wareham I
had a small Museum of my own,
and often lent articles to Bazaar's
for Charitable purposes, as the Photo
of newspaper account which I enclose
will prove, and the late G. H. Bond
Esq. was about to purchase my Curios
to give it to the town of Wareham,
as a nucleus for a Museum, but
he died, when through a sad
reverse of fortune I brought
my Curios to Poole to sell.
I have a few left, and as

I am too old now to collect I
wish to sell the few I have
left. The Spanish painting of
Sappho ^{Photo enclosed} is a beautifully soft
oil painting on the glass,
which was taken by Napoleons
Generals from a Convent in Spain
and was re-taken by a Major
in our Army, to whose wife my
Mother was travelling companion,
who left it with another Spanish
painting to my Mother at her
death, and there cannot be
a more genuine relic of
Napoleon, than the glass, which
was in all his Campaigns in
his tent, and in his cabin

on board the "Bellerophon",
where my Father, for some little
service got it from the Emperor,
Many have said it ought to
be in some Public Museum,
My Father valued the glass
above anything in his house,
I can recollect it all my life,
and am now in my seventy
ninth year.

I have sold some spe-
cimens of Geology to "Mansell
Pleydell Esq" and have a few
left, The small looking glass
has a large **V** the old Roman
letter the French were so fond of
using formerly.

I am Sir
Yours Faithfully
Robt Anderson.

WAREHAM.
BAZAAR IN AID OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH
RESTORATION FUND.

In addition to the bazaar proper, there was a loan collection of curiosities, arranged in the Court-room upstairs, for admission to which a small extra fee was charged. Here were to be seen many objects of great interest, lent for the occasion by gentlemen of the neighbourhood. Mr. J. B. Best had on view a very valuable case of rare good and silver coins ranging from the time of Elizabeth down to the present century. The same gentleman lent an interesting collection of lead and copper ores from Cornish mines. A curious old musical instrument, called a "serpent," formerly used in Wareham Church, was loaned by Mr. Skewes, and attracted a considerable amount of attention. Mr. R. Hutchings lent a very interesting assortment of articles, including a gold watch, set in diamonds and pearls, which was formerly the property of the Empress Josephine, and was taken from Napoleon's carriage after the battle of Waterloo. Miss Bartlett sent some peculiar snuff-boxes, a collection of coins, &c. Among the exhibits by the Rev. H. P. Stokes was the collection of medals and orders belonging to General Pennefather. A very interesting case of Indian figures was lent by Mr. Langlin, of Dorchester. Mr. Anderson had on view a large assortment of articles, including Napoleon's looking-glass, inkstand, and candlestick; a glass taken by Napoleon from a convent in Spain, in 1809; a case of old knives and forks; a Spanish painting, and other objects of interest. Mr. J. S. Drew and Mr. A. S. Drew lent what was certainly one of the most interesting contributions, viz., a valuable collection of Roman coins and local tokens, the latter including specimens from Dorchester, Bridport, Wareham, Wimborne, and other Dorset towns.

The patrons of the bazaar, many of whom were present at the opening ceremony, were:—The Countess of Eldon, Lady Caroline Calcraft, Lady Selina Bond, Mrs. Furrey, Mrs. Pyle, Mrs. Hawkesworth, Mrs. Bartley, Mrs. Mansel (Medmore), Mrs. Rodgett, Mrs. R. Rodgett, Mrs. Frederick de la Roche, Mrs. Webster, Mr. Montague Guest, M.P., Mr. M. Calcraft, Mr. G. H. Bond, Rev. H. P. Stokes (Rector), Mr. F. Filliter (Recorder), and Mr. J. H. Webster

Mayor

