

President's Office.



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Dear Colonel Bovey:

Sir Bertram Windle, formerly President of Cork, and before that Dean of and Professor of Anatomy in the medical school of the University of Birmingham, has been, as you are probably aware, for five or six years lecturer in St. Michael's and our special lecturer in Ethnology. Owing to illness he will no longer be able to act in these positions, much to our regret. He is now disposing of a collection of specimens that he has acquired over a period of many years. In the University we should have been glad to purchase them from him for our museum were it not that the museum already possesses most of the specimens, and it would not be fair for us to pick out the few of which we have no examples and perhaps spoil the collection as a whole. Our Professor MacIlwraith, who is in charge of Ethnology, has gone over the collection carefully and can recommend it unreservedly. Its contents and character are as follows: Seventy-five specimens, acquired with discrimination over a long period of years. It contains European Palaeolithic, Neolithic, and Bronze Age tools and weapons, including the most important types, several of which come from the original sites from which the industry has been named. Especially fine are an English celt with expanded cutting surface, a Neolithic Danish axe, a dagger of the same age from the same area, and a perforated stone axe from Sweden. In addition there are three interesting eoliths, and a few Roman objects.

The price that Sir Bertram Windle has been putting upon it is \$250, which Professor MacIlwraith thinks is not unreasonable.

I am writing to you just on the chance that you might wish to