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LOAN EXHIBITION

Turner House, Penarth

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Local Art Treasures
16TH-20TH CENTURIES

CATALOGUE

PREFACE

AS part of its contribution to the Festival of Britain, the National Museum of Wales has organised in the Turner House, Penarth, this Loan Exhibition of Local Art Treasures. As the title shows, the exhibits range in time from the sixteenth century to the present day. They include furniture, pictures, sculpture, ceramics and glass.

The exhibition has been formed of works of art drawn from the collections, or more simply the homes, of residents in Penarth and the neighbouring district. From a small area it has not, of course, been possible to arrange an exhibition which shows in any completeness the many changes in style, fashion and material which have occurred in the fine and applied arts during the last four centuries. It has been found, however, that a sufficient variety was available to make some chronological arrangement possible, and the exhibits are therefore shown in this way.

The Turner House has now been re-opened for one year. During this time some of its own original treasures have been shown in it, and it has also housed a number of important private loans, and loan exhibitions. Attendance-figures have shown that the interest it has aroused during this year from the residents of Penarth and district has been remarkable. Even more convincing proof of public support is the response to the project of this exhibition. The Council of the Museum acknowledges with gratitude its indebtedness to the lenders of the works of art here exhibited, who have most generously deprived themselves of their treasures, and in many cases of their own home comforts, for a period of several months. A List of Lenders will be found on page 3.

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Director.

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