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Mr. AKERMAN announces an interesting sequel to his "Remains of Pagan Saxondom," recently completed. It will be entitled "Reliques of the Celtic, Romano-British, and Anglo-Saxon Periods," and is destined to comprise some of the choicest examples of ancient art of the three periods, selected from various public and private collections. The whole will be issued in 4to parts, at 2s. 6d. each, containing carefully coloured plates accompanied by letter-press descriptions. Subscribers are requested to send their names to Mr. J. Russell Smith, Soho-square.

The exquisite reproductions of carvings in ivory, frequently exhibited at meetings of the Institute by Mr. Alexander Nesbitt, have aroused no slight interest in the examples of ancient art, of that class. We invited the attention of our readers on a former occasion to the advantageous arrangement through which these exquisite facsimiles in "Fictile Ivory" may be obtained from the Arundel Society. A catalogue has been recently published by the Society, comprising much important and critical information, and more especially in the valuable Dissertation on art, as exemplified by sculptures in ivory, contributed by Mr. Digby Wyatt.

The precious collection of ivories, heretofore known as the Fejérváry Collection, is known to many of our readers, especially as having been exhibited in the Museum of the Institute at the Shrewsbury Meeting. The spirited archaeologist, Mr. Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., of Liverpool, in whose museum these treasures of ancient art are now preserved, and to whose kind liberality we were indebted for their production at Shrewsbury, has prepared an interesting catalogue of the collection. It is accompanied by an essay on antique ivories, with detailed notices of consular diptychs, which range from the IIIrd to the VIth centuries, by M. Francis Pulszky.

Mr. RICHARD SIMS, compiler of the "Index to all the Pedigrees and arms in the Heraldic Visitations and other Genealogical MSS. in the British Museum," as also of the useful Handbook to the Library of that Institution, announces for immediate publication (by subscription) a Manual for the Genealogist, Topographer, and all who are engaged in antiquarian researches. It will comprise information regarding the depositories of public records, parochial and other registers, wills, heraldic collections in various public libraries, with lists of monastic cartularies, of county and family histories, and general notices of the chief sources of information, of the greatest utility in various researches to which the attention of many of our readers is devoted. Those persons who desire to encourage this useful undertaking, may address the author, 12 Grafton-street East, London University.

The Rev. J. JORDAN, Vicar of Enstone, Oxfordshire, proposes to publish (by subscription) a Parochial History of that Parish, with memorials of certain families of note anciently settled there, its connection with Winchcombe Abbey, with other particulars of interest to the general reader.

We hope on a future occasion to notice several recent publications by societies in various parts of England. The Surrey Archaeological Society has produced the first fasciculus of their Transactions, to which we invited attention in the last number of this Journal. The annual meeting has been lately held successfully at Croydon, and a very interesting assemblage of local antiquities was produced on that occasion. The Essex Archaeological Society has published the first instalment of their Proceedings, comprising an Inaugural Lecture by Professor Marsden; Memoirs on Roman remains discovered at Chelmsford, Colchester, and Coggeshall; on the Roman Sepulture of infants, and the singular usage of depositing their remains in the *suggrundaria*—under the eaves; this curious subject has been here brought before the society by their President, the Hon. Richard Neville, to whose indefatigable research we have frequently been indebted for valuable information regarding the sepulchral usages of the earlier periods. Mr. Ashurst Majendie has contributed notes on Hedingham Castle and the De Vere family, and amongst the illustrations will be found two elaborate woodcuts, representing very successfully the delicately sculptured details of the tomb of John, Earl of Oxford, in Castle Hedingham Church. The fine memorial of this earl, who died in 1539, was brought formerly under our notice through the kindness of Mr. Majendie, who exhibited at our meetings the beautiful drawings prepared by his direction. Amongst other subjects of interest, the Proceedings comprise remarks on the Round Church of Little Maplestead, by Mr. Buckler; on the recently discovered sepulchral brass at Bowers Gifford Church, by Mr. H. W. King (noticed in this Journal, p. 193, *ante*); on mural paintings at East Ham, &c. A representation of a remarkable urn of Castor ware, found at Colchester, is given by the Rev. B. Lodge. It bears inscriptions, with figures of gladiators engaged in combat, and subjects of the chase.

It may be interesting to many readers, who visited the church of Battlefield on the occasion of the generous hospitality with which the Society was welcomed by Mr. Corbett at Haughmond Abbey, during the meeting of the Institute at Shrewsbury, and saw with regret its ruinous condition, that an effort has been made for the conservation of that highly interesting memorial. The funds available for the purpose are inadequate, and any contributions in aid of the undertaking will be received with gratification.

We would invite the attention of members of our Society to the publication, by Mr. J. Russell Smith, of a Memorial of the Transactions at the Chichester Meeting, accompanied by a Catalogue of the temporary Museum, which has been prepared with considerable care and detail, in accordance with the frequent wish of our members, that a permanent record should be preserved of the instructive collections brought together at our annual meetings. The volume may be obtained through any bookseller.

The Annual Meeting of the CAMBRIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION will commence, at Welshpool, on August 18, and will continue throughout the week.

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WE are specially desirous to invite attention to the important work announced for immediate publication by Mr. J. M. KEMBLE, entitled—"Horæ Ferales; or studies in the Archæology of the Northern Nations." The aim proposed is to supply the means of comparison between the principal types of objects of Archæological interest, from different ages and different parts of the world. The illustrations (thirty plates, of which twenty coloured) will represent the most remarkable antiquities in the principal Museums of Northern Europe. The introductory letter-press will contain the author's complete "System of Northern Archæology." The work will be published (by subscription) by Mr. Lovell Reeve, 5, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden; price, to subscribers, 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

Dr. DUNCAN MCPHERSON, late Inspector of Hospitals in the Turkish Contingent, had prosecuted during the recent occupation of Kerteh by the allied forces, some important investigations of the tombs of various periods near that place. Dr. McPherson gave a discourse at the Edinburgh Meeting on the curious reliques lately disinterred, and which he has generously presented to the British Museum. He proposes to produce (by subscription) a detailed account of his discoveries, accompanied by ten coloured plates, displaying fictile and bronze vessels, lamps, gold ornaments, and a very remarkable collection of bronze fibulæ, &c., of high interest on account of their close resemblance to those found in Anglo-Saxon graves. Subscribers' names are received at the Office of the Institute.

The Rev. J. C. CUMMING, of Lichfield, author of the "Isle of Man, its History, Physical, Ecclesiastical, Civil, and Legendary," proposes to publish (by subscription) two works in further illustration of the History and Antiquities of that Island. One of these will be entitled, "The Story of Rushen Castle and Abbey," the other will comprise representations of the sculptured monuments, crosses and Runic inscriptions existing in the Isle of Man. The latter volume will be in quarto, uniform with Mr. Graham's "Antiquities of Iona," and will contain about sixty plates. Subscribers are requested to send their names to the Author, or to Mr. Lomax, bookseller, Lichfield.

Mr. J. T. BLIGHT, of Penzance, who has recently produced a volume entitled "Ancient Crosses and other Antiquities, in the West of Cornwall," (London: Simpkin and Marshall,) comprising upwards of seventy representations of sculptured crosses, of cromlechs, and other ancient remains, proposes to produce (by subscription) a similar work on the Crosses, &c., of the Northern parts of Cornwall. Subscribers are requested to forward their names to the author.

Mr. G. GOLDIE, of Sheffield, has announced for publication, in twenty numbers, Royal quarto, select examples of the Mediæval Architecture and Arts of Italy. A list of the subjects, amongst which are some of the best Italian examples of architectural composition, metal-work, sculpture, painted glass, mural and other decorations, may be obtained from the author, or from Messrs. Bell and Daldy, the Publishers.

practised in the south-east of Europe at a remote period, and that it does even yet exist in some parts of France, we think sufficient evidence of the existence of the custom in Britain has not yet been adduced; most of the anomalies apparent in the heads discovered in this country, having been obviously caused by posthumous conditions, numerous examples of which we have seen.

It only remains to be said, that this first decade is sumptuously printed upon imperial quarto paper, to afford space for full-size representations of the skull. It contains ten lithographic plates of heads—Celtic, Roman, and Saxon, drawn upon the stones from the originals themselves, without the intervention of any copy, by Mr. Ford, who is eminent among the anatomical artists in lithography. Two large plates, and numerous well executed wood engravings of accessories, illustrate the letter-press descriptions which accompany the skulls, serving to record the circumstances of their discovery, and point out the characteristics of each specimen. The beauty and fidelity of the engravings are beyond all praise. In conclusion, we cordially recommend the "*Crania Britannica*" to every lover of his country's antiquities, as a work of national importance.

THOMAS BATEMAN.

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It is proposed to combine with the great Exhibition of ART TREASURES to be opened in Manchester in May next, an extensive Series of Antiquities, from the earliest periods, with the object of illustrating, in as instructive a form as possible, the Manners and Arts of bygone times. The progressive development of manufactures, from the rudest Celtic period, through the exquisite productions of the various Arts of the Middle Ages, will be displayed to an extent, which must render these collections highly interesting to the Archaeologist, and of great practical advantage to the manufacturer. Mr. J. M. Kemble, it is understood, has been requested to undertake the arrangement of the Celtic and Anglo-Saxon department, with which he is so eminently conversant. The Society of Antiquaries of London, with several kindred institutions, have cordially pledged their co-operation, and tendered the loan of antiquities from their museums. Colonel Meyrick, of Goodrich Court, the Earl of Warwick, Lord Hastings, Sir A. Rothschild, Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. Stirling, M.P., Mr. Wylie, Rev. Walter Sneyd, Mr. Joseph Mayer, Mr. Hailstone, and other owners of valuable private collections, have placed them at the disposal of the Executive Committee. All antiquaries must cordially sympathise in such an undertaking, and those who may possess choice antiquities available for the occasion, should forthwith communicate with J. B. Waring, Esq., Superintendent of the Archaeological Collection, or George Scharf, Esq., jun., 100, Mosley-street, Manchester.

MR. J. W. PAPWORTH is about to publish his long desired "*Ordinary*," comprising about 50,000 coats, ancient and modern. It is the converse of Burke's "*Armoury*," and enables the inquirer readily to ascertain the family to whom any given coat belongs. A simple and very ingenious plan will be found to present perfect facility of reference by means of the alphabetical arrangement of the *arms*. The work is quite ready for press. A peculiar and convenient mode of publication is proposed, in parts; the issue will commence as soon as sufficient subscribers are obtained. His address is, 14 A, Great Marlborough Street.