

workmanship. In the crystal two cylindrical cavities, about half an inch in diameter, have been hollowed out, to contain the holy oil and chrism used in baptism. The lid is decorated, in four compartments, with the initials H and K united by a true-love knot tasseled, as on the armour of Henry VIII. in the Tower Armoury, and in sculptured ornaments at Hampton Court. Mr. Morgan is of opinion that this beautiful object may have been part of the appliances of the Royal Chapel, and have been used for baptisms of the children of Henry VIII. and Katharine of Arragon. Being intended for the rite of baptism only, the third receptacle, namely that for the oil used for the sick, as usually found in a chrismatory, is here wanting. It must, however, be noticed, that no symbol whatever or ornament of a sacred nature occurs in the decoration of this charming example of cinque-cento taste.

By Mr. J. PIGGOT, Jun., F.S.A.—The head of a pastoral staff, sculptured in ivory; date, probably the seventeenth century, copied from an earlier work.

By Mr. HENDERSON, F.S.A.—A writing standish, made from the mulberry tree planted by Shakespeare at Stratford-on-Avon. It was presented by order of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses to Mr. Henderson's maternal grandfather, George Keate, on occasion of the Jubilee, May 3, 1769. Mr. Keate, well-known by his poetical and literary performances, was the companion of Garrick at that festival.

By Mr. WALTER H. TREGELLAS.—The seal of Sir Walter Bluet, a brass matrix lately found in excavations in Westminster. It is of circular form, diameter rather over an inch, the device being, within a very elegantly fashioned panel enriched with pierced tracery, a small escutcheon placed aslant (*en cantiel*) and charged with the following bearing,—on a bend cotised three sex-foils pierced. The escutcheon is ensigned with a helm and mantlings, the crest being the head of a griffin ducally gorged, resembling that borne by the Despensers. The legend, in black letter, is as follows,—S': WALTERI BLUWET: MILIT'. The bearing on this beautiful seal, the design of which resembles that of several examples of the time of Richard II., differs wholly from that ascribed to the various families of the name, in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Hants, Gloucestershire, &c. In the Roll of Arms, of the reign of Edward II., edited by the late Sir Harris Nicolas, p. 78, occurs, under Gloucestershire, "Sire Walter Bluet, de or ā un cheveron e iij. egles de vert." It has been suggested, with some probability, that the bearing on the seal may have been a "canting coat," the flowers being intended to represent the blue corn-flower, callen in French *bluet*. Rymer has printed letters of protection, dated June 14, 1369, granted by Edward III. to Sir Walter Bluet and others, going abroad on the king's service.

### Archaeological Intelligence.

THE Annual Meeting of the Cambrian Archaeological Association will be held at Holyhead, commencing on August 15, under the presidency of the Ven. Archdeacon Wynne Jones. The ample variety of subjects of antiquarian investigation in Anglesey, of which some remarkable examples have lately been brought before the Institute, will present more than ordinary attractions. Full information regarding the arrangements may be obtained from the Rev. E. L. Barnwell, Melksham.

The congress of the British Archæological Association will be held at Hereford, in the first week of September. Mr. Wren Hoskyns will preside.

Announcement has been made of special meetings of the Ethnological Society during the following season. At the meeting on June 1, to take place at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall Yard, Mr. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., will give a Report on the Prehistoric Antiquities of Dartmoor. On June 7, a discourse will be delivered at the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn Street, by the President, Prof. Huxley, LL.D., F.R.S., on the Geographical Distribution of the chief modifications of Mankind. On June 21, Mr. David Forbes, F.R.S., will discourse at the United Service Institution, on the Aymara Indians of Bolivia and Peru. The first volume of a new series of the Journal of the Society has recently been issued, containing amongst numerous subjects of Ethnological interest, a memoir by Col. Lane Fox, on Flint Implements from Oxfordshire and the Isle of Thanet; an account of Stone Implements from the Cape, by Sir John Lubbock, Bart.; and a valuable paper on Prehistoric Archæology of India, by Col. Meadows Taylor. The Journal may be obtained, through any bookseller, from Messrs. Triübner, Paternoster Row.

It is with special satisfaction that we announce the completion of the "Guide to Prehistoric Archæology, as illustrated by the Collection in the Blackmore Museum, Salisbury," and also the more compendious Synopsis for general Visitors. These works have been prepared with great care by the Hon. Curator, Mr. E. T. Stevens, in accordance with the request of the generous founder of the Collection. They were essential to the fulfilment of his purpose in supplying so important a means of public instruction, accessible, free of charge, during a great portion of each week. The first-mentioned volume (600 pages, 8vo., with numerous illustrations) comprises a mass of valuable information well combined and presented in a manner that will render it highly acceptable, not less as a manual of reference to those conversant with the science, than as a guide to the uninitiated student. The two publications to which we desire to invite special attention are to be obtained, in London from Messrs. Bell and Daldy, and from Messrs. Brown and Co. at Salisbury.

A "Compendious History of Sussex" is announced as in forward preparation by Mr. Mark Antony Lower, well known, amongst other literary labors, as a contributor to the Archæological Collections produced by the local Society, formed in 1846 under the auspices of our lamented friend, Mr. Blaauw. The amount of topographical information, relating to the county, accumulated since the publication of the rare and costly volumes by Dallaway and Cartwright, and the general History of Sussex by Horsfield, is very great. The proposed contribution by Mr. Lower cannot fail to be extensively acceptable, especially as it will include an index of the first 20 volumes of the "Sussex Archæological Collections," with which it will range, forming 2 vols. 8vo. Mr. Lower will thankfully receive any information addressed to him at Seaford.

In the report of the Annual Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds the remarks of the Rev. F. R. Chapman, then Vicar of St. James' Church (now Archdeacon of Sudbury), at the opening meeting (vol. xxvi. p. 368), are referred to on p. 393 as applying to the late restoration of that church. This, we are informed, is an error; they being intended only to have relation to the clergy generally.

co. Tyrone, and supplies a very remarkable specimen of the class of "Food-vessels," with a groove and perforated ears, that seem adapted as a means of transport or of suspension.



Urn found in a cist, Mackrackens, co. Tyrone. Height 5 inches, circumference 20 inches.

### Archaeological Intelligence.

The arrangements for the Meeting of the Institute at Cardiff next year under the presidency of the Marquis of Bute are in forward progress. From Cardiff some of the most remarkable and interesting antiquities of South Wales can be conveniently reached: the castles of Cardiff, Chepstow, Caldecot, Raglan, Caerphilly, and Morlaix are types of mediæval military architecture; the grand ruins of Tintern, Ewenny, and Neath Abbeys present features of striking interest; while in Caerleon and Caerwent, the *Isca Silurum* and *Venta Silurum* of the Romans, may be seen many remarkable evidences of the importance and high rank of those positions under the sway of that great people. Several excellent and characteristic specimens of ecclesiastical and domestic architecture will also be well within reach of the visitors at the Cardiff meeting. The cathedral of Llandaff, full of points of interest, is about a mile and a half from Cardiff, while the churches of Llantwit, St. Donat's, Chepstow, and Magor, present very noticeable and varied features; and at several of the places named, good specimens of domestic architecture may be seen.

Many of the localities here indicated afford, in the events which have made them famous, excellent materials for memoirs or essays, and

especially the incidents connected with the first Norman occupation of the land of Morgan. These, it is hoped, will not be wanting to add to the interest of the meeting. A temporary museum will be formed, for which objects in any way illustrating the history and antiquities of the district are requested to be contributed. It may be added that public accommodation for the purposes of the meeting has been very liberally promised by the Corporation of Cardiff, and that hotels and other conveniences for visitors are ample and good.

The direction of the excavations in Rome has been given to Signor Rosa, and 300,000 francs and 200 workmen allotted to the work. A general plan has been arranged, and a commencement is to be made with the Forum Romanum, after which the Palatine, the Forum of Augustus, &c. At San Clemente a Mithreum has been discovered at the side of the apse of the Basilica of Constantine. It is probably of the time of Julian. The mosaic roof is in imitation of a cavern. The *altare* is there, the sacred stone (*cos*), an *ara* with the usual mystic bas-relief, a statue of Mithras, the niches for the Genii, the division set apart for the initiated, &c. Near Genzano the remains of the Templum Nemorense of Diana with many inscriptions have been discovered, one of which contains the whole inventory of the objects of the sacristy—a most interesting document.

We understand that the publication of the late Mr. Papworth's "Ordinary of British Armorial," which was suspended by a long and painful illness, is about to be resumed upon different terms under a competent editor, and that the new terms of publication will be such, that even those subscribers who discontinued their subscriptions early, will be able to obtain the remainder of the work at a reasonable price.

A new and compendious History of the County of Sussex is announced for immediate publication by Mr. Mark Antony Lower, F.S.A., whose frequent contributions to the history and archæology of that important county, especially in connexion with the Sussex Archæological Society and its periodical congresses, are familiar to all who take interest in English topography. The proposed comprehensive book of reference will form two volumes, ranging in size with the Transactions of the local society, and comprising an index of reference to the first twenty volumes of that valuable series; this feature of the work cannot fail to render it of great utility to the members, and also to all who may have occasion to consult the copious mass of precious materials brought together through the well-sustained efforts of our lamented friend Mr. Blaauw and his efficient coadjutors, amongst whom Mr. Lower has for many years taken a very active part. Subscribers are requested to forward their addresses to the author, Pelham Place, Seaford, or to Mr. G. P. Bacon, the publisher, Lewes. The subscription price will be twenty-five shillings.

The Rev. E. H. Knowles, Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, proposes to publish an account of Kenilworth Castle, with about twenty-four photographs and numerous other illustrations. This work will give a description of the interesting results of excavations carried out by direction of the late Earl of Clarendon. The price (to subscribers) will not exceed a guinea and a half.