APPENDIX.

With a view to point out the actual State of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, it may be proper to add as an appendix to this volume,

The proceedings of the Society during last Session, as reported in the 13th Number of the Edinburgh Philosophical Journal, Art. 32.

The following papers have been read before this Society in the course of the winter 1821 and 1822:—

1. Illustrations of the Manorial Tenures and Customs of the north of England in the fifteenth century, derived from original documents, and communicated by Dr Hibbert.
2. A detailed Report on the state of the Communications and other writings in the repositories of the Society,—by John Dillon, Esq. Sec.
3. An account of some Sculptured Stones in the north of Scotland,—by Professor Stuart of Aberdeen.
5. An account of some Antiquities in the island of Milo in Greece,—by Captain J. D. Boswell, R. N.
6. An account of an ancient Axe of pure copper found at a great depth in Ratho Bog, county of Mid Lothian,—by Dr Brewster.
7. An account of some Warlike Weapons from the remotest district of Nepal,—by Dr Borthwick.
8. An account of some Monumental Tumuli at Largs,—by John Smith, Esq.
10. Some Letters regarding the Porteous Mob,—communicated by Robert Johnston, Esq.
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11. Account of an ancient Tomb lately discovered in Kincardineshire, supposed to be that of Malcolm I. of Scotland,—by Professor Stuart of Aberdeen.

12. Catalogue of the Manuscripts and Books belonging to the Franciscan Friars of Aberdeen,—by ditto.

13. Account of the ancient Tomb in the Abbey Church of Paisley called Queen Blearry,—by the Reverend Dr Boog of Paisley.

14. Account of some Runic Inscriptions in the Isle of Man, and a Monument of that kind from Norway now placed on the Castle Hill of Edinburgh,—by John Dillon, Esq. and the Rev. Dr Jamieson.

The Society received the following donations to their Museum:

Presented by Godfrey Meynell, Esq.—

Two Roman urns, and specimens of pottery from Little Chester, near Derby, the ancient Derventio.

A Roman key of brass or copper.

A ring or fibula.

A celt or chip-axe, found at Aldborough, Yorkshire.

A Roman spoon and ligula, of which a plate and account is given in Dean Batteley's Antiquitates Rupinae; part of a comb found near a skeleton at Little Chester.

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Presented by **Thomas Stivright, Esq.**, the Head of a Roman Battle-axe.

Presented by **Sir Walter Scott, Bart.**, 12 ancient Coins found on the Castle Hill of Jedburgh.

Presented by **Sir George Stuart Mackenzie, Bart.**, some remains found in the grave of a Bishop of Ross, lately opened at Fortrose.

Presented by—**Pitcairne, Esq.**, a reprint of the "Battayle of Flodden Felde, or Branstone Moor."

We are happy to observe, by the foregoing list of contributions, that the Museum of this Society is so much on the increase. The deficiency in public collections connected with the various pursuits of science and history has long been a matter of regret to ourselves, and of surprise to strangers. That most important branch, natural history, of which, till within these very few years, no public collection whatever existed, is now in progress, and likely to become highly creditable to the scientific character of this city, as well as supplying an invaluable source of information to the student. We could wish that this collection of subjects of antiquity, of which a very respectable foundation is laid, were more generally an object of encouragement, so as to constitute a common receptacle for objects of this description; when collected together, they supply a very valuable record of ancient manners and history, offering facilities to antiquarian research, which is quite unavailable while they remain scattered and neglected in the hands of individuals, as well as inaccessible to persons engaged in such inquiries. We understand that the collection of Coins in the progress of formation by this Society, though as yet far from complete, is considerably advanced. The importance of ancient coins, and the particular circumstances under which they may be found, are only valuable when collected into a series, as evidences of ancient history.

Where the national antiquities of a country are so much a subject of interest with every one in Scotland, we should expect that a Museum, particularly and exclusively devoted to the collection and preservation of such objects, and depending for its increase upon contributions alone, would attract more generally than seems to have been the case, the favour of those who may have it in their power to add to the collection. The Museum had no doubt for some years been allowed to fall into a state of neglect, as happened with the Natural History Collection of the College. This last has now risen into splendour from its ashes; and as the Museum of the Antiquaries has been recently arranged, and put upon such a footing, that due regard and advantage is taken of what ever is sent to the Collection, we hope soon to see it assume the important station it ought to hold as a public collection of Antiquities relative to Scotland.

The collection of coins alluded to in the foregoing report amounts already to about 4500 in number, of which many are very valuable. The number of donors of coins alone, according to the Society's record, amounts to 380. The collection is at present in progress of arrangement by a member of the Society, from whose last report on that subject we subjoin the following extracts, with a view to point out to the public the deficiencies in the series of Scottish coins, (the only part of which the catalogue is yet completed,) in hopes that it may be the means of obtaining some of those deficiencies to be supplied.