Art. X.—Precepts issued on the death of Henry Darnley, King of Scotland, for perfuming his body, and for providing a mourning-dress to Mary, Queen of Scots, on the occasion.*—FEB. M.D. Ixvi.

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[In dorso.]

HENRY DARNLEY.

On the 10th of February 1566, Henry Darnley was murdered in the house which belonged to Robert Balfour, provost of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, in the Kirk of Field. Two days after the murder, this precept (in the handwriting of the Earl of Huntly) was issued by order of the Queen, to Mr Robert Richardson, treasurer of Scotland, to pay £40 for perfuming the King's body.

Jesus.

My Lord thesaurar, Forasmakle as the Quenis Majestic and Counsell has direckitt ane pottinger and schirurgens to causs perfume the Kingis body, and in respect that ther is syndri things requisite to the samyn quhilkis thay habble nicht; Heirfore, the Quenis Majestic hes ordanit me to advertis yow that ye causs delveryer foure pundis for performance of sik necessaries as appertains thairto, quhilkis salbe allotit to yow; and delveryer the same to the pottinger, and tak his writting thairon; and for my awin part, I vald pray yow effectuallie that the said soume war perfurnist with diligence and delveryer in all haste, in respect the same Rynis to the Quenis Majestie's honour, and the hale cuntrey, at the palice of halirudhouse, the xij of februar 1566.

Your L. guid freind,

HUNTLYE.

Je, Martin Picauet, appo. de la Royne de Scosse, Douairiere de France, confesse auoir Receu de Mr Robert Richarson, tresorier des finances de la diste dame, la soume de quatre vints lires Tour. pour la fourniture des drogues pour lambaumement de Roy, de la quelle soume promets en tenir compt au dist tresorier, et a tous auttres Testimonts mon seing manuel cy mis le xij. jour de februier mil cinq cent soixante et six, avant pasques.

E. PICAUET.

In the Accounts of the Treasurer for this period, the two following entries (in which he discharges himself with the payment of various sums for the above purpose) are to be found.

Item, the xij day of februar, be the Quenis grace speciall command to Martine Picauet, ypothegar, to makfurnesing of droggis, spicis, and utheris necessaris for oppinyng and perfuming of the Kingis grace Majesteis umquhile bodie, as his acquittance schawin upoun compt beris, . _ xl li

Item, for collis, tubbis, hardis, barrellis, and utheris necessaris preparit for bowaling of the Kingis grace, . _ xlv. s.

QUEEN MARY'S MOURNING-DRESS.

The Precept, bearing the signature of Queen Mary, seems to have been issued to the Treasurer on the 15th day of February 1566, the day on which the King was interred at Holyroodhouse.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE QUEENS G. TO BE ANE DUILLE.

It of sarge of florense to be ane goune and ane cloik mulis and schunne, x elle and half.
It of chamlothe of sylk to be ane velicotte and ane vasquine, xvij elle and half.
It of ormasi taffatis to lyne the bodis and sleuis of the goune and velicotte, iiij elle.
It of blak pladine, v double elle.
It of trellie buecharem, v elle.
It of cammarage to be four curges, xviij elle.
It of smalle holen claith to be curges, x elle.

Maister Robert Richardsoun, thesaurer, ye salle noch facilitate to ansour alle
this aubnewretine, quhilk salle be allouitt to yow in yowr comptis, keipand this
our precepe for your varrand, subscriuit with our hand at Edinburgh the xv of
fahruar 1566.

Maister Robert Richartsoune, thesaurer, ye salle nocht faeille to ansour alle
this aubnewretine, quhilk salle be allouitt to yow in yowr comptis, keipand this
our precepe for your varrand, subscriuit with our hand at Edinburgh the xv of
fahruar 1566.

Mr Jhone Balfour, grantis me to haue receuit alle this vthinuretine, subscriuit vyth
my hand at Edinburg the xviij of fabruar 1566.

A corresponding entry appears in the account of Mr Robert
Richardson, who discharges himself of the various sums paid to
Mr John Balfour for each article of dress. It is as follows:

Item, the said day (xv februar) be the Quenis grace precept to Maister Johne Bal-
four to be his grace dule, x ehus ij quarteris of serge of florence to be ane goune cloik
mulis and schone the else vxlii.
Item, xviij ehus ij quarteris of chamloot of silk to be ane wilicotte and ane vaswyne,
the else xxij s. = xix li. v s.
Item, four ehus of armosing to the bodis & slevis, the else xl s. summa, viij li.
Item, v double ehus of blak pladine, = xl s.
Item, v ehus of trellie bukrame, = xl s.
Item, xviij ehus of cammerage to be curchais, the else xxv s. = xxxviij li.
Item x ehus of small holen claith to be curchais, the else xxv s. = xij li. x s.

ART. XI.—Letter and Report respecting the Unpublished Commentary on Milton's Paradise Lost, by the late John Callander of Craigforth, Esq. in the possession of the Society.

[Read 27th March 1826.]

The attention of the Society was called to these MSS. by the
following letter from Mr David Laing, addressed to Dr Hib-
bert, Secretary to the Society of Scottish Antiquaries:

Edinb. 18th March 1826.

My dear sir,—The seal you have so uniformly shown in the affairs of the Antiquarian Society, induces me to call your attention at this time to a point of literary history, which
the examination of certain MSS. in the archives of the Society might possibly tend to
elucidate.

In the year 1665, was published a folio volume of 361 pages, entitled "Annotations
on Milton's Paradise Lost." The author, who modestly designates himself by his ini-
tials "P. H. formovinou," was Patrick Hume, a Scotman, of whose history the only
particular known is, that he was settled as a school-master somewhere in the vicinity of
London, at the time of the publication. But in his work we have abundant evidence that
he was a person of considerable judgment and erudition; and from this storehouse of
historical and classical illustration, ample contributions have been levied by succeeding
commentators.

To this effect Mr Warton observes, that "some of his successors in the same pro-
vince, apprehending no danger of detection from a work rarely inspected, and too per
stant and cumbersome to attract many readers, have been often amply indebted to
the notes of Patrick Hume, without even the most distant hint or acknowledgment."
In this number the late Mr Callander of Craighforth, who published an edition, with notes,
of the First Book of Paradise Lost, has been included, and a serious charge of plagiarism

"Milton's Paradise Lost, Book I—Glasgow: Printed and sold by Robert and Andrew Foulis, printers to the University, M.DCC.LXIX, pp. 182.

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