

NOTES.

1. AN EXAMPLE OF SCOTTISH MEDIEVAL POTTERY FOUND IN PAISLEY,
19TH DECEMBER 1938.

On 19th December 1938, whilst digging on the drying-green of a property at 64 Broomlands Street, Paisley, at the foot of the southern slope of Woodside Hill, a tenant unearthed a small earthenware jug. It was excavated from a depth of 12 inches, but as there had at some time been previous ground-levelling operations, the original depth may have been 3 feet. Although discovered near the site of the western outpost of the Roman station at Oakshawhead, certain features of construction precluded the possibility of a Roman origin. The shape, form of handle, slightly concave base with spiral wheel-marks inside and apparently underneath, the suggestion of rippling in the profile of the body, and the hard micaceous red fabric—with their continental flavour—are indications that it is an example of Scottish mediæval pottery of the thirteenth to fifteenth centuries. This conclusion has been confirmed by the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, and by the British Museum, London.

Such finds are by no means of common occurrence, and this jug has been acquired as an addition to the Archæological Collections of the Paisley Museum through the kindness of the finder and his brother, Messrs James and Alexander McDonald respectively. The specimen is on exhibition in the Museum (see Pl. XXIII, 1).

Dimensions:—

Height	2	inches
Diameter, including handle	3	„
Diameter of body	2½	„
Diameter of base	1½	„

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