

A few words follow on crests and supporters, and lastly we have twelve pages on badges and the like.

We have thus glanced at the contents of this volume. It is undoubtedly a useful introduction to the study of heraldic antiquities, and will render essential service to the genealogist and local historian in acquiring a critical knowledge of an important, and indeed indispensable, branch of their studies. The modern herald will find it hardly less useful in removing much of the obscurity that has been thrown over the subject of his pursuit. It is neither a system nor a manual of heraldry, but we will not find fault with the author for not performing what he does not profess to have undertaken. And if we have adverted in passing to a few particulars which we think require reconsideration, we have done so under a conviction that this is not merely a book for the day, but is destined to appear again in an improved and more complete form.

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### Miscellaneous Notices.

THE unavoidable omission of the "Architectural History of Lincoln Minster," in the volume published by the Institute, has been a cause of frequent regret, more especially to those who listened to the admirable discourse delivered by Professor Willis on the occasion of our meeting in Lincoln. They will, however, be gratified to learn that Mr. Willson, long held in honourable estimation through the researches which he has so successfully devoted to architectural antiquities, especially of the interesting city in which he resides, and of its incomparable cathedral, has united with his son, Mr. T. Willson, in a work (now in readiness for publication, by *subscription*) entitled, "Illustrations of the Choir of Lincoln Minster." The plates will be produced by the skilful pencil of the latter, and the accompanying historical account will comprise the results of many years' investigations, under advantages which few have enjoyed. We hope that it may meet with such ample encouragement as to draw forth, in a more complete manner, that *desideratum* in our Cathedral Histories which none are better qualified than Mr. Willson to supply.

Mr. FRANKLIN HUDSON, of Braunston, announces for publication (by subscription) fac-similes of the brasses of Northamptonshire, consisting of about eighty plates, in tinted lithography. The work will form a quarto volume, and will comprise floriated crosses as well as effigies, with descriptive letter-press. Scarcely any county presents so large and varied a series of incised sepulchral memorials. Subscribers' names may be sent to the author, 26, Haymarket, London.

Mr. AKERMAN, Sec. S.A., author of the "Archæological Index," and of numerous works on numismatics known to many of our readers, has in preparation a series of examples of a period most interesting to the archaeologist, and hitherto most deficient in scientific classification. The publication is entitled, "Remains of Pagan Saxondom, principally from Tumuli in England." It will be produced (by subscription) as soon as the author may receive sufficient encouragement. Subscribers' names are received by Mr. J. Russell Smith, 36, Soho Square.

examples of such ancient decorations ; and few remains of this kind are to be found in domestic buildings of the fifteenth century, although commonly to be noticed in ecclesiastical structures. Many members of the Society availed themselves of the obliging permission of Mr. Jefferies, now residing in Canynges' house, to examine this pavement. It occurred, in consequence, to Mr. Shaw that a faithful reproduction of the design of the pavement in Bristol, and of other examples both of general arrangement and of any remarkable designs, would not only be acceptable to the antiquary, but might prove available for practical purposes as suggestive of improvements in the actual use of such pavements, more especially as regards the mode in which the varied patterns may be most effectively disposed.

Mr. Shaw has accordingly commenced this new undertaking, and the two numbers which have appeared display that beauty of execution, and accurate reproduction of details, which characterise his beautiful publications. The work is printed in colours, and the effect is admirable. The first number is devoted to the pavement first mentioned, including a representation of the entire floor, with separate patterns on a larger scale. The second number contains several portions of the remarkable pavements formerly at Jervaulx Abbey, now destroyed. They are of the thirteenth century. Drawings had been preserved, taken by direction of the Marquis of Aylesbury ; and of these, some readers may remember, copies of the full size were exhibited, by the kindness of the Rev. John Ward, in the hall of the County Courts, at the Winchester Meeting. Examples are also given from Worcester Cathedral, Oxford, and Great Malvern. Hitherto, no illustrations of the kind have been executed with such perfection, and we hope that Mr. Shaw's labours will receive the liberal encouragement which they deserve.

In adverting to this new work by Mr. Shaw, we must also invite attention to his exquisite series of Historical Portraits, coloured with the most elaborate care, and presenting perfect fac-similes of the drawings which on several occasions have been so much admired at the meetings of the Institute. They may be purchased singly. The portrait of Mary Queen of Scots, from the celebrated painting in the possession of the late P. Fraser Tytler, Esq., is that which will probably be most admired ; but the reproduction of Janet's equestrian portrait of François I., now in Mr. Magniac's collection, is a subject of singular interest. Mr. Shaw has directed appropriate frames to be prepared for these portraits, richly emblazoned with suitable devices. Five of the series have been completed, and may be seen on application to him at 37, Southampton-row.

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THE interesting character of the Anglo-Saxon relics found at Stow Heath, in raising gravel, has encouraged the Committee of the West Suffolk Archaeological Institute to undertake excavations under proper direction ; and they have obtained permission from the proprietor to examine the portion of the Anglo-Saxon cemetery which remains undisturbed. It is proposed to carry out this investigation by aid of a small subscription amongst the members, and the aid of antiquaries in other parts of the

kingdom will be thankfully received. The results will be recorded in the periodical publication of the Institute. Contributions may be remitted to the Treasurer, Mr. S. Tymms, Bury St. Edmund's.

An undertaking of a novel and interesting character, as auxiliary to the investigation of the early history of the British islands, has been announced by Dr. Thurnam, in concert with Mr. J. Barnard Davis. It is proposed to publish privately, by *subscription*, a series of *Crania*, or delineations of the skulls of the aboriginal inhabitants, and of the races immediately succeeding them. The value of these relics, submitted to scientific comparison, has hitherto been too little considered, as regards the information which may thence be derived in Ethnographical enquiries. The work will be produced in fasciculi, of ten lithographic plates each, accompanied by full descriptions of the antiquities which accompanied each interment, and the circumstances connected with the discovery, indicative of the period to which it should be assigned. It will doubtless comprise the results of various interesting investigations in the North of England, conducted under Dr. Thurnam's immediate direction. Persons who may be disposed to encourage the proposed publication, should communicate their names to Dr. Thurnam, at Devizes.

Mr. T. Duffus Hardy, we are informed, has in a forward state of preparation an enlarged and corrected edition of Le Neve's *Fasti*, long a desideratum to the historian and the antiquary. Mr. Hardy proposes to append a list of Suffragan Bishops, formed on the materials collected by Wharton, and published by Pegge in the "*Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*." He would thankfully accept any information connected with this important undertaking, which those persons who may have access to chapter muni-ments, or other sources of information, may be disposed to communicate to him, at the Record Office, Tower.

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The Annual Meeting of the SUSSEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY will take place at Battle Abbey, by Lady Webster's kind invitation, on July 22d.

The Annual Meeting of the CAMBRIAN Archaeologists will be held at Ludlow, under the Presidency of Lord Clive, in the latter part of August.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institute, to be held this year, under the patronage of His Grace the DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND, at Newcastle, will commence on Tuesday, Aug. 24. It is requested that all persons who may have Memoirs in preparation, or propose to exhibit any antiquities, &c., on this occasion, will communicate with the secretaries without delay.

Kilkenny, by Mr. O'Neill, were laid before the Society, and Mr. Graves called attention to the proposed publication of these curious monuments (see p. 399.) Mr. Prim related a singular tradition regarding "the Butt's Cross," Kilkenny, and the person by whom it was erected. A communication on the subject of Antiquities in co. Kerry was read, by the Rev. A. Rowan; also a Memoir on the Cowley family, settled in Kilkenny, in the XVth century, and ancestors of the late Duke of Wellington. His Grace, as appeared by a characteristic note addressed by him to the Secretary, in 1850, appeared to have been unaware of the connexion. This autograph was produced, and excited much interest. Mr. Prendergast contributed a Memoir on Hawking, and the sports of the chase, in Ireland, in ancient times; and on the high estimation in which the falcons of that country were long held. Mr. Ferguson sent a curious contract between the O'Neil and the Archbishop of Armagh, in 1455, preserved in the Primate's Registry. An appeal was made for the preservation of Jerpoint Abbey, one of the most interesting examples existing in Ireland, and much in need of judicious conservative precautions.

The formation of an ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY for the county of Essex was concluded, Dec. 14, *ult.*, at a meeting in the Town Hall, Colchester. Mr. DISNEY, an antiquary distinguished by his liberal promotion of archaeological studies in the University of Cambridge, and the donation of his Collections to the Fitzwilliam Museum, has been chosen President. To the members of our Society he is well known by his friendly encouragement and participation in our proceedings, from an early period. Any person desirous to aid this extension of antiquarian research in Essex may communicate with the Hon. Sec., the Rev. E. L. Cutts, Coggeshall.

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Mr. C. ROACH SMITH, F.S.A., who has recorded in the first series of his *COLLECTANEA ANTIQUA*, a valuable mass of evidence, relating chiefly to the earlier and more obscure periods of Archaeological enquiry, has announced his intention of continuing that periodical, early in 1853. The work will be restricted to *subscribers*, and will be produced in quarterly parts, forming one volume annually. Those who desire to encourage the undertaking of so able and indefatigable an antiquary, are requested to add their names to his list, as early as possible. Communications to be addressed, 5, Liverpool-street, City.

The Rev. EDWARD TROLLOPE, of Leasingham, Lincolnshire, has in readiness for the press a small volume of illustrations of ancient art, the ornaments, implements, appliances of daily life, &c., from objects found at Pompeii and Herculaneum. He proposes to give 400 woodcuts, executed by Mr. Utting, with letter-press, forming a Manual, very useful as an accompaniment to the Dictionaries by Dr. Smith, or Mr. Rich. The work will appear as soon as sufficient encouragement may be received from subscribers, to whom the price will be one guinea. Subscribers' names received by the author.

It is proposed to publish, in Parts, Lithographic representations (21 in. by 15) of the curious Sculptured Crosses in Ireland, which, from their dimensions and peculiar ornaments, are amongst the most valuable

monuments of early Christian Art in the British Islands. The drawings have been made by a skilful draughtsman, and they will be reproduced on stone by the same hand. Six folio impressions are offered for one guinea, to Subscribers, whose names are received by the Rev. James Graves, Secretary of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society.

Mr. Charles Bridger, F.S.A., announces his intention of producing, by subscription, a Catalogue of Privately Printed Books on Genealogy, including printed Sheet Pedigrees, and all works connected with family history. Communications to be addressed to Mr. Gray Bell, 17, Bedford Street, Covent Garden.

With the New Year a Quarterly Illustrated Periodical will commence, devoted to the investigation of Irish Antiquities, especially in Ulster, with the praiseworthy intention of recording discoveries, and inviting discussion. Subscribers to the "Ulster Journal of Archaeology" should send their names to the Curator of the Belfast Museum, Robert Mac Adam, Esq.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE, TO BE HELD AT CHICHESTER, 1853.

The Annual Assembly of the Society, in 1853, has been fixed to take place at Chichester, commencing Tuesday, July 12.

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The Annual Meeting of the Sussex Archaeological Society, whose friendly invitation encouraged the Institute to visit Sussex, will be held at Boxgrove Priory, on July 14th.