

day, of which there were sometyes so many, that the tythes amounted to 3s. 3d. upon the pound. This course was altered by ye decree, and brought down to 2s. 9d." Mr. C. H. Cooper communicates some curious facts and documents concerning the Vow of Widowhood. The same antiquary furnishes a copy of a Letter from Oliver Cromwell to his sister, and has added some curious notes. The next contribution is one of interest, especially to the student of Academic history. It is a form of Petition addressed to Henry V., about the year 1415, in vindication of some ancient usages of the University of Cambridge. The Rev. C. Hardwick, who supplies this document, has added many valuable notes. The last paper that we shall notice consists of a collection of Letters of Roger Ascham, communicated by and copiously illustrated with notes Mr. J. E. B. Mayor.

In conclusion we may express regret that the well directed efforts of this Society should not have received the more ample encouragement and support to which they are entitled. We heartily desire that the claims of National Antiquities may henceforth be appreciated with increasing interest in the University, which presents so important a field of investigation.

Archaeological Intelligence.

MR. PHILIP DELAMOTTE, one of our most skilful photographers, announces for immediate publication (by subscription) a "Photographic Tour among the Abbeys of Yorkshire," with notices by Mr. Walbran. The volume, comprising twenty-four large views, will be produced by Messrs Bell & Daldy, 186, Fleet-street.

Several valuable publications have recently been produced by the SURTEES SOCIETY; amongst these may be mentioned the Pontifical of Egbert, Archbishop of York, 732—766, from a MS. in the Imperial Library, Paris; the Lindisfarne and Rushworth Gospels, edited by the Rev. Joseph Stephenson, from MSS. in the British Museum and the Bodleian; and the Wills with Inventories preserved in the Registry at Richmond, Yorkshire, produced under the care of the Rev. J. Raine, jun. The Society claims the liberality of antiquaries towards the achievement of a fresh undertaking to which their resources are unequal; it is calculated to throw an important light upon the history of the Palatinate of Durham, as well as upon national customs and manners. It is the publication of Bishop Hatfield's Survey, in the fourteenth century, which will form a valuable sequel to the Boldon Buke, compiled in 1183, and already published by the Surtees Society, whose labours well deserve to be more generally appreciated. Those who take interest in this object are requested to communicate with the Rev. James Raine, jun., Newcastle.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.—At the meeting on Jan. 15, Mr. Cosmo Innes produced the "Black Book of Breadalbane," preserved at Taymouth, and gave an account of the curious memorials, relating to the family and their possessions, recorded in it: it contains also several portraits, and notices of the paintings executed by direction of Sir Colin Campbell, in the earlier part of the XVIIth century, by a German painter and the celebrated George Jamesone, some of whose best works still exist at Taymouth. Mr. Chambers read notes on a box presented by Alexander Pope, the poet, to his namesake and supposed relation, a minister in Caithnessshire. Mr. Robertson read some original notices from the Rotuli

Scaccarii relating to Barbour, author of "the Bruce ;" and Mr. Scott gave an account of a silver reliquary found at Dundee.—February 12. The Rev. T. M'Lauchlan read a memoir on a collection of Gaelic Poems and Historical fragments preserved in a MS. in the Advocate's Library, known as "The Dean of Lismore's Book," the oldest known specimen of written Scottish Gaelic. Dr. Scott read a notice of the ancient die of a Scottish coin, lately presented to the museum. Mr. Brodie gave some remarks on clay Dagobas, bearing Sanscrit stamps from Ceylon ; and Mr. Petrie read a Description of Antiquities in Orkney recently examined, comprising a large burg or round tower, with concealed cells and passages, various remains found in the tumuli near the Standing Stones of Stennis, and in another barrow at Papa-Westray, apparently a family sepulchre ; also further observations on the Pict's House at that place, excavated by Lieut. Thomas, R.N. Traces of incised figures have been perceived, resembling those on the stones forming the sepulchral chamber at New Grange, in Ireland.—March 12. Mr. Jarvis communicated an account of sites in Forfarshire where antiquities had been found, presented by him to the Society. Dr. Wise gave a notice on the Fort of Barry Hill, Forfarshire, now destroyed. Mr. Rhind sent a Memoir on Roman Swords, asserting his opinion that the bronze leaf-shaped swords are not of the Roman age. The Rev. Dr. Chalmers gave an account of a stone coffin found at Dunfermline Abbey, containing a corpse wrapped in leather ; and Dr. Scott contributed notices of Impressions from Seals, chiefly of the Eglinton family.

We have the gratification of stating that the Master and Fellows of Pembroke College have liberally permitted Mr. Ready to make copies of the seals preserved amongst their muniments, and he is engaged in that rich depository. Amongst Mr. Ready's most recent acquisitions may be mentioned a fine impression from the seal of Anne of Bohemia, queen of Richard II., and a remarkably perfect seal of that king ; a portion of the curious seal of Hubert de Burgh, chief justice in the time of Henry III. ; and the beautiful seal of John Lord Bardolf, 19 Edward III. Mr. Ready has also received a large collection of German seals, including nearly a complete series of those of the emperors from a very early period, commencing with Charlemagne. They may be obtained on application to Mr. Ready, 2, St. Botolph's Lane, Cambridge.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institute will be held at Shrewsbury, under the patronage of the Viscount Hill, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire. Announcement of the arrangements will shortly be issued.

Note to page 75.

Since the preceding sheets were printed, a further and more direct proof of Godfrey de la Rokele having been in the service of William de Bohun Earl of Northampton, who, we have seen, was lord of the manor of Wykes, has been found in Madox *Formulare Anglicanum*, p. 349. It is a power of attorney by the Earl authorising his dear and well beloved Godfrey de la Rokele to deliver seisin of certain lands at Downham that had been given by the Earl in exchange, and to accept seisin of others, which had been taken in lieu of them. The instrument is in French, and was under the seal of the Earl, and dated at Ramsden Belhouse, on the 6th of June, in the 33rd Edw. III., (1359), which was within thirteen years after the probable date of the letter addressed to Dame Alys de la Rokele. Downham and Ramsden Belhouse are adjoining parishes in Essex, and the business to be transacted under the power of attorney was, it will be observed, such as was likely to be committed to the Earl's steward.

it. In this instance, the arches are semi-circular, their mouldings indicating the incipient change, whilst in other buildings, as in that most instructive example of this interesting epoch of architecture, Buildwas Abbey Church, the transition is marked in the form of the arch.

We have thankfully availed ourselves of the author's kindness in bringing before our readers some of those illustrative features of his work, with the desire, more especially at a time when the notice of the Institute is directed towards Shropshire, to invite attention to the interesting character of that district, and to the value of Mr. Eyton's arduous undertaking. We heartily wish him a large measure of that encouragement and cordial interest in his purpose to which he is so justly entitled.

Archaeological Intelligence.

The Cambrian Archaeological Association has recently produced the third number of the new series of their journal. (London, J. R. Smith.) It is issued quarterly to members only. Mr. Westwood has continued his valuable series of illustrations of early inscribed monuments in Wales. Mr. Longueville Jones contributes the Church of Beaumaris, in continuation of his "*Mona Mediæva*," and a very curious account of Capel Trillo, in Caernarvonshire, a diminutive structure vaulted over with rough stones, and enclosing a holy well. Mr. Wright gives a notice of the ancient fortified mansion of Treago, in Herefordshire, and of the "Tump," or great mound at St. Weonard's, opened in April last under his directions, when its sepulchral character was clearly shown.—The annual meeting of the Association will take place in September, at Llandeilo Fawr, Caermarthenshire.

An important benefit has been secured for the preservation of ancient vestiges in North Britain, and the permanent record of local facts of great value to the archaeologist and the historian. At the instance of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, the government have determined that, in the future prosecution of the Ordnance Survey of Scotland, especial attention be directed to all ancient remains, camps, roads, tumuli, &c., and their position carefully indicated. Lord Panmure, in announcing to the Marquis of Breadalbane, President of the Society, the ready compliance of the Hon. Board of Ordnance on this occasion, expresses the request for local information from the ministers of parishes, and other persons, in furtherance of so desirable an object. This important result has been attained through the suggestion of an intelligent antiquary, known to the readers of this journal through his curious researches in the Orkneys, Mr. A. H. Rhind. The subject was brought before the society by him in April last.

The annual meeting of the Caerleon Antiquarian Association, will take place at Caerwent, on August 16. A complete investigation of the Roman remains there will forthwith be undertaken, under the direction of Mr. J. Y. Akerman, Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries.

ERRATUM.

The Note at the end of the last number of the Journal, p. 108, as to Godfrey de la Rokele, should have been omitted; an opportunity having occurred of inserting the substance of it in the text at p. 75.

Archaeological Intelligence.

MR. THORPE has announced the intention of publishing (by subscription) the "History of England under the Norman Kings"; or, to the accession of the house of Plantagenet, with an epitome of the early History of Normandy; translated, with considerable additions, from the German work by Dr. J. M. Lappenberg. It will form one vol. 8vo., uniform with Lappenberg's "History of England under the Anglo-Saxon Kings," translated by Mr. Thorpe. Dr. Pauli is engaged in preparing the continuation of Lappenberg's work, and he has already brought the history down to the death of Richard II. Subscribers to Mr. Thorpe's forthcoming work are requested to send their names to Messrs. Taylor and Francis, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street.

A reprint of the most important work on the history and antiquities of Ireland, the "Annals of Ireland, by the Four Masters," has been announced by Messrs. Hodges and Smith, at a considerable reduction in price. The Annals, forming seven volumes 4to., were published in 1850, at fourteen guineas, and it is proposed, if four hundred copies are subscribed for, to re-issue the work at the price of twelve shillings per volume, within fourteen months, payment to be made when the entire work is finished. The readers of this Journal are well aware of the archaeological value of the Annals, and of the valuable notes by which the translation is accompanied. Frequent reference has been made at the meetings of the Institute to the work, the most authentic source of information regarding the architectural monuments, the remarkable examples of early art, the personal as well as general history of the sister kingdom, hitherto involved in such obscurity. The Annals extend from the earliest historic period to the year 1616. The valuable evidence which they alone supply in ascertaining the date and origin of the Dunvegan Cup, the Cross of Cong, the Lismore Crosier, and those productions of a remarkable class of early art, in metal and in sculptured stone, must be fresh in our recollection. Those who are disposed to encourage so spirited an undertaking in the cause of archaeology, should forward their names as subscribers to Messrs. Hodges and Smith, 104, Grafton-street, Dublin.

The value of photography, as an auxiliary to archaeological purposes, has been repeatedly urged upon our notice. A striking evidence of the advantages to be derived from this mode of illustration, has recently been brought before our society by one of its earliest and best friends, Mr. Charles J. Palmer, the historian of Great Yarmouth, in the delicate reproduction of the charter granted by King John to that town, in 1210. This admirable example of photographic skill was provided, under Mr. Palmer's direction, to accompany the "Repertory of Deeds and Documents relating to Great Yarmouth, printed by order of the Town Council," of which he has kindly presented a copy to the Library of the Institute. In connexion with the service thus rendered to antiquarian science, as shown by Dr. Diamond, Mr. Philip Delamotte and others skilled in the photographic processes, we may invite attention to a Memoir read by the Rev. F. A. Marshall, of Peterborough, at a recent archaeological meeting in that city. It sets forth the importance of the art in its application to preserving pictorial records of National Monuments, and is accompanied by useful practical suggestions.

This Memoir has recently been published by Messrs. Hering, 137, Regent-street.

The Journal of the late Rev. Bryan Faussett, during the formation of his highly valuable collections which now enrich the museum of Mr. Mayer, at Liverpool, will shortly be delivered to the subscribers. Mr. C. ROACH SMITH has added copious notes and an introduction to this instructive record, which will be accompanied by twenty plates and several hundred woodcuts, under Mr. Fairholt's direction. The impression is limited, and subscribers' names should be sent without delay to Mr. Roach Smith, who announces also, in immediate preparation, a quarto volume on "The Roman Antiquities of London," copiously illustrated. The issue will be limited to subscribers, to whom the price will not exceed two guineas. The volume will comprise architectural and sculptured remains, inscriptions, wall paintings, &c., with the more remarkable reliques, procured through Mr. Roach Smith's unwearied exertions, in his own museum. Since the earnest desire of archaeologists in England, that such collections should be preserved in some National depository for public advantage and instruction, will again, it is feared, be frustrated, the proposed publication claims the cordial encouragement of all who appreciate the interest of our National Antiquities.

A "History of the Isle of Wight, from the earliest period to the present time," has been announced as in preparation by Mr. Hillier, whose excavations, made by permission of the Hon. W. A. Court Holmes, and Sir John Simeon, Bart., have realised such remarkable results. The first portion of the work, which will form one volume 4to. (by subscription), will be shortly in readiness.

Mr. HENRY HARROD, F.S.A., Hon. Sec. of the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society, whose indefatigable researches have contributed much to illustrate the History and Antiquities of East Anglia, has announced for immediate publication (by subscription) "The Castles and Convents of Norfolk," in one vol. 8vo, with numerous plates and illustrations. Subscribers' names are to be addressed to Mr. Muskett, bookseller, Norwich. Large paper one guinea; small paper fifteen shillings.

The ARUNDEL SOCIETY has recently made arrangements of the greatest importance for the promotion of the Knowledge of Art, in bringing before the public the series of casts in "fictile ivory," due to the zeal and taste of Mr. ALEXANDER NESBITT, aided by Mr. FRANKS and Mr. WESTWOOD. By the kindness of the former, the exquisite examples of sculpture in ivory, from all accessible collections in this country or on the continent, have, from time to time, been displayed at the meetings of the Institute, and more especially in the temporary museum formed at the Cambridge meeting, where the interest and value of these remarkable illustrations of the History of Art called forth the gracious commendations of H.R.H. the PRINCE ALBERT. The series there displayed comprised nearly 200 examples, to which many additions have been made. The Arundel Society now offer to their members and to the public a classified selection of casts, from the second to the sixteenth century, or any class separately. An excellent catalogue has been supplied by Mr. Oldfield. These beautiful productions may be seen at 24, New Bond Street.

His Royal Highness the PRINCE ALBERT has been pleased to grant his patronage to the Annual Meeting of the Institute, for the ensuing year, to be held in EDINBURGH, with the cordial encouragement of the Lord Provost and local authorities.

Archæological Intelligence.

The EARL POWYS has accepted the Presidency of the Cambrian Archæological Association for the next year, and the Annual Meeting for 1856 will be held under his auspices at Welshpool, during either the first or second week of September. Detailed notices of the arrangements will be given in the "Archæologia Cambrensis." The first volume of the third series of that valuable periodical has been completed, and the first number of a second volume has recently been issued.

Mr. RICHARD CAULFIELD, of Cork, author of an illustrated work on the Episcopal and Capitular Seals of the Irish Cathedral Churches (of which two portions have appeared), has prepared for publication a valuable contribution to Irish Ecclesiastical and Topographical History. It is the Diocesan Roll of Cloyne in the time of John de Swaffham, Bishop of that see, 1363—73, and illustrates in a remarkable manner the constitutions and privileges of the Irish Church at that period, the peculiar exactions under which land was held, the suits, services, &c., enjoyed by the lord. The roll known as the "Pipa Colmanni," measures twenty-seven feet in length, Mr. Caulfield proposes to give a facsimile, translation of the text, accompanied by annotations. The subscription is only five shillings, and names of subscribers should be addressed to him, North Mall, Cork.

The Rev. W. K. R. BEDFORD has in preparation an illustrated catalogue of coats of arms borne by, or ascribed to the Bishops of England and Wales; an useful complement to the *Fasti*, especially the recent edition of Le Neve, produced by Mr. T. Duffus Hardy, and essential in many cases to enable the historian to identify the several personages. The compilation of such a "Blazon of Episcopacy" was in part carried out, and its utility suggested, by the Rev. W. A. Poole, in the "Reports and Papers of the Northampton Architectural Society," for 1852, p. 14. Mr. Bedford requests any information available for his object. Address, Rectory, Sutton Coldfield.

Mr. F. T. DOLLMAN, author of "Examples of Ancient Pulpits," proposes to publish (by subscription) "Examples of Ancient Domestic Architecture," of an interesting class,—the Medieval Hospitals, Bedehouses, schools, &c.; a work of considerable practical utility in times when many charitable institutions and schools are erected, and good ancient models are frequently required. The publication will consist of forty plates, including plans, sections, and details, and will form four quarterly parts. Ford's Hospital at Coventry, St. John's Hospital at Northampton, St. Cross, and buildings of the same class at Ewelme, Stamford, Warwick, &c., are subjects in preparation. Subscribers' names may be sent to the Author, 6, Albert Street, Regent's Park.

The SURREY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY will shortly publish the first Part of their Transactions, comprising—"Surrey Archaeology," by the Rev. O. F. Owen; "The Religious Bearing of Archaeology upon Architecture and Art," by the Rev. J. Jessopp; "The Kingston Coronation Stone," by Dr. Bell; "The Warham Monument at Croydon," by G. S. Steinman, Esq.; "The Roman Road from Silchester to Staines," by Col. McDougall; and "Wall-paintings discovered in Lingfield Church," by E. J'Anson, Esq.