

## Archaeological Intelligence.

A quarterly publication has been announced which will doubtless be welcomed by many of our readers, to be entitled the *HERALD and GENEALOGIST*, and devoted to the antiquities of Heraldry, and to those branches of local and family history to which heraldry lends material aid. It has been truly observed, in the announcement of this new serial miscellany, that notwithstanding the frequent appearance of valuable works on family history, genealogy, and heraldry, as now understood, the archæology of the heraldic art is much in arrear of the advance of antiquarian science. That comparative analysis and chronological arrangement, which have recently brought our notions in regard to architecture in this country from confusion into system and order, may, it is hoped, be applied to heraldry with similar success. Communications should be addressed to Mr. John Gough Nichols, F.S.A., 25, Parliament Street. The first number (price two shillings and sixpence) is in the press. This and ensuing numbers will contain enquiries concerning the earliest writers on armory ;—a list of Heralds' Visitations of counties ;—notices of royal mottoes ;—of Gerard Leigh's accedens of Armory, with his portrait as Panther Herald ;—and some notice of the rolls, pedigrees, and heraldic MSS. collected for exhibition by the Society of Antiquaries in May, 1862, with other cognate matter acceptable to all who take interest in such researches.

Mr. Papworth has just issued Part IX. of his Dictionary of Arms belonging to families in Great Britain and Ireland. We are glad to see this truly important work steadily proceeding without any diminution of the care which has distinguished the earlier Parts ; though we can but regret that the public encouragement has not been such as to accelerate its issue. A work of this kind stands alone, and must long be without a rival. It will, when complete, be indispensable to every library which makes any pretence to furnish heraldic, genealogical, or archaeological information. For such a volume we ought to be able to wait patiently awhile, that it may be well done throughout ; though the portion already issued is so extremely useful as to make us wish for the remainder. We may remind those of our readers who are not yet subscribers, that it differs materially from all other dictionaries and ordinaries of arms in its arrangement : while others enable us to find what arms certain persons have borne, this is adapted to supply the great desideratum and enable us to find what persons have borne certain arms, in short, to answer the frequently recurring question "Whose arms are these ?" It is remarkable that four-fifths of the heraldic charges, taken alphabetically, fall under the first six letters, A to F inclusive. We are well pleased therefore to see that Part IX. brings us far into "Chevron." All the coats having beasts or birds for the first charge

are already published. As the work is printed for subscribers, and will not be for sale to the public for some years after its completion at less than double the subscription price, archæological and literary societies, and the possessors of valuable libraries, as well as those persons who take a peculiar interest in the subject of the publication, will do well to become subscribers. The terms may be learned on application to Mr. J. W. Papworth, 14A, Great Marlborough Street, W.

We have pleasure in inviting attention to the recent publication of a beautiful volume,—*Isca Silurum*, an Illustrated Catalogue of the Museum of Antiquities at Caerleon; by John E. Lee, F.S.A., Hon. Sec. of the Monmouthshire and Caerleon Antiquarian Association. We hope on an early occasion to bring before our readers the series of works produced under the auspices of that Society, and especially to advert more fully to this valuable Catalogue by Mr. Lee, whose former works on Roman vestiges in the same locality have been noticed in this Journal, vol. ii. p. 417; vol. vii. p. 97. His account of inscriptions and relics found at Caerleon, will also be found, *ibid.*, vol. viii. p. 157. The Museum there formed, chiefly through his exertions and intelligence, comprises an assemblage of inscribed Roman memorials, unequaled in interest by any in the southern parts of the kingdom. The advantages which accrue from local museums, such as those at York, Shrewsbury, Bath, Colchester, &c., are comparatively slight, unless aided by the indispensable accompaniment of a good Catalogue. The utility of the desirable volume before us is enhanced by copious illustrations, consisting of fifty-two plates executed by the author. It may be obtained from Messrs. Longman.

An extended edition of the Parochial Antiquities of Devonshire, by the late Rev. Dr. Oliver, author of the Lives of the Bishops of Exeter, and of the History of that city, recently published, has been announced by Mr. Pollard, Exeter (by subscription, One Guinea). It will form a desirable supplement to the author's valuable works relating to the Ecclesiastical and Monastic Antiquities of the Western Counties.

The learned editor of the Ancient Laws and Institutes of England, the most valuable publication perhaps of the late Record Commission, and to whom we have recently been indebted for a carefully revised text of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, published in the series, under direction of the Master of the Rolls, has intimated the intention of publishing (by subscription, in one vol. 8vo.) an important collection of documents from the reign of Æthelbert of Kent, A.D. 605, to the Norman Conquest. It will comprise every charter connected with our pre-Norman history to be found in the late Mr. Kemble's Codex Diplomaticus, together with many not contained in that collection. All those in Anglo-Saxon will be accompanied by a translation. These ancient historical monuments will be classed under miscellaneous charters, not simple grants of land; wills, almost exclusively in Saxon; articles of constitution of Anglo-Saxon guilds; and certificates of manumission of serfs. Mr. Thorpe proposes to send this volume to press as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers shall have been obtained to defray the cost of printing. A glossary, local index, and some fac-similes will be given. Subscribers' names are received by Messrs. Taylor, Red Lion Court, E.C.

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A SECOND series of SCOTTISH SEALS, as a complement to the valuable volume published by Mr. Henry Laing under the auspices of the Bannatyne Club, in 1850, has been announced for publication (*by subscription*). The examples collected by Mr. Laing, during the last twelve years, including the numerous Scottish seals in the Public Records Office in London, and which have lately been photographed by permission of the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls, amount to more than 900. They are for the most part of early date, affording most authentic evidence regarding heraldry and those devices which preceded or accompanied the use of heraldic blazons. The volume, largely illustrated, will be furnished at the price of two guineas to subscribers, who are requested to send their names to Messrs. Edmondston and Douglas, Edinburgh. The number of copies printed will be limited.

The Committee desire to invite attention to the important publication of Mediæval documents preserved at Paris in the Archives of the Empire, and of which, according to an announcement addressed to the Institute by the Publisher, the first portion has recently appeared. The "TRESOR DES CHARTES DE FRANCE" will form nine 4to volumes, containing upwards of 17,000 documents from the eleventh century to the reigns of Francis I. and Henry II. This great work, which will throw light upon the history of our own country as well as of all European nations, is published by order of H.M. the Emperor, under the direction of Count de Laborde, Director-General of the Archives of the Empire, by M. Teulet, well known through his valuable contributions to the history of English and Scottish affairs in the sixteenth century, especially in illustration of the times of Mary Stuart. The first volume of the "*Trésor*" may now be obtained from M. Henry Plon, Rue Garancière, Paris, Printer to the Emperor.

A second part of the ARCHITECTURAL SKETCHES in Worcestershire will shortly be published by Mr. Severn Walker, and will contain fifty subjects illustrative of Ecclesiastical and Domestic Architecture in that county, including several which will be remembered with interest by those of our readers who were present at the Worcester Meeting. Amongst the subjects given in the forthcoming part will be found Old Hagley Hall, in 1758; Little Comberton Church, and a timbered house with a circular dovecot; Great Comberton Church; Tickenhill, a place of interest connected with the last days of Prince Arthur; the Church of Shelsley Walsh, an early structure of travertine; conventual buildings, &c. at Worcester, now destroyed, including the *clocherium* and the Guesten Hall; also the Refectory and the Lady-Chapel at Great Malvern.

The Rev. JAMES GRAVES, Hon. Sec. of the Kilkenny and South-East of Ireland Archæological Society, announces for publication (by subscription) the Letters and Despatches, &c., of Thomas, tenth Earl of Ormonde, *temp.* Edward VI. to James I., preserved in the State Paper Office and the Bodleian Library. This work will form 4 vols. 8vo., illustrated by portraits, autographs, seals, &c. Subscribers' names are received by the Author, or by Mr. J. Russell Smith.

The Annual Meeting of the KENTISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held at Penshurst, on July 16, under the Presidency of the Marquis Camden, K.G.

The Annual Meeting of the SUSSEX ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY will take place on August 6, in West Sussex.