

Archaeological Intelligence.

THE Annual Meeting of the Cambrian Archæological Association will be held at Douglas, Isle of Man, on Aug. 21, and the four following days.

The Congress of the British Archæological Association will take place at Durham, Aug. 21 to 26; His Grace the Duke of Cleveland, K.G., President.

The Hon. Sec. of the Leicestershire Archit. and Archæol. Soc., Mr. Thomas North, announces for immediate publication (price, on best paper, 4to, one guinea, ordinary paper 10s. 6d.) a Chronicle of the Church of St. Martin, Leicester, temp. Hen. VIII., Edw. VI., Mary and Elizabeth, with notices of the Minor Altars and Guilds. Subscribers' names are received by Messrs. Crossley and Clarke, Leicester, from whom a detailed abstract of the contents of the proposed volume may be obtained. The work will contain the results of careful investigation of documents, which, although immediately connected with the locality, throw light generally upon church affairs and the ecclesiastical antiquities of the period.

We recommend with pleasure, especially to archaeologists who may take part in our annual meeting at Dorchester, the recently published Map of Dorsetshire on a large scale (27 in. by 21 in.), giving the sites of its numerous Celtic, Roman, Saxon, and Danish vestiges; from the personal researches of Mr. Charles Warne, F.S.A. This valuable map, which may claim notice as the most elaborate contribution to the ancient geography of any county, is printed in tints, and the sites colored according to their classification. As an accompaniment Mr. Warne has also published a synopsis, in which the best examples of each period are pointed out, and serving as an index to the map, although complete in itself, and highly serviceable to the antiquarian visitor of the numerous early remains in Dorset. The price of the map, mounted on cloth in a case, is 12s. 6d.; or, with the index, 15s. London: D. Sydenham, 104, Edgware Road. The first part of Mr. Warne's important work on the Celtic Tumuli of Dorset is in the press, and nearly ready for issue to the subscribers.

The Rev. Robert Williams has completed his laborious undertaking, the "Lexicon Cornu-Britannicum," a dictionary of the ancient language of Cornwall, in which the words are elucidated by examples from the Cornish words now remaining; the synonyms are also given in the cognate dialects of Welsh, Armoric, Irish, Gaelic, and Manx. The two concluding parts of this work have recently been issued to the subscribers. A few copies remain in the hands of the author, to whom applications may be addressed, Rhydygroesau, Oswestry.

A new edition is announced by Messrs. Parker of the Inquiry into the Styles of Ancient Glass Painting, especially in England, by our lamented friend, Charles Winston. This valuable manual has for some years been out of print; it will now be reproduced with his corrections, and a series of his letters, describing improved methods of manufacturing and coloring glass. The volume of Mr. Winston's Memoirs on the Art of Glass Painting, chiefly contributed by him at the meetings of the Institute, will also forthwith be published by Mr. Murray, with numerous colored plates and other illustrations from Mr. Winston's drawings of ancient examples.

By Mr. ASHURST MAJENDIE.—Contemporary portrait of Charles I., on panel, from Hedingham Castle, Essex.

By the Hon. R. FULKE GREVILLE, through Mr. B. Williams.—Grant by Henry VIII. of "Slebyche," or Slebech, Pill, now called Milford, in Pembrokeshire, with other estates in that county which had belonged to the Preceptory of Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. This document is dated June 26, 1546. The manor of "Slevik" was granted in that year, 38 Hen. VIII., to Roger Barlow, the spirited naval adventurer.

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The third edition of the "Roman Wall," enriched by the researches of the last ten years, is announced for immediate publication. Many readers of this Journal may have enjoyed the gratification of a pilgrimage, "*per lineam Valli*," in the company of the talented author of this important contribution to the history of Roman occupation in Britain; many more, doubtless, have appreciated his graphic descriptions and his indefatigable research. In the forthcoming edition Dr. Bruce will be enabled to embody the results of the surveys carried out by Mr. MacLauchlan by direction of the late lamented Duke of Northumberland. Numerous fresh facts have also been revealed by excavations, the most recent discovery being the disinterment of a portion of the Wall in Newcastle, where the line had been extremely obscure. Through the liberality of the Duke, of Mr. Clayton, and of the Dean and Chapter, an extensive series of engravings has been prepared for a work which is intended to include the inscribed stones and the principal sculptures found in the north of England; from this valuable store Dr. Bruce has been permitted to select, for the third edition of his work, such illustrations as are most desirable; numerous relics of interest, coins, vases, ornaments, &c., have also been engraved for the forthcoming volume. The edition will consist of 500 copies in quarto, price, to subscribers, three guineas, and fifty copies in folio, ranging with Horsley's *Britannia Romana*; for these last special application must be addressed to the author, the Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, LL.D. Subscribers' names are also received for the quarto copies by the publisher, Mr. Andrew Reid, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. Engelhardt, late director of the Museum of Antiquities at Flensburg, announces (by subscription 24s.) an elaborately illustrated volume, "*Denmark in the Early Iron Age*," comprising recent discoveries in the peat-mosses of Slesvig. Subscribers' names are received by Messrs. Williams and Norgate, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, from whom the prospectus of this highly interesting work may be obtained.

Mr. John Maclean, F.S.A., announces a Parochial History of the Deanery of Trigg Minor, in Cornwall, a district in which are situated some of the most important vestiges of antiquity that are to be found in the county. The work will comprise the history of nineteen parishes, including Bodmin, Blisland, Egloshaile, St. Kew, Michaelstow, Tintagel, with other places in which there exist remarkable remains of the prehistoric period, and also architectural examples of interest. For the convenience of subscribers the history of each parish will be delivered separately, if desired.

The author proposes to trace the descent of manors, and to give pedigrees of the families through which they have passed; the volume will be accompanied by ground-plans of churches and castles, with other illustrations. The parish of Blisland (price to subscribers, 7s.) is nearly ready; the other portions will appear as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers shall have been obtained. Messrs. Nichols, 25, Parliament Street, are the publishers.

To those of our readers who take interest in Sepulchral Memorials and the Engraved Brasses or stone Slabs of the Middle Ages, the announcement of a work now in course of publication in Belgium may be acceptable. M. Emile Schoorman, secretary of the "Comite Central de publication des Inscriptions Funeraires de la Flandre Orientale," has undertaken the selection of an extensive series of examples. The work, of which 40 *livraisons* have appeared, is in 4to, with lithographic illustrations, the price of each number being 2 francs. From six to ten numbers are issued in a year, under direction of the committee specially formed at Ghent for the purpose.

The second series of the Illustrated Catalogue of SCOTTISH SEALS, by Mr. Henry Laing, is in the press, and will speedily be delivered to the subscribers. The value of Mr. Laing's first volume, published in 1851, and the accuracy of the numerous illustrations by which it is accompanied, are known to all who take interest in Mediæval Sphragistic Art. No work on an equally comprehensive plan had at that time been undertaken, so far as we are aware, in any country. More recently, however, the complete descriptive Inventory of Seals preserved in the great depository of Public Records at Paris, the interesting "Sigillographie de la Ville de Saint-Omer" by Messrs. Hermand and Deschamps de Pas, and the valuable memoirs on Swiss seals which have appeared in the Transactions of the Society of Antiquaries of Zürich, with some other publications of a like description, have shown the increasing appreciation of these relics of mediæval art. Since the completion of Mr. Laing's first series, he has been indefatigable in collecting fresh materials, and his friends have lost no opportunity of aiding his inquiries; amongst fresh sources of important information, Mr. Laing has been liberally permitted by the Dean and Chapter of Durham to have access to their precious muniments, and the whole of the Scottish seals in the Record Office in London have been examined and photographed, under his direction, at the expense of four generous lovers of mediæval art, who are desirous that the materials thus obtained should be given to the public. In the great depository last mentioned Mr. Laing has thus been enabled to augment his collection by the addition of all the seals of Scotch magnates appended to the Homages. The supplementary volume, shortly to be issued, will contain descriptions of nearly 1000 seals, Baronial, Ecclesiastical, and Monastic, with those of Burghs and Towns; they are chiefly of early date, and will present most authentic information regarding Scottish heraldry and those devices by which the systematic use of heraldic bearings was preceded. Numerous illustrations will be given. The price of the volume will be two guineas to subscribers, whose names may be sent to Mr. Laing, 1, Elder Street, Edinburgh, or to Messrs. Edmonston and Douglas, the publishers. It is needless to point out how acceptable to those who are interested in heraldic researches, or the investigation of family history, any such repertories must prove. We hope that Mr. Franks may ere long complete his promised contribution to the history of Seals in this country in the descriptive

enumeration of original matrices and of impressions attached to documents, which formed the special exhibition in May, 1861, by the Society of Antiquaries. (Proceedings, vol. i., Second Series, p. 392.) It may be acceptable to some of our readers to be reminded that a brief inventory of seals connected with Wales collected by Mr. Ready (270 in number) has been printed in the *Archæologia Cambrensis*, vol. vi., Third Series, p. 281. The collection has subsequently received numerous additions. Of these, with his other rich Sphragistic acquisitions, and also of the extensive miscellaneous stock amassed by the late Mr. Doubleday, extending to upwards of 20,000 examples, Mr. Ready is enabled to supply the collector with faithful reproductions either in sulphur or electrotyped.¹

We may invite attention to an addition to Northumbrian topography, the History of the Borough, Castle, and Barony of Alnwick, with notices of monastic and ecclesiastical foundations, and of the antiquities of the district. This interesting monograph, of which five parts have been issued, comprises the results of many years' investigation by Mr. GEORGE TATE, F.G.S., secretary of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, to whose Transactions many valuable memoirs have from time to time been contributed by Mr. Tate, especially his account of the ancient town of Greaves Ash, near Linhope, on the flanks of the Cheviots, and his dissertation on the "Ancient British Sculptured Rocks of Northumberland and the Eastern Borders," a very remarkable class of remains which has recently attracted considerable attention.² His Annals of the ancient border-town and stronghold of the Percys comprise much curious information connected with the Northern Marches. Amongst the numerous illustrations will be found the remarkable sculptured fragments of a cross, inscribed with Runes, found in 1789 near the ruined church, commonly called Woden's Church, at Alnmouth. A portion only of this relic had previously been figured, very inaccurately, in the *Archæologia*, vol. x., pl. xxxvi. These sculptures are now preserved in the Museum in the Postern Tower at Alnwick Castle. Our lamented friend Kemble decyphered the name of Meredeh (Meredith), as the person by whom the cross was wrought. Subscribers' names may be addressed to the author, at Alnwick.

The discoveries recently made in the south of France in caverns, the habitations of man at a remote period, by the late Mr. HENRY CHRISTY and M. EDOUARD LARTET are fresh in the remembrance of all who have followed the rapid progress of archæological science in connection with the obscure vestiges of the earliest races. It is highly gratifying to learn that the extensive collection of early remains brought together from all parts of Europe by the lamented Mr. Christy, who for many years prosecuted his special subject of inquiry with singular perseverance and intelligence, will not be dispersed; in pursuance of the dispositions of his will that precious assemblage of evidence has been tendered by his trustees to the British Museum; it will, as we understand, be provisionally deposited in a house appropriated to the purpose, and a detailed catalogue is in preparation.

MM. Baillière have lately announced the first part of the "*Reliquiæ Aquitanicæ*," being contributions to the Archæology and Palæontology of

¹ See a more full notice of Mr. Ready's valuable collections in this Journal, vol. xviii., p. 47. His address is 3, Penton Grove, White Lion Street, N.

² This memoir, illustrated by twelve

engravings from accurate drawings by Mr. Story, may be obtained from Mr. H. Blair, Alnwick; price, postage included, 5s.

Perigord and the adjoining provinces of Southern France, by M. Lartet and Mr. Christy. The work will be illustrated by many lithographic plates of the weapons, ornaments, tools, &c., in stone, bone, and horn, of the ancient pre-historic cave-dwellers of Perigord, also of the remains of contemporaneous animals. It will consist of about twenty parts, in 4to., each containing six plates, price 3s. 6d.

The History of Ancient Artillery has in recent years assumed a fresh interest, not only on account of the rapid progress of modern artificers in the means of hostile destruction, and the incidental recurrence to certain obsolete inventions, but doubtless in great measure through attention excited by the elaborate "*Etudes sur le passé et l'avenir de l'Artillerie*," by the Emperor of the French. In our own country the subject has been elucidated by the researches of the late Mr. Hunter, and recently by Mr. Burt, to whom we were indebted for some particulars printed in this Journal, vol. xix., p. 68. To the kindness of General Lefroy we owe the curious account of early cannon at the Mont St. Michel, given in this volume, and more fully in the Proceedings of the Royal Artillery Institution, Woolwich, vol. iv. The interesting questions connected with this subject have found an intelligent and zealous investigator in Lieut. Brackenbury, R.A., whose researches will be recorded in the publication last mentioned. The first part of his communications on "Ancient Cannon in Europe, from their first employment to A.D. 1350," comprises much information derived from careful and critical examination of documentary evidence.

The characteristic peculiarities of church architecture in the western extremity of Southern England have long excited the curiosity of the Ecclesiologist. Our readers may recall the valuable memoirs given in this Journal by Mr. E. W. Godwin, vol. x., p. 317, vol. xviii., pp. 231, 325, and by Mr. Rogers, vol. xi., p. 33. Mr. J. T. Blight, of Penzance, with whose abilities as an antiquary we are familiar through his curious notices of early Cornish habitations near Chysauster, given in this Journal, vol. xviii., p. 39, has lately completed a volume of Notes on the Churches of West Cornwall, published by Messrs. Parker, and well deserving of the attention of the architectural antiquary.

sense, and signified either to grant in mortgage or to take in mortgage; and that the actual meaning in every case was to be determined by the context. If, as appears not improbable, the primary sense of the Welsh form of the word *pryde* as a verb, viz. *pridiaw*, was to give one thing for another, both the meanings above mentioned may be easily accounted for.

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The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institute for the year 1866 will be held in the Metropolis, commencing on July 17. It is with grateful satisfaction that the Central Committee desire to make known to the Members that Her Most Gracious Majesty THE QUEEN has signified Her Pleasure that the Meeting should be announced as held under Her sanction and Patronage. Her Majesty has also been graciously pleased to grant permission for a special visit to Windsor Castle. H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES, Patron of the Institute, has condescended to take the part of Honorary President of the London Meeting. Cordial promise of assistance and encouragement has been received from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and, by sanction of the Court of Common Council, the Inaugural Assembly will take place in the Guildhall.

Full particulars regarding the proposed arrangements may be obtained at the Office of the Institute, No. 1, Burlington Gardens.

The publication of a work of great value to all who devote attention to Palæography, and to the investigation of Historical evidence preserved in ancient records, claims the special notice of our readers. The success that attended the Photo-zincographic facsimiles of Domesday Book has suggested to Sir Henry James a reproduction, by the same process, of the most interesting of our royal charters, grants, letters of royal and remarkable persons, with various documents deposited at the Record Office, or in other repositories, including the most perfect copy of Magna Carta extant. The series has been selected, under direction of the Master of the Rolls, by Mr. T. Duffus Hardy, Deputy Keeper of H.M. Records; it will extend from the Conquest to the commencement of the last century. The facsimiles, arranged chronologically, will form four parts, atlas quarto; price of each part 25s. Translations and notes have been supplied by Mr. W. B. Sanders, Assistant Keeper of Records. This important work, entitled "National Manuscripts," may be obtained through Mr. Stanford, Charing Cross, or any bookseller.

It is with satisfaction also that we hail the announcement of a collection of facsimiles of "National Manuscripts" of Scotland, to be executed under the charge of Sir Henry James. The materials for the first portion have been selected by direction of the Right Hon. Sir William Gibson-Craig, Bart., Lord Clerk Register, by the talented Curator of the Historical Department of the Register House, Edinburgh, who has likewise been permitted to have recourse to the rich stores in public and private collections in North Britain.

THE REV. WILLIAM GREENWELL, M.A., announces as in readiness for

publication (by subscription, 10s.), "A Decade of Skulls from Ancient Northumbria," to consist of ten lithographic plates, with an account of the circumstances under which each skull was found, and accompanied by woodcuts of urns and other associated objects. The crania have been selected from the instructive collection in possession of Mr. Greenwell, and will be principally those which are commonly designated British, including several very typical examples. If, however, the number of subscribers should be sufficient to warrant an additional outlay the number of plates will be increased. Those persons who may desire to encourage the undertaking should send their names to the author at Durham.

The value of crania in the difficult investigation of ancient races, and in many ethnological questions of importance to the archaeologist, has been increasingly appreciated in recent times. Dr. Barnard Davis, to whom, conjointly with Dr. Thurnam, we are indebted for the remarkable contribution to antiquarian literature, the "*Crania Britannica*," has prepared an illustrated catalogue of his large collection, comprising nearly 1500 examples derived from every division of the globe, and presenting representative types of the skulls of various races, including those of the Indian Ocean and of the Pacific, highly valuable for purposes of comparison. The volume, to be entitled "*Thesaurus Craniorum*," will be issued at 10s. 6d. (to subscribers). A prospectus may be obtained from the author, J. Barnard Davis, M.D., F.S.A., Shelton, Hanley.

The interesting vestiges of an unknown race occupying the Lake-margins of Switzerland at a remote period have been brought before the Institute by General Lefroy and other members; Sir John Lubbock and some distinguished writers on Ethnology have likewise treated of the subject, but no special work on the Pfahlbauten has hitherto been published in England. We have to announce with gratification, that a fully detailed account of these remarkable remains has been prepared by Mr. John E. Lee, F.S.A., well known to us through his researches at Caerleon, and it will speedily be published by Messrs. Longman. This important addition to our Archæological literature will consist of the reproduction of the six valuable memoirs by Dr. Keller, President of the Society of Antiquaries of Zurich, and given in their Transactions. To his sagacity, as is well known, the discovery of the Lake Habitations in 1856 was due; subsequent investigations have been carefully placed on record by him, but the original German text has been comparatively unavailable to his friends amongst the antiquaries of this country. Mr. Lee has prepared a careful translation with the author's concurrence; the numerous illustrations that enriched the original memoirs have been reproduced, with some additions, forming the most complete and instructive work on the subject hitherto brought within reach of the student of Primæval Antiquities.

The Congress of the BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION for the year 1866 will, it is understood, be held in October at Battle and Hastings, under the auspices of the Duke of Cleveland, K.G. The meeting has been arranged as a celebration of the eighth centenary from the Battle of Hastings, Oct. 14, 1066.