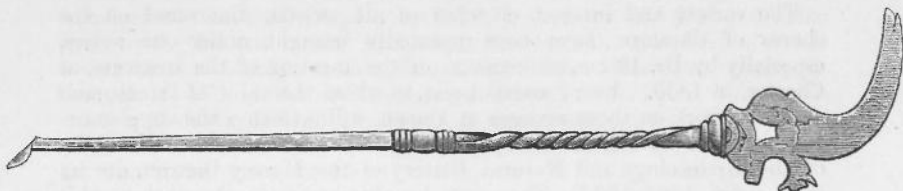


silver, found in digging the foundations of a house at Cirencester, and now in the museum there.



By Mr. R. H. SODEN SMITH.—The bronze three-legged pot, already described;—a silver peg drinking cup, made of a head ornament, worn by the Druse ladies in Syria;—and a large silver decade ring.

By Messrs. LAMBERT.—A fine Processional Cross of the fifteenth century, considered by Dr. Rock to be Florentine work, the back beautifully decorated with enamels;—a good *monstrance* of the cinque-cento period, almost renaissance in style;—three tankards of the seventeenth century, including a German “medal” tankard;—a *châsse*, a crystal vase, two salt-cellars, a table striking clock of lead, painted, of German work; a book-rest, &c.

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A WORK of importance in connexion with the History of Mythology and Art in India will shortly be published as one of the Series under authority of the Secretary of State for India. It will comprise illustrations of Tree and Serpent Worship from sculptures of the Buddhist Topes in Central India, to which the attention of the Archaeological Institute was invited during the last session by Mr. Fergusson, by whom the letter-press of the volume now announced will be supplied. The monuments in question are ascribed to the first and the fourth century of the Christian era; they are covered with sculptures representing Buddhism at a period long anterior to the age of the sacred books. Information regarding this valuable work may be obtained from Messrs. Allen, 13, Waterloo Place, publishers to the India Office, by whom subscribers' names are received. The volume will contain 57 photographs from the original sculptures, and numerous other illustrations.

The student of mediæval art will not fail to welcome the completion of an attractive illustrated manual, by M. P. Lacroix. It is entitled,—“*Les Arts du Moyen Age et de l'Époque de la Renaissance* ;” illustrated by 17 chromo-lithographs and 400 woodcuts. The work may be obtained from Messrs. Williams and Norgate.

We notice, with satisfaction, the continuation of a valuable contribution to Topography in the Northern Counties, by Mr. George Tate, F.G.S., the secretary of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, to whom the Institute has frequently been indebted for communications relating to ancient relics in Northumberland, the remarkable mountain fortresses, mysterious rock-markings or symbols, and other objects of interest. The second

volume of his History of the Borough, Castle, and Barony of Alnwick is in course of publication ; the first part has lately been issued to the subscribers by the publisher, Mr. H. Blair, Alnwick.

The variety and interest of relics of all periods, discovered on the shores of Cheshire, have been repeatedly brought under our notice, especially by Dr. Hume, on occasion of the meeting of the Institute at Chester, in 1855. Every archæologist, to whom the value of Dr. Hume's elaborate work on these vestiges is known, will welcome the supplementary memoirs by Mr. H. Eeroyd Smith, who announces his "Notabilia of the Archæology and Natural History of the Mersey District, during three years, 1863—65." They may be obtained from the author, Aldborough House, Egremont, Birkenhead.

A series of photographs have been published by the Huddersfield Archæological and Topographical Association, that may be viewed with interest by our readers. Four views of the sculptured cross at Walton, near Wakefield, specially claim attention on account of the elaborate designs of interlaced and foliated work. Two views of Rastrick Cross, a relic of the like early character, have been prepared, also photographs of Hartshead Church, the Roman remains at Slack, &c. They may be obtained from Fairless Barber, Esq., Hon. Sec. of the Huddersfield Association, or from Mr. Appleyard, Brighouse.

We are enabled to announce, with satisfaction, that a permanent memorial of one of the most interesting features of the National Exhibition of Works of Art at Leeds, is in preparation. The important Series of Portraits of Yorkshire Worthies was originated and skilfully combined on the occasion by Mr. Edward Hailstone, whose name has been so honorably associated with previous collections, archæological and artistic, in which our Society has taken part. It is proposed to issue (to Private Subscribers only) a selection of photographs of these portraits, highly valuable as examples of art,—replete, also, with interest as connected with local and national history. The publication will comprise two hundred portraits, accompanied by biographical notices prepared by Mr. Hailstone. It will form two folio volumes. Subscribers' names should be sent to Messrs. Cundall and Fleming, 168, New Bond Street, London.

By Mr. J. G. WALLER and Mr. J. W. BERNHARD SMITH.—Various specimens of mail armour of the fourteenth century.

By Mr. SHURLOCK, of Chertsey.—Anglo-Saxon cinerary urn found at Walton-on-Thames in November, 1867, with its contents—calcined bones, a small glass bead, and portion of a bronze ornament.—Portions of two large sepulchral Anglo-Saxon urns.—Three imperfect human jaw-bones.—An iron spear-head and a bronze fibula.—Fragments of Roman pottery found in the upper West field, Shepperton-on-Thames, in March, 1868. See *Proc. Soc. Ant.*, Ser. ii., vol. iv., p. 118.

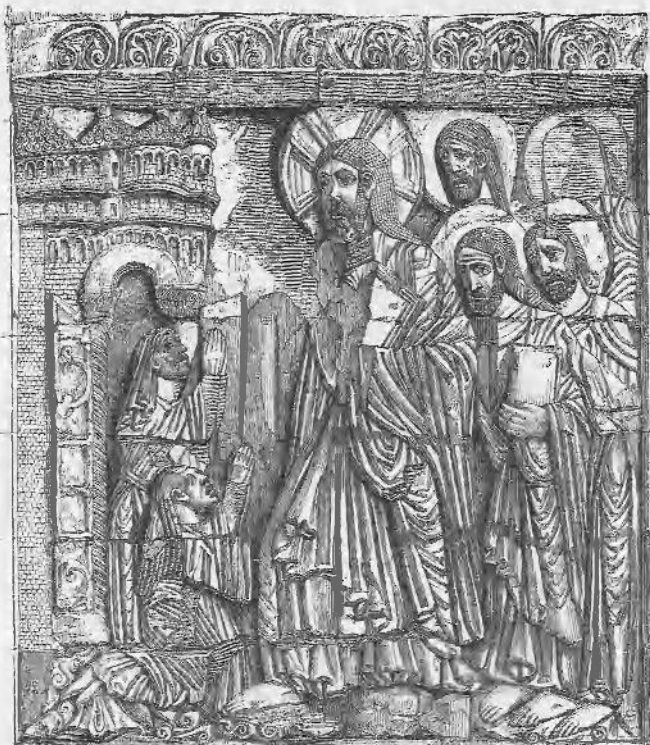
By Mr. G. TATE, F.G.S., of Alnwick.—Drawing of a dagger found in a bog near Charlton, Northumberland. Date, fifteenth century.

By the Very Rev. CANON ROCK.—Corpus Christi cloth and burse found at Hessesett Church, Suffolk.

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THE important work, of which we formerly made mention as in immediate preparation, by Mr. J. B. Waring, Chief Commissioner of the Leeds Exhibition, and well known by other undertakings in connection with the history of mediæval arts and manners, is announced for publication as soon as the cost may have been guaranteed by a sufficient number of Subscribers. It is entitled—*The Stone Monuments, Tumuli, and Ornaments of Remote Ages; with Notes on Early Irish Architecture*. The volume (price to Subscribers three guineas) will consist of about a hundred and ten plates, containing more than five hundred subjects. Not less than seventy plates are devoted to megalithic and pre-historic remains; the remainder will illustrate ornamental art in bronze and the precious metals, ending about the eighth century. More full particulars may be obtained from the Author, 2, Liddington Place, Amphyll Square, N.W.; to whom also names of Subscribers may be addressed.

An announcement of the recent formation of "The Provincial Record Association" cannot fail to be welcome to many of our readers. It is constituted for the examination of Parochial or other Registers, and to devise measures for the greater security and preservation of these records, which contain valuable information illustrative of national as well as local history, especially in reference to the descent of families. They have, however, owing to the want of any organisation for the purpose, never been systematically examined. The Association proposes to employ competent persons to make examinations of such registers, to calendar their contents, and to print such calendars for the use of the Members. It is also proposed to print certain historical materials, such as letters in the Cottonian and other collections. Provincial registers of wills present another important object to which attention will be given. The annual contribution of members is fixed at half-a-guinea. Further information will be given by the Secretary, L. C. Alexander, Esq., 2, Paul's Alley, Paternoster Row, to those persons who may desire to encourage such an undertaking.



Sculpture in the South Aisle of the Choir, Chichester Cathedral.

Our Lord, with Martha and Mary, at the Gate of Bethany. John xi.

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A ROYAL Commission has been issued for ascertaining what Historical MSS. exist in private and other collections. Its objects will be best understood by the following extract:—"Whereas it has been represented to us that there are belonging to many Institutions and private families various collections of Manuscripts and Papers of general public interest, a knowledge of which would be of great utility in the illustrations of History, Constitutional Law, Science, and general literature, and that in some cases these Papers are liable to be lost or obliterated: and whereas we are informed that many of the possessors of such MSS. would be willing to give access to them, and permit their contents to be made public, provided that nothing of a private character or relating to the title of existing owners should be divulged: and whereas it appears to us that there would be considerable public advantage in its being generally known where such Papers and MSS. are deposited, and that the contents of those which tend to the elucidation of History, and the illustration of Constitutional Law, Science, and Literature, should be published."

Power is then given to call in the aid of possessors of such MSS. to further the objects of the Commission, and, with their consent, to make abstracts and catalogues of such documents. The Circular of the Secretary of the Commission is excellently expressed. The object of the Commissioners is solely the discovery of unknown Historical and Literary materials. They will cause Reports to be made on the MSS. indicated to them, and, if necessary, Lists or Calendars. These will not be made public without the consent of the owners.

It will be very gratifying to the members of the Institute to learn that the opportunity will be given, by the Architectural Exhibition Society, for inspection of a series of the admirable drawings by our lamented friend, the late Rev. J. L. Petit. Familiar as we have long been with no small number of the productions of his talented pencil, through the frequent reproductions for which we have been greatly indebted to his generosity in enriching the pages of our Journal, during twenty-four years, constantly cheered by his liberal encouragement, we must hail the privilege presented to us in such a collective display of his works. The exhibition, open till the close of July, at 9, Conduit Street, comprises architectural sketches (339 in number) in all parts of the British islands, in France also, in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Palestine, and Egypt. The catalogue of this highly interesting exhibition is embellished by one of Mr. Petit's tasteful etchings, a view of New Abbey in North Britain. Scarcely any of the results of his genius, however, have surpassed the valuable series of views of Howden Church, Yorkshire, given in this volume of the Journal in accordance with the generous intentions of our friend, most kindly carried into effect by his sisters and executors.

The study of Prehistoric Archaeology, to which a special Section was devoted, under the auspices of Sir John Lubbock, at our Annual Meeting in the Metropolis in 1866, has rapidly advanced. It received a fresh impulse in this country from the International assembly of antiquaries through the meeting of the British Association at Norwich during the last

summer. The International Congress of Prehistoric Archaeology will take place this year at Copenhagen, under the presidency of the eminent antiquary, Worsaae, and will commence on August 27. Such a gathering cannot fail to prove of high interest, and be attended with scientific results of great importance. The first Congress of this special nature was held at Spezzia, in 1865; to this succeeded Congresses, in successive years, at Neuchâtel, Paris, and Norwich. The transactions of last year's meeting will shortly be issued to the members who took part on that occasion. Persons desirous to obtain information, or who purpose to take part in the proceedings this year, are requested to address the Secretary of the Committee of organisation, M. Valdemar Schmidt, Palais du Prince, Copenhagen. The *cotisation* (10s.) may be remitted to Baron C. J. Hambro, 70, Old Broad Street, London.

On a former occasion we invited attention to the formation of an Archaeological Society at Rome, and to the advantageous results of their operations, in which our President, Lord Talbot de Malahide, at that time sojourning in the Eternal City, took warm interest. Several valuable publications have been issued under the auspices of the Society; amongst these the following may be mentioned:—Lecture on the different modes of Construction employed in ancient Buildings, and the Period when each was introduced; by C. L. Visconti and Mr. J. H. Parker.—Recent Excavations in Rome, in 1868, by the British Archaeological Society, assisted by the Roman Exploration Fund; by Mr. J. H. Parker.—Proceedings of the Society for 1868-69.—The Ancient Streets of Rome and Roads in the Suburbs; a lecture by Dr. Fabio Gori and Mr. J. H. Parker.

The Council of the Huddersfield Archaeological and Topographical Association has determined to commence the issue of their Transactions, under the title of The Yorkshire Journal of Archaeology. The first part is announced for immediate publication, and will comprise memoirs on the Topography and Antiquities of Yorkshire, by the Rev. Canon Raine, Dr. Walker, Mr. Monkman, Mr. Fairless Barber, and other local archaeologists. To the friendly assistance of the gentleman last named the Institute has been indebted for the results of his researches into the Roman vestiges at Slack, a subject of much interest, to which further notice will be invited in the proposed Journal. Persons who desire to join the Association are requested to communicate with Mr. F. Barber, Castle Hill, Rastrick.

The increasing appreciation of documentary evidences, public and private, is satisfactory. We have not forgotten the dispersion of a mass of Exchequer Records; we might advert also to the destruction of municipal records and family memorials, condemned as "rubbish;" the day has, we trust, passed for such malpractices. The Commission, announced on the previous page, will exert an important conservative influence. As a practical effort of essential value, we may mention the institution of the HARLEIAN SOCIETY, for publication of evidences relating to Genealogy, Family History, and Heraldry. The Hon. Sec. is G. J. Armytage, Esq., F.S.A., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

special notice. Only the lower part of the jug, which was globular, held the liquor; above it the sides were perforated. Into the globular portion the handle was inserted, and this was hollow and conveyed the liquor to the hollow rim in which were three small spouts. Two of these were to be stopped by the fingers while the third was drank from. The inscription is:—"Here, gentlemen, come try your skill;—I'll hold a wager if you will,—That you don't drink this liquor all—Without you spill or let some fall." And the chances seemed much against the drinker. The jug is probably English ware of the 17th century. It was contributed by Mrs. Peel.

On the walls were several large and fine series of water-colour drawings of Oriental scenes and objects, contributed by Mrs. Moore, the Rev. H. G. Weston, and the Rev. J. L. Petit. Many of Mr. Petit's have already furnished illustrations for the Journal of the Institute. A drawing of a bell at Claughton in Lonsdale, inscribed with the date of 1296, which has every appearance of authenticity, shows it to be the earliest dated specimen known. Among the objects contributed on this occasion, was an original drawing by Hogarth, of Simon Lord Lovat, "drawn from life at St. Alban's, in his way to the town, guarded by Major Gardner. Aug. 14, 1746." It is a bold, free sketch; but had been unfortunately cut out and badly mounted on fresh paper. It is the well-known likeness of that unfortunate nobleman so familiar to collectors of Hogarth's engravings.

The Central Committee desire to acknowledge the following donations on the occasion of the Lancaster meeting:—Octavius Morgan, Esq., M.P., V.P., 5*l.*; John Henderson, Esq., 5*l.*; G. T. Clark, Esq., 5*l.*; E. Smirke, Esq., 2*l.*; Miss Ffarington, 1*l.* 1*s.*; R. Ferguson, Esq., 2*l.*; Thos. Greene, Esq., 5*l.* 5*s.*; Thos. Norris, Esq., 2*l.*; Rev. Bernard More, 1*l.* 1*s.*; — Hornby, Esq., 1*l.*

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THE important results of Explorations of Vestiges of Ancient Rome under the direction of Mr. J. H. Parker, F.S.A., are well known to our members. See pp. 341, 346, *ante*. He has obtained full permission from the Pontifical Government to make excavations on several sites of great interest, but the work is suspended for want of adequate funds; it is hoped that the aid so greatly to be desired, will not be denied to our indefatigable friend. Donations are received by Messrs. Coutts, on account of the Roman Fund. Fifteen hundred photographs of buildings and objects of highly valuable character have been obtained, at Mr. Parker's expense; these may be purchased at very moderate prices. They may be inspected, and more full particulars obtained at Messrs. Parker's, No. 377, Strand, London.

The facsimile of the Domesday Survey of Kent, the last achievement by our lamented friend, the Rev. L. B. Larking, has been completed, and may be obtained from Mr. Toovey, 177, Piccadilly. The price of this admirable reproduction by the skill of Mr. F. Nethercliff is four guineas. A Latin text (*in extenso*), translation, and Glossary are appended.