



Miscellanea

WE publish as the Frontispiece of this part a *facsimile* of the valuable Deed relating to S. Werburgh's Abbey, which is in the possession of the Duke of Westminster. His Grace, with his usual interest so kindly evinced in matters archæological, has most generously given permission for its reproduction by photography. It is an Exemplification by Earl Randle Gernons of the gifts to the Abbey, and contains some very valuable information about the district then under the rule of the Palatine Earls. The Deed, which is in excellent preservation and beautifully transcribed, belongs most probably to the reign of Stephen, 1135-1154. A paper on it is contained in the first Volume of the old series of our Journal, but we hope to enter more fully upon the subject matter of the Deed in a future number.

DURING the progress of repairs to the Priory Buildings at Birkenhead, a most interesting find was made by Mr. George W. Haswell, of the firm of Messrs. W. Haswell & Son, of Chester. An excavation was being made, by direction of



of the Corporation of Birkenhead, to examine the condition of the foundations of the south gable of the Prior's Hall, when, amongst the *debris* being thrown out and wheeled away to level the churchyard adjoining, he discovered what now proves to be a fine and well preserved Noble of King Edward III. On the front is seen the King, crowned, standing in a

ship, holding in his hand a sword (which forms the mast), on his left arm a shield with the arms of England and France

quartered (sémé of fleur-de-lis), and the following inscription:—
EDWARD : DEI : GRA : REX : ANGL : DNS : HYB : & : AQ.



Englished, "Edward, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Aquitaine." The reverse is a beautifully designed cross, with floriated terminals surmounted by a fleur-de-lis, the angles filled in with a lion "passant gardant," and surmounted by a crown. Encircling the cross is the following legend:—
IHC : AUTEM : TRACIENS :

P' : MEDIUM : ILLORŪ : IBAT. The free translation being, "But Jesus, passing through the midst of them, went His way." (St. Luke iv. 30.) The coin, which is of pure gold, measures $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter (a trifle larger than our modern penny), and weighs $119\frac{1}{2}$ grains. Mr. Haswell, Junior, by special request, exhibited the coin to the members of our Society on March 16th.

WE have much pleasure in announcing that the Society of Antiquaries has appointed Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A., Local Honorary Secretary for Cheshire, in succession to the late Mr. J. P. Earwaker. Those who know the earnest interest which Mr. Taylor has taken in Archæology, and his wise and judicious treatment of matters referred to him, must congratulate the Society on having made an excellent selection of a representative in this County.

