

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Monthly Meeting, 3 November, 1858.

John Hodgson Hinde, Esq., V.P., in the Chair,

COMMUNICATIONS.—Letters from the Rev. R. Jones, Vicar of Brankston, enclosing a plan of Flodden Field, and stating that Mr. White's suggestion of a pillar to record the place where the slain were found interred, had been approved by Mr. Collingwood, who would defray the expense.—MR. WHITE.

A letter from Mr. C. Roach Smith, describing the celebrated Roman fortifications at Dax (*Aquæ Tarbellicæ*), in France, and the manner in which they were disappearing by order of the municipal authorities. A similar letter appears in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for November.—DR. BRUCE. [It is understood that, in consequence of Mr. Smith's exertions, the Emperor of the French has arrested the progress of destruction.]

Three letters from the Rev. Robert Lambe, Vicar of Norham, to Hutchinson the Historian. In the first, dated at Norham in 1775, he describes Norham, and states that he had dug up many foundation-stones westward of the church, as if the town had moved from the church to the castle. He conceives that a celt lately found, with a spear-head of brass, near Melrose, and then in the possession of Major Hume, had been hung by the eye to the spear top, and was the *melon chalkoun*, or "brazen apple," alluded to by Dion Cassius (per Xiphiline) as attached to the spears of the Britons, to terrify the enemy by its noise when shaken. [*Vide* Mon. Hist., lx.] In the second letter, dated at Durham in 1777, he thinks that the custom of taking off shoes on Easter Sunday and Monday is only practised in the towns of that part of the bishoprick. [It is common in the Stockton district.] The only popular diversions at Norham were dancings among the young people on the first Monday in January, the White Plough at Christmas, and the

town feast about the middle of September. The third letter, dated at Durham in 1780, dilates upon the supposed apple, and states that there were two spear-heads and two chisels (as he calls the celts) found—that the latter resembled pouches or purses, and might be about *three inches long and three inches broad*. He originates the spindles with which the women near the Tweed make round thread, the bagpipes, the Highland costume, the broad ribbon (zone) round the waists of Tweedside brides, British cheese, and British cherries, in the Roman settlement; and from the wilks, in Scotland called bukkies (*buccina*, Latin), “he has extracted the famous Tyrian purple.”—THE EDITOR.

PRESENTED.—A photograph (exhibited at the previous meeting) of a panel carved with Thomas Percy's arms; formerly at Thorpfield, near Topcliffe.—MR. F. K. ROBINSON.

A rough stone found outside of the station walls at Benwell, and bearing a rude inscription almost effaced.—MR. RICHARD CAIL.

Photograph drawing of an old chest belonging to the Clothworkers' Company, London, and a rubbing of the arms engraved six times within its lid. The lock is in the centre of the lid; but there is another ornamental key-hole in front. The latter, with the four handles (twisted snakes), padlocks, &c., retain slight traces of gilding. The chest until recently contained the company's plate. The arms are those of the free town of Nürnberg, viz., Or, a demi imperial eagle displayed Sable; impaling, bendy of six, Argent and Gules (here and elsewhere drawn as Argent, 3 bends Gules). An allied coat is borne by Von Hertingshausen in Hesse, viz., Azure, a demi eagle displayed Argent; impaling Or, two bends Sable. No information respecting the chest was discovered in the company's records by the late Mr. Samuel Gregory, who lately died, bequeathing to the company his collections relating to it, in twenty folio volumes.—DR. J. J. HOWARD.

Revue de l'Art Chretien recueil mensuel d'Archéologie Religieuse, dirigé par M. l'Abbé J. Corblet, No. VII.—THE PUBLISHER.

Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny Archæological Society, Vol. II., N.S., No. XVI.—THE SOCIETY.

ELECTED.—Mr. Henry Bell, Tynemouth, as an ordinary member.

Monthly Meeting, 1 December, 1858.

John Hodgson Hinde, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS.—The Inquisition taken after the death of Adam de Charlton of Tynedale in 1303. To be printed.—DR. CHARLTON.

On the 'Thorngraston Find.' To be printed.—MR. CLAYTON. [Mr. Fenwick observed, that the late Duke of Northumberland had given him instructions, that if Mr. Pattison would voluntarily deliver up the coins, he was to pay him the value put upon them by the late Mr. Trotter Brockett. Mr. Pattison, however, was obstinate, and the proceedings went forward.—Mr. Clayton added, that he had written to the present Duke, offering to give precedence, as was due, to His Grace; and the generous answer which he received, was that the coins were in very good hands. Mr. Pattison had come to regard one of the silver coins as the most precious of the whole number, having detected (as he imagined) the representation of a conflict between a man and a lion, described in the Book of Chronicles,¹ and come to the conclusion that it must have been coined at least a thousand years before Christian era. He made his last stand on this Biblical coin; and at length he (Mr. Clayton) offered to leave him in possession of it, and be contented with the rest. Mr. Pattison then gave way; the coins, he said, should all go together; and the negotiation was finally effected.—Dr. Bruce remarked that at the time when the coins were found, a commencement had been made with the construction of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway; and as it was anticipated that antiquities would be brought to light by the excavations, it was felt to be a matter of importance to settle the question of ownership.]

On Edmondbyers Church. To be printed.—REV. W. FEATHERSTON-HAUGH.

On the Old North Road. Printed at p. 237.—THE CHAIRMAN. [Mr. Fenwick gave an anecdote of the famous Lady Peat, who was once compelled, in default of a better place, to ride in the boot of a stage-coach. On inside fare being demanded, she replied, "No; I have come as luggage, and must be paid for as luggage.]

¹ Probably referring to Benaiah's slaying the lion in a pit on a snowy day. *Vide* 1 Chron. xi. 22. The coin is figured in Dr. Bruce's Roman Wall among the consular pieces.

PRESENTED.—Fragments of Samian ware from Chester-le-Street, marked MACRINI, PATERCLINI, &c.—A large bead or ring of blue glass, with annulets of white on the circumference, found at a depth of seven feet there.—Two fragments of ancient pottery, from Edmondbyers.—REV. W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH.

Letters and Journals of Robert Baillie, A.M., by David Laing, Esq., 3 vols., 1841.—Pinkerton's Enquiry into the History of Scotland, 2 vols., 1824.—Memoirs of the Insurrection in Scotland in 1715, by John, Master of Sinclair, with notes by Sir Walter Scott, Bart. Edited for the Abbotsford Club by Mr. Macknight and Mr. Laing, 1858.—A penni worth of Witte, Florice, and Blanchefleur, and other pieces of ancient English poetry, from the Auchinleck MS. Edited for the Abbotsford Club, 1857.—Geographical Illustrations of Scottish History, by David Macpherson, 1796.—A brief view of the Dutch Ecclesiastical Establishment, by William Steven, M.A., 1839.—Facsimile of the inscription commemorating James Stouert, Earl of Morry, 1569.—MR. LAING.

Canadian Journal, N.S., No. XVII., September, 1858.—THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE.

Specimens of Early Wood Engraving, being Impressions of Wood-cuts from the Collection of Mr. Charnley (of which 20 copies only have been printed), 1858.—MR. DODD.

PURCHASED.—Mr. John Bell's collection of papers relative to the parliamentary elections for Newcastle, from 1741 to 1807.

Monthly Meeting, 5 January, 1859.

John Hodgson Hinde, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS.—The Account in the Year Book of 4 Edw. IV. of the Battle of Hexham. To be printed.—The Misdemeanors of the Religious persons of Hexham. Printed in Hinde's Northumberland, 353.—The Minister's Account of the Possessions of Hexham Priory, 27-28 Hen. VIII. To be printed.—MR. JASPER GIBSON.

[Mr. Dunn read an interesting account from *The Times* of the discovery of a cinque-cento bronze statue of a Roman in armour, at Gorton Brook.]

[The Chairman announced that a Member of the Society, Mr. Thomas Gray, had undertaken to carry Mr. G. Bouchier Richardson's design of

a History of Newcastle into execution, and hoped that every assistance would be given him in the work.]

EXHIBITED.—A noble of Henry IV. said to have been found in the Tyne by dredgers.—MR. ROBINSON. [Rumours of the discovery “of a silver head as big as the figure-head of a ship” amused the meeting.]

A facsimile of De Gucht’s engraving of Sir Josiah Child, Bart., the great banker, made by Brand the antiquary, at Syon, in 1791.—MR. ROBINSON.

An implement of iron found in the mile-castle opposite Moss Kennel, similar to or one of the tools now used for turning up ground which is matted with the roots of trees.—MR. DRYDEN.

PRESENTED.—Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny Architectural Society, Vol. II., N. S., No. XVII.—THE SOCIETY.

Transactions of the Historical Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, Vol. X., Sessions 1857-8.—THE SOCIETY.

Memoir of the late Dr. Raine, from the *Gateshead Observer*.—MR. BROCKETT.

ORDERED.—The History and Antiquities of Blythe, near Worksop, by the Rev. John Raine.

RESOLVED.—That Sir Thomas Phillips be respectfully solicited to present to this Society a copy of his printed Visitation of Northumberland.

That Messrs. Kell and Dunn be appointed auditors for the ensuing year.