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A. Leslie Armstrong Esq.,  
52, Warburton Street,  
Stockton Heath,  
Warrington.

Dear Armstrong,

I return your relics after a longer and more  
exhaustive examination thereof.

1. The 6 pins are nearly pure gold, i.e. either 18 or 22 carat (a most interesting discovery).
2. The two Bronze buttons appear to be as specified.
3. Button marked A is of Copper (see underside).
4. Silver ? These three buttons I have examined more exhaustively.  
The smallest contains silver i.e. partly silver, possibly 50%. Unfortunately in taking the test it has come apart, a small section having flown away which I failed to recover.
2. The middle sized one contains silver of a poorer quality than previous one - possibly only 25%.
3. The largest one probably of same material as the smallest, with about 50% of pure silver.

You see we do not know definitely the whole period covered in construction of these buttons, and at various dates the mixers of metals differentiated their ingredients. ~~As~~ As for the silver ones, so long as they were of a whiteish hue they were

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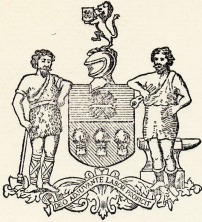
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not very particular concerning ingredients <sup>of alloys</sup> they used.

Here we have many different metals, gold, silver, copper and bronze, but certainly no plating of any description. I wonder how you managed to acquire the very tiny and interesting gold pins?

Sincerely yours,

*T. Bradbury*



## MUSEUM &amp; ART GALLERY,

WESTON PARK,

SHEFFIELD.

MAPPIN ART GALLERY.  
WESTON PARK MUSEUM.  
HIGH HAZELS MUSEUM.

J. W. BAGGALEY, Curator.

19th May 1930.

A. L. Armstrong, Esq., M.C., F.S.A.,  
C/o, 52, Warburton Street,  
Stockton Heath,  
Warrington.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Baggaley has just gone to London for a few days and he has asked me to send on to you the following relics from the Sheffield Castle :-

three buttons; crucifix; palm board;  
iron <sup>buckle</sup> ~~hook~~ spear; ~~hook~~, part of whetstone;  
three pieces of brass; one "peggy";  
one flat strip of iron (is it the  
side piece of a horse's bit ?);  
six photographs.

I am sending them by registered post and should be glad to hear of their safe arrival.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Walker*

P.S. The 2 keys & playing card were received safely this morning.

Returned ②  
discs.  
Returned 1

Returned 2  
2 Knives  
Returned ①  
1/2 Shear scissors.