

# APPENDIX.

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With a view to point out the actual State of the SOCIETY of ANTIQUARIES of SCOTLAND, it may be proper to add as an appendix to this volume,

*The proceedings of the Society during last Session, as reported in the 13th Number of the Edinburgh Philosophical Journal, Art. 32.*

The following papers have been read before this Society in the course of the winter 1821 and 1822:—

1. Illustrations of the Manorial Tenures and Customs of the north of England in the fifteenth century, derived from original documents, and communicated by Dr Hibbert.
2. A detailed Report on the state of the Communications and other writings in the repositories of the Society,—by John Dillon, Esq. Sec.
3. An account of some Sculptured Stones in the north of Scotland,—by Professor Stuart of Aberdeen.
4. The Catalogue of the Library of the Cathedral Church of Glasgow, dated A. D. 1432, with observations by John Dillon, Esq. Sec.
5. An account of some Antiquities in the island of Milo in Greece,—by Captain J. D. Boswall, R. N.
6. An account of an ancient Axe of pure copper found at a great depth in Ratho Bog, county of Mid Lothian,—by Dr Brewster.
7. An account of some Warlike Weapons from the remotest district of Nepal,—by Dr Borthwick.
8. An account of some Monumental Tumuli at Largs,—by John Smith, Esq.
9. Observations on the Well-house Tower and North Loch of Edinburgh,—by James Skene, Esq.
10. Some Letters regarding the Porteous Mob,—communicated by Robert Johnston, Esq.

11. Account of an ancient Tomb lately discovered in Kincardineshire, supposed to be that of Malcolm I. of Scotland,—by Professor Stuart of Aberdeen.

12. Catalogue of the Manuscripts and Books belonging to the Franciscan Friars of Aberdeen,—by ditto.

13. Account of the ancient Tomb in the Abbey Church of Paisley called Queen Bleary's,—by the Reverend Dr Boog of Paisley.

14. Account of some Runic Inscriptions in the Isle of Man, and a Monument of that kind from Norway now placed on the Castle Hill of Edinburgh,—by John Dillon, Esq. and the Rev. Dr Jamieson.

The Society received the following donations to their Museum :—

Presented by *Godfrey Meynell, Esq.*—of Roman medals, Faustina, Aurelius, L. Verus, Scipio and Hannibal, Nero ; a counter-marked medal ; a ticket medal for the games ; two silver coins of Athens and Thurium, the latter plated ; four Egyptian, of the Ptolemies ; three Greek ; Scotch coins of Alexander III. and John ; a series of twenty-nine Popes' medals, copper.

Two Roman urns, and specimens of pottery from Little Chester, near Derby, the ancient Derventio.

A Roman key of brass or copper.

A ring or fibula.

A Roman spoon and ligula, of which a plate and account is given in Dean Batteley's *Antiquitates Rupinæ* ; part of a comb found near a Skeleton at Little Chester.

A supposed druidical ear-ring and bead, found near a rocking-stone in the high Peak of Derby.

A celt or chip-axe, found at Aldborough, Yorkshire.

Presented by *John Graham Dalryell, Esq.* his Remarks on the Antiquities of the Episcopal See of Aberdeen.

Presented by A. Z. Description of the Isles of Orkney, 1743 ; the Death-Song of Ladd-brokar, 1783 ; Martin's Description of the Western Isles, with Brand's Description of the Orkney Isles.—*N. B.* This anonymous benefactor has been in the habit for many years of enriching the collection of the Scottish Antiquaries with many valuable works, both ancient and modern, connected with the History of the Orkney Islands and of Norway, to which many volumes of manuscript researches and drawings are added, forming a body of authorities and information on these subjects which is perhaps unequalled.

Presented by *George Chalmers, Esq.* the Ensign of King David I. of Scotland at the battle of the Standard, A. D. 1133.

Presented by *Sir Thomas Brisbane*, a gold coin found in the field of Agincourt, in an excavation made at the place where many of the slain were buried, on which is the following legend : KAROLUS DEI GRATIA FRANCORUM REX X<sup>o</sup>P.C. vincit, X<sup>o</sup>P.C. regnat, X<sup>o</sup>P.C. imperat.

Presented by *James Haig, Esq.* *Theatrum Historicum Helvici*, Edin. 1638.

Presented by *G. S. Menteith, Esq.* of Closeburn, a small Urn, of coarse earthen-ware, containing fragments of decayed bones, and four arrow heads of flint, nearly of a triangular form, and singularly grooved and serrated.

Presented by *James Hotchkis, Esq.* a Silver Medal, having a lion sejant, with a sword in his dexter paw, and a fleur de lis in his sinister : Legend, IO *annis* METELLANUS LAUDERLÆ 60 *meo* ; (reverse) Consilio et Animis 1646.

Presented by *Henry Jardine, Esq.* the Plates of the engravings of the Scottish Regalia, and Seals of the Exchequer of Scotland.

Presented by the *Commissioners of Public Records*, vols. 7. & 8. of the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland.

Presented by *Dr Duncan*, his Life of Sir Joseph Banks, K. B.

Presented by *General Hutton*, a copy of the curious Portrait in fresco of King William the Lyon, which belonged to the Monastery of the Trinity Friars of Aberdeen. The original is 4 feet high, by 2 feet 9 inches in breadth. The following lines have been added at the bottom : “ Sir William, King of Scots, surnamed the Lyon, the first founder of the Trinity Friars of Aberdeen, where he had his chappell, the chief place of retirement for his devotions. He reigned 49 years, beginning 1165 ; dyed at Striveling 1214, and was buried at Aberborthick.”

Presented by *Henry Jardine, Esq.* copy of the Report on the Disinterment of King Robert the Bruce, with a morsel of the gold tissue which enveloped the body, and part of the ornaments of the ancient tomb, consisting of some small pillars of marble gilt, and a head of the king ; likewise a cast of that monarch's skull taken at the time of the disinterment. The coffin-plate of copper found in the grave, containing the device and name of Robert, was deposited in the Museum, by order of the Barons of Exchequer.

Presented by *Alexander Douglas, Esq.* 43 copper coins.

Presented by *Captain J. D. Boswall, R. N.* an Egyptian coin of the Ptolemies.

Presented by *James Skene, Esq.* nine ancient Scotch and English Coins, found in clearing out the rubbish of the Well-house Tower of Edinburgh ; likewise part of an ancient oaken Coffin found under a cairn in Aberdeenshire ; a French Proclamation regarding the affairs of Scotland in the year 1745.

Presented by *James Maidment, Esq.* a reprint of an unique work preserved in the Advocates' Library, entitled, “ Declaration of the Nobilitie to protect the King against the enemies of his government and of true religion, 1582.”

Presented by *Thomas Sivright, Esq.* the Head of a Roman Battle-axe.

Presented by *Sir Walter Scott, Bart.* 12 ancient Coins found on the Castle Hill of Jedburgh.

Presented by *Sir George Stuart Mackenzie, Bart.* some remains found in the grave of a Bishop of Ross, lately opened at Fortrose.

Presented by———*Pitcairne, Esq.* a reprint of the “Battayle of Flodden Felde, or Branstone Moor.”

We are happy to observe, by the foregoing list of contributions, that the Museum of this Society is so much on the increase. The deficiency in public collections connected with the various pursuits of science and history has long been a matter of regret to ourselves, and of surprise to strangers. That most important branch, natural history, of which, till within these very few years, no public collection whatever existed, is now in progress, and likely to become highly creditable to the scientific character of this city, as well as supplying an invaluable source of information to the student. We could wish that this collection of subjects of antiquity, of which a very respectable foundation is laid, were more generally an object of encouragement, so as to constitute a common receptacle for objects of this description; when collected together, they supply a very valuable record of ancient manners and history, offering facilities to antiquarian research, which is quite unavailable while they remain scattered about and neglected in the hands of individuals, as well as inaccessible to persons engaged in such inquiries. We understand that the collection of Coins in the progress of formation by this Society, though as yet far from complete, is considerably advanced. The importance of ancient coins, and the particular circumstances under which they may be found, are only valuable when collected into a series, as evidences of ancient history.

Where the national antiquities of a country are so much a subject of interest with every one in Scotland, we should expect that a Museum, particularly and exclusively devoted to the collection and preservation of such objects, and depending for its increase upon contributions alone, would attract more generally than seems to have been the case, the favour of those who may have it in their power to add to the collection. The Museum had no doubt for some years been allowed to fall into a state of neglect, as happened with the Natural History Collection of the College. This last has now risen into splendour from its ashes; and as the Museum of the Antiquaries has been recently arranged, and put upon such a footing, that due regard and advantage is taken of whatever is sent to the Collection, we hope soon to see it assume the important station it ought to hold as a public collection of Antiquities relative to Scotland.

The collection of coins alluded to in the foregoing report amounts already to about 4500 in number, of which many are very valuable. The number of donors of coins alone, according to the Society's record, amounts to 380. The collection is at present in progress of arrangement by a member of the Society, from whose last report on that subject we subjoin the following extracts, with a view to point out to the public the deficiencies in the series of Scottish coins, (the only part of which the catalogue is yet completed,) in hopes that it may be the means of obtaining some of those deficiencies to be supplied.