

LEVEN MEDAL AND JEWEL.

The Hon. W. Leslie Melville, F.S.A. Scot., exhibited a large Gold Medal, struck in the year 1628, to commemorate the raising of the siege of Stralsund, and which had been presented to his ancestor, Sir Alexander Leslie, afterwards first Earl of Leven, by Gustavus Adolphus, for his services on the occasion. The obverse bears a pheon within a garland—the armorial bearing of Stralsund. Around is the legend :—DEO . OPTIM . MAXIM . IMPER . ROMANO . FOEDERI . POSTERISQ ; and on the reverse the inscription :—MEMORIÆ VRBIS STRALSVNDÆ . AO. MDCXXVIII. DIE XII. MAI . A . MILITE . CAESARIANO . CINCTÆ . ALIQVOTIES OPPVGNANTE . SED DEI . GRATIA . ET . OPE INCLYTOR . REGVM SEPTENTRIONAL . DIE XXIII. IVLI OBSIDIONE LIBERATÆ . S.P.Q.S.F.F.

There was also exhibited at the same time, a beautiful Jewel belonging to the Leven Family, regarding which considerable uncertainty existed. This has

been supposed to be the one referred to in a letter among the Leven Papers, as having been transmitted by the Speaker of the House of Commons to the Earl of Leven, on the occasion of the surrender of Charles I., at which time the Earl was in command of the army at Newark. It contains a finely executed miniature, probably by Petitot, on comparing which with the pictures at Leslie House, it appears to represent John, the only Duke of Rothes, whose sister married Lord Balgonie, son of the first Earl of Leven. This lady is somewhat remarkable, as by each of three marriages she had a daughter, from whom are descended the present families of Leven and Melville, of Buccleuch, and of Wemyss.