

#### ROMAN BRONZE PATELLA.

Dr John Alex. Smith exhibited a Roman bronze patella, of the usual form, dug up on the farm of Temple, Roxburghshire, Dec. 1849. The place where it was found, about half-a-mile below the junction of the river Jed with the Teviot, is little more than the same distance to the west of the line of the Great Roman Road from the Pass of the Cheviots, by Chew Green, towards St Boswells Green and Newstead. Roy alludes to some vestiges of a Roman station near this site (*Milit. Antiq.*, p. 102); and Stuart also notices the traces, though describing them as too partial for the establishment of any certain conclusions

(*Caledonia Romana*, 2d Ed., p. 149). The patella acquires an additional interest, therefore, as being, it is believed, the first undoubted Roman relic discovered in the immediate neighbourhood.