

ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL, EDINBURGH CASTLE.

Dr Daniel Wilson read some notices of the history and architectural features of the ancient Chapel of St Margaret, in Edinburgh Castle, discovered by him in 1846 ; and detailed the plans proposed for its restoration, as nearly as possible in accordance with the existing traces of its original state. This interesting little Romanesque chapel consists of a nave measuring $16\frac{1}{2}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet, with a beautiful chancel arch of two orders, decorated with chevron mouldings, which has originally rested on four cylindrical pillars. The plain chamfered impost, the cushion capitals, and two of the bases of the pillars remain, so that the restoration of this important feature of the building is attended with no difficulty. Within the arch is a semicircular apse, with a plain, square ambry, and a larger recess, which may have sufficed for holding the vestments, or perhaps more probably formed the entrance for the officiating priest, from an adjoining building on the north side. The mutilated remains of a piscina are also traceable on the south side of the apse, which it is proposed to restore. One of the small round-headed windows in the apse, and those in the south wall of the nave have been opened and filled with stained glass. A stone font, corresponding in some degree to the style of the Chapel, has also been provided by private subscription ; and this venerable ecclesiastical building, which was used at the period of its discovery as a gunpowder magazine, is now to be set apart as a baptistry for the use of the Episcopal chaplain of the garrison.