

ANTIQUÉ SILVER FILAGREE-CASE AND SCISSORS.

Dr John Alexander Smith communicated a notice of an Antique Silver Filagree-case and Scissors, the property of Dr Stark, formerly in possession of the Traquair family. In an accompanying letter, Dr Stark remarked :—" They are said to have belonged to the beautiful and unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots, and to have been worn and used by her during her long captivity in England. On the night before her execution in Fotheringay Castle (7th Feb.

1587), she unloosed this scissor-case from her side, and gave it, with the enclosed scissors, to one of her attendants, a member of the Traquair family. They afterwards passed into the possession of the lady of Colonel Macdonald of Kinloch Moidart, a member of that family, by whom they were presented to Miss Reid ; after being in whose possession for the long period of sixty years, they were given by her to Dr Stark."

Dr Smith exhibited the relics, and remarked, in the absence of more authentic evidence, that the most satisfactory source of interest about them might perhaps be derived from the fact that the beautiful silver scissor-case appeared to be an undoubted relic of the period, and seemed to correspond with well-known contemporary examples of French workmanship in silver.