

## III.

REPORT ON THE COINS PRESENTED TO THE SOCIETY FROM THE HONOURABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.  
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The coins found at Portobello are in good preservation, but of little importance, being common. The English are all of Edward I., with Edw. Three are of London, one of York. The only Irish coin is a Waterford penny, with three pellets below the bust. The Scottish coins, 11 in number, are all of the common types of Alexander III. The varieties are as follows:—

One mullet of five points, three mullets of six points.

Four mullets of six points; five specimens.

Three mullets of six and one star of seven points; three specimens.

Two mullets of six and two stars of seven points; two specimens.

The first of these varieties is the scarcest, according to Mr Lindsay; and it will be seen that only one specimen occurs here. It is not known to what the great variety of these types is to be attributed: I should suppose it to point out the various mints in which the coins were struck; as, during the latter part of this reign, instead of mints and moneyer's names, the legend is always REX SCOTORVM. There are, however, no means of proving or disproving this conjecture, as we cannot attribute to any particular mint any one of the types.

The coins found at Cairncross are also of little importance. The only one worth mentioning is a well-preserved penny of Robert Bruce, of the usual types. A single Berwick coin of Edward I. occurs also among them.

The first of the coins found near Fortrose is a middle brass of Augustus, *Divus Augustus Pater*. Radiated head of Augustus.

B. *Provident*. Altar of Providentia. This coin is common and well known; but the specimen is interesting to us, both as found in Scotland, and from its good preservation, which shows distinctly the carvings on the front of the altar and the raised and ornamented rim surrounding the upper part, so as to leave a concavity in the centre.

The second coin is the well-known middle brass of Nero, commemorating an event not clearly mentioned in history, the closure of the Temple of Janus by Nero. The legend is, *Pace P(opuli) R(omani) ubiq. parata, Janum clusit*.

The twenty Roman coins laid before the Society formed part of a hoard found on the Hill of Megray, near Stonehaven, county Kincardine, on the estate of Captain Barclay of Ury. The number of coins was in all 141; but owing to

the worn and incrustated condition in which they were, I selected only twenty for the cabinet of the Society.

The hoard ranged from the time of Nero to that of Severus, inclusive, resembling in this the large hoard mentioned in the first number of our "Proceedings," p. 60, which was found at Portmoak, in Fife. It may be supposed, like the former, to be a relic of the expedition of Severus. The latest coin of the twenty laid before the Society is of Severus, and has evidently been little, if at all, in circulation, though the reverse type is injured by a green incrustation. The coins are of little importance, the only scarce one among them that of Albinus. As they are interesting to us, however, being discovered in Scotland, I append a catalogue, referring for some of the coins to the list of the Portmoak hoard, given in the Proceedings, p. 60, seq.

## GALBA.

—Proceedings, p. 60, No. 2.

## VESPASIANUS.

IMP. CÆS. VESP. AVG. P. M. Laureated head to right. R. PON. MAX across the field. Female seated holding a simpulum.

It is singular to find the title *Pontifex Maximus* both on obverse and reverse, and the coin has no appearance of being plated. I should have supposed it simply an error caused by the use of a wrong reverse die; but I find a similar coin in *Mezzabarba*, ed. 1730, p. 108. *Eckhel* does not mention it, though such a peculiarity as the repetition of the pontifical title is worth noticing; he probably, however, mistrusted *Mezzabarba*, who is certainly an unsafe guide, though correct in the present case.

## TITUS.

(T. CÆS.) IMP. VESP. PON. TR. P. . . Laureated head to right. R. *No legend.* Judæa seated beneath a palm-tree. Behind, a warrior, probably the Emperor, resting his foot upon a globe.

## TRAJANUS.

1. IMP. CÆS. NERVA. TRAIAN. AVG. GERM. Laureated head to right. R. P. M. TR. P. COS. III. P. P. Victory, placed on the prow of a ship, holding a garland and palm branch.
2. IMP. CÆS. NER. TRAIAN. OPTIM. AVG. GERM. DAC. Laureated head to right. R. PARTHICO. P. M. TR. P. COS. VI. P. P. S. P. Q. R. Female standing with cornucopia.

## HADRIANUS.

1. IMP. CÆSAR. TRAIAN. HADRIANVS. AVG. Laureated head to right. R. P. M. TR. P. COS. III. Female standing before an altar holding a patera and cornucopia.

2. Same obverse. R. Same legend. Concord seated holding out a patera.  
In exergue CONCORD.
3. HADRIANVS . AVG . COS . III . P . P. Laureated head to right. R. ROMA . FELIX.  
Rome seated on a curule chair holding out a branch.

## ANTONINVS PIVS.

1. IMP . CÆS . T . AEL . HADR . ANTONINVS . AVG . PIVS . P . P. Laureated head to right. R. TR . POT . XV . COS . IIII. Fortune standing with rudder and cornucopia.
2. ANTONINVS . AVG . PIVS . P . P . TR . P . XXIII. Laureated head to right. R. ROMA . COS . IIII. Roma seated holding a Victory.
3. Similar obverse, Tribunitian, date illegible. R. TR . POT . . . . . s . IIII. Female seated to left. This coin seems to be of inferior silver to the others, but not plated.

## FAUSTINA senior.

1. No. 7. *Proceedings*, p. 64.
2. No. 2.        "        "

## M. AURELIVS.

1. AVRELIVS . CÆS . ANTON . AVG . PII . F. Bare head to right. R. TR . POT . XII . COS . II. Felicity standing holding a caduceus.
2. M . ANTONINVS . AVG . ARM . PARTH . MAX. Laureated head to right. R. See No. 7, *Proceedings*, p. 65.
3. As No. 8, *Proceedings*, p. 65. R. TR . P . XXX . IMP . VIII . COS . III. Felicity standing with cornucopia and long caduceus.

## COMMODVS.

- IMP . L . AVREL . COMM . AVG . P . FEL. Laureated head to right. R. SERAPIDI . CONSERV . AVG. Serapis standing.

## CRISPINA.

- CRISPINA . AVGVSTA. Head to right. R. CERES. Ceres standing holding ears of corn and a torch.

## ALBINVS.

- D . CLODIVS . ALBINVS . CÆS. Bare head to right. R. PROVID . AVG . COS. Providence standing.

## SEVERVS.

- SEVERVS . PIVS . AVG. Laureated head to right. R. INDVLGENTIA . AVG . IN . CARTH. Astarte riding on a lion to right.