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REPORT ON THE DONATIONS OF COINS NOW ADDED TO THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION. BY W. H. SCOTT, M.D., CURATOR OF COINS.

Dr Scott first referred to the Coins presented by Mr Seton, one only of which he would describe, the others being much effaced. ALLECTUS. R. LAETITIA AVG. galley. In exergue Q. C., which may possibly be extended into (*Pecunia*

Officinæ Quartæ Clausenti; Coin struck in the fourth officina of the mint at Clausentum (Southampton).

It may be necessary to notice that, in consequence of Dr Wilson leaving Scotland sooner than he anticipated, among the Coins left to be presented to the Society by himself, a few presented by other donors have been mixed, which cannot well be distinguished.

Two only of the Scottish Coins among those presented by Dr Wilson deserve notice.

The first is a curious groat of James I., struck at Edinburgh, but which has the name spelt, by some extraordinary blunder, EDINSIRGH.

The other, engraved here, is a half-hardhead or halfpenny of James VI.



I. R. crowned. Legend imperfect. . . COB . . . R. St Andrews cross through an open crown. In the quarters a quatrefoil. From the resemblance of this reverse to the coins of Mary, it is probable that this curious little coin belongs to one of the earliest coinages of James. It is unpublished, and of great rarity, although in bad condition. I know, indeed, of only another specimen, also very badly preserved, which was formerly in the collection of the late Mr Ferguson, F.S.A. Scot.

The Greek and Roman Coins are of no particular interest, with the exception of a beautifully preserved specimen of the following Coin, struck by Titus to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem :—

ΑΥΤΟΚΡ. ΤΙΤΟΣ. ΚΑΙΣΑΡ (*Imperator Titus Cesar*). Laureated head to right. R. ΙΟΥΔΑΙΑΣ ΕΛΛΕΚΥΙΑΣ (*Judæa capta*). Victory standing, resting her foot on a helmet, and writing on a shield suspended to a palm-tree.

Pellerin has engraved a similar coin, bearing on the shield ΝΙΚΗ ΚΑΙΣ (*Victoria Cesaris*); but though this coin is in an unusually fine state of preservation, nothing can be read on the shield. A few indistinct marks do indeed appear, but cannot be read into what Pellerin saw on his.

The only other coin requiring special notice is a large silver coin of Ghiased-din Tughlak Shah, eighteenth of the Mohammedan sovereigns of Delhi, who reigned from 721 to 725 of the Hegira, 1321-1325 A.D.

Obverse.—The victorious Sultan Ghias-ed-dunia wa ed-din, Abu'lmuzafer (*Defender of the world and of religion, Father of Victory. (i.e., Victorious. Ghazi, the word above translated by victorious, is properly victorious over the infidels.)*)

Reverse.—Tughlak Shah, Sultan, Protector of the Commander of the faithful.
Margin.—This coin (is) struck at the residence (of the Sultan) Delhi, in the year three-and-twenty and seven hundred, 723 H. = 1323 A.D.

Mr Thomas (Coins of the Patan Sultans of Hindostan, p. 47), gives a similar coin, but struck in the year 724.

February 27, 1854.

The Rev. WILLIAM STEVENSON, D.D., Vice-President,
 in the Chair.

A Ballot having taken place, the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows :—

REV. DAVID WADDELL, Minister of Stow.
 REV. WALTER SCOTT, Minister of Whittingham.
 ALEXANDER OSWALD BRODIE, Esq.
 RICHARD GORDON, Esq.

The Donations laid on the table consisted of—

Impression of a Cufic Inscription, from a Slab found near Tarsous, Asia Minor. By J. CLAPPERTON, Esq., British Consul at Tarsous.

Mémoires de la Société Nationale des Antiquaires de France, Troisième Serie, Tome I. : from the National Society of Antiquaries of France.

Description Historique et Graphique du Louvre et des Tuileries. Par M. le Comte de Clarac : by M. ALFRED MAURY, President of the Society of Antiquaries of France.

Questions relative à l'Ethnologie Ancienne de la France. Par Alfred Maury, &c. : from the Author.

These three works were accompanied with a letter addressed to

the President from M. ALFRED MAURY, President of the Imperial Society of Antiquaries of France, upon receiving the first Parts of the present "Proceedings," expressing the high satisfaction entertained in renewing with the sister Society of Scotland those relations which had been interrupted for a lengthened period.

The following Communications were then read :—