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NOTE ON A SILVER RELIQUARY BEQUEATHED BY E. W. A. D. HAY, Esq.,
FOUND AMONG HIS COINS. By W. H. SCOTT, M.D., F.S.A. Scot.

This little reliquary, exhibited to the meeting, stated on its wrapper to have been dug up at Dundee, was found by me when examining the coins bequeathed to the Society by E. W. A. Drummond Hay, Esq. As the coins had, I believe, been hardly or not at all examined when I undertook the task, which I regret greatly being unable at present to complete, of examining and arranging the numismatic collections of the Society, it is quite possible that this pretty little reliquary may not have been formally brought before the Society, and I have thought it worth while to do so.

It needs hardly any explanation, the devices being perfectly well known. On one side *† † †* in Gothic letters, on the other the Agnus Dei bearing a cross. The character of the legend is not very well marked, and it would be difficult accordingly to fix the age of this reliquary with any exactitude. I should suppose it about the fifteenth century, but this may be doubtful.

February 14, 1855.

T. A. WISE, M.D., H.E.I.C.S., in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected fellows of the Society —

JAMES HUNT of Pittencreeff, Esq.
JOHN CHALMERS of Aldbar, Esq.
W. H. MURRAY of Geanies, Esq.

The Donations to the Museum and Library included—

Three Flint Arrow Heads found in the Township of Macnab,
Canada West: by THE CHIEF OF MACNAB.

¹ Wilkins, *Concilia Magnæ Britanniæ et Hiberniæ*, vol. iv., p. 211.

A Portrait of King James VI., by Cornelius Jansen : by ALEXANDER WHITE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Fragments of Bones and other Remains from a Grave in the Holm of Papa-Westray, Orkney : by GEORGE PETRIE, Esq., Kirkwall.

A small portion of Coloured Glass from a Window of Melrose Abbey, found there in 1742 : by Messrs CROSS and CARRUTHERS, North Hanover Street.

Notes on the Round Towers in the County of Kerry and Dingle, by R. Hitchcock, Esq. : by the AUTHOR.

Proceedings and Transactions of the Kilkenny Archæological Society for 1854 : by the SOCIETY.

Notes on the Nimbus, by Gilbert J. French, Esq. : by the AUTHOR.

Certain Antiquities were sent for exhibition to the Meeting :—

These consisted of ;—A stone mould for celts, having a mould for a large celt in the centre, and in the corner one for a very small celt, found in a cairn near Kintore, Aberdeenshire. Also specimens of flint arrow-heads found in the same neighbourhood ; and a few coins of no particular interest : by Mr ALEX. WATT, Kintore.

An Antique Brass Bodkin found under the Flooring at Holyrood House : by JAMES STARK, M.D.

An Ancient Bronze Sword, dug up in a Moss on the Estate of Forse in Caithness : by C. LAWSON jun., Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Various Articles recently purchased for the Museum, from the collections of the late Archibald Leckie, Esq., F.A.S. Scot., Paisley, were also exhibited, viz. :—

I. Two oval-shaped perforated stones ; two stone ladles or Druidical pateræ. Several interesting stone moulds, apparently for weapons, of bronze, viz. a large rounded stone, measuring 11 inches long by 8½ inches wide, figured here (fig. 1.) This mould is complete in itself, the metal having apparently been simply poured

into the moulds cut on the stone ; there are two small moulds for axe heads on

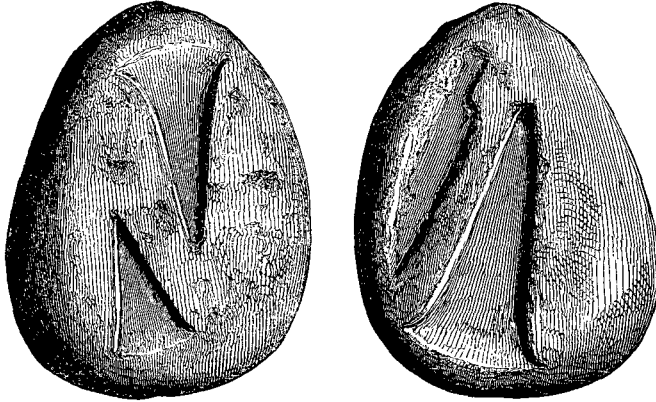


Fig. 1.

one side, and on the other a mould for a large axe head, and another for a spear head or dagger. A complete smaller mould of two pieces, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches long by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches broad for a spear head, as shown in the woodcut (fig. 2). A beautifully cut mould, or rather half of a mould, for a palstave, measuring $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches broad (fig. 3), found near Lough Corrib, Galway, Ireland.

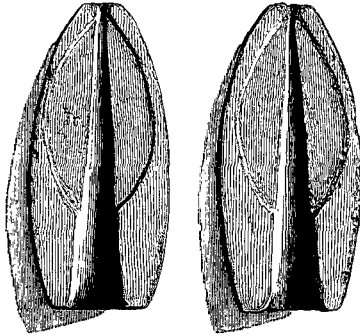


Fig. 2.

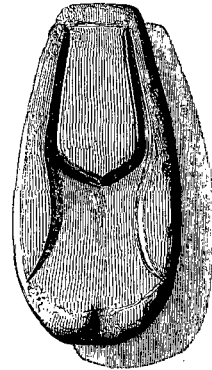


Fig. 3.

And two square-shaped stones, rudely hollowed out into divisions, styled ink-stands, one of which was found in county Roscommon, Ireland.

II. The following articles in bronze :—a richly engraved axe head ; a pal-stave found in county Cavan, Ireland ; six looped celts, mostly found in county Donegal ; eight small spear heads of different sizes, five having loops on each side of the neck ; a leaf-shaped sword ; and eight spear or lance blades of various sizes and forms, several being very long and narrow like a pointed sword blade ; the tongue of a large brooch ; and two bowl-shaped vessels, $6\frac{1}{2}$ and $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, with projecting rims and handles, 6 and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, with rounded extremities, found at Castle Derg, county Tyrone. Also a large sized square-shaped Ecclesiastical Bell, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, believed to be from Ireland.

III. Several curious vessels in wood, the best of which, a square-shaped Maedher or drinking cup, with four ear-shaped handles, is figured here (fig. 4) ; it measures nearly $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height ; another is of a round shape, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, with only one perforated handle projecting from its side. A goblet-shaped cup with rounded foot ; and a round-shaped bottle. A carpenter's plane of antique form, 1 foot 9 inches long, with the date and initials, 1688 . P . F . , cut on one side. And lastly, a small circular silver seal with a dexter hand displayed on the shield, surrounded by the following legend :—✠ IEIN IOEIN.

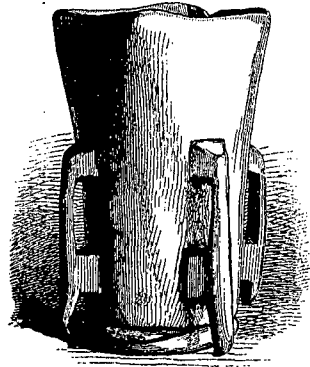


Fig 4.

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