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The following letter from the Glasgow Branch of the Architectural Institute, was laid before the Meeting by Mr Christie, F.S.A. Scot.

To ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, *Esq.*, *Secretary to the Scottish Society of Antiquaries.*

93 BATH STREET, GLASGOW,
2d September 1854.

SIR,

We take the liberty of bringing under your notice, on the part of the Glasgow Branch of the Architectural Institute of Scotland, and of the Council of the Architectural Exhibition to be held here in December next, a proposal for the formation of a collection of Casts of Architectural Ornament from Scottish medieval monuments. In Italy, Germany, France, and lately in England, it is the practice to mould and cast portions of national edifices of importance, for the use of local museums and schools of art. This excellent

practice has not yet been followed in Scotland, and the Council of the Exhibition propose to make the attempt upon a moderate scale; and we beg to request you to inform us whether the Scottish Society of Antiquaries would be disposed to join in this national work. It is believed that the cost of forming a collection of a few specimens from Glasgow Cathedral, Melrose Abbey, &c., would be very moderate, whilst the Casts would form a useful and interesting addition to the fine collection in the School of Art under the direction of the Scottish Society of Antiquaries.

The Glasgow Branch of the Scottish Institute is desirous of promoting a plan of moulding and casting, which they trust will lead to an amicable interchange with foreign establishments. They are conscious, however, that the scheme must be inaugurated on a moderate scale, and request the sympathy and co-operation of the Society of Antiquaries.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servants,

CHARLES H. WILSON, } *Secretaries.*
J. WYLLIE GUILD, }

The Meeting, appreciating the importance of this communication, were anxious to obtain further details of the proposed scheme; at the same time expressing their intention to co-operate, so far as might be suitable on the part of the Society.

January 15, 1855.

ROBERT CHAMBERS, Esq., in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society:—

Right Hon. Lord LINDSAY.

JAMES FARRER, Esq., Ingleborough-Hall, Lancashire,

M.P. for South Durham.

ANDREW SNODY, Esq., S.S.C.

JOHN M'KAY, Esq.

The Donations to the Museum and Library laid on the Table included—

An Ancient Scottish Die found in the Ruins called King Mal-

colm's Castle, in the Pittencrieff grounds, Dunfermline : by JAMES HUNT, Esq. of Pittencrieff. (See subsequent page.)

A Fetterlock dredged from the River Tay, near Newburgh, May 1843 : by A. OSWALD BRODIE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Lettre a M. Reinaud, sur Quelques Medailles Houlagouides. Par William H. Scott, D.M., Membre de la Société Asiatique de France : by the AUTHOR.

Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, Vol. VI., large 4to : by the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, Washington, U.S. America.

Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, Vol. X., Part 3 : by the SOCIETY.

Ger. Joan. Vossii Etymologicon Linguæ Latinæ, folio, and other 12 volumes : by F. R. LEES, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

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The following Communications were then read :—