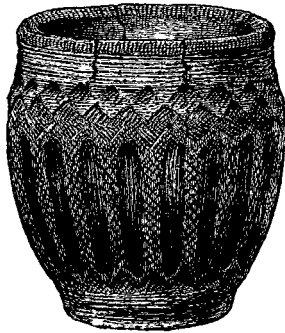


## IV.

NOTE OF A FINE "CELTIC CINERARY URN" FOUND IN A CIST NEAR DARN HALL, PEEBLESSHIRE, AND EXHIBITED BY LORD ELIBANK. BY LIEUT.-COL. G. G. FRANCIS, HON. SEC. FOR SOUTH WALES TO THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON; CORR. MEM. S.A. SCOT.

Visiting Lord Elibank at his charming place, I was surprised at finding on the floor of the drawing-room a fine specimen of a Celtic cinerary vase in good preservation, but the history of which was quite unknown to either Lord or Lady Elibank.

Inquiries amongst the servants tended to show that it had been brought to the house by a labourer a few years back.



Urn found at Darn Hall, Peeblesshire. ( $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches in height.)

On speaking to the overseer of the estate, it turned out that he was present at its discovery two or three years back, during the removal of some gravel from a part of the estate known as "The Skim Park;" that three stone coffins were found near one another; that this vase was in the *middle* one, and contained, when first discovered, some dust and fragments of bones; that not much interest was taken in the find, but one of the

men took "the pot" away with him. Nothing else was found that was considered curious.

*I*, however, felt considerable interest in the urn, and readily obtained permission of my noble hosts to properly label it and secure it under glass. With their kind consent I have brought it over to our Society's rooms at Edinburgh for exhibition at this meeting. Having accomplished this, I shall feel that I have done my duty as an Antiquary of Scotland and London.

[This fine specimen has since been presented to the Museum by Lord Elibank.]

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