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NOTICE OF RECENT FINDS OF COINS IN SCOTLAND. BY GEORGE SIM, F.S.A. SCOT., CURATOR OF COINS.

ARKLETON TREASURE TROVE.

On 15th November last, William Jackson and William Graham, quarriers in the employment of Mr Thomas Telfer, builder, Langholm, while engaged in taking stones from a quarry by the side of a burn at Arkleton, parish of Ewes, Dumfriesshire, discovered a quantity of silver coins all lying together about two feet under the surface. Jackson picked up 140, and Graham 37, being 177 coins in all. The quarriers having informed Mr Telfer of their discovery, he forthwith communicated with Mr Scott Elliot, the proprietor, through whose instrumentality the coins were forwarded to Exchequer by the procurator-fiscal at Dumfries. A list of the coins is subjoined, a few of them having been selected for the Museum :—

Alex. III (Scotland) Penny,	1
Foreign Sterlings,	3
Pennies of the Edwards I., II., and III. of England, of the following Mints, viz. :—	
Berwick,	3
Bristol,	3
Bury St Edmunds,	8
Canterbury,	25
Chester,	1
Dublin,	2
Durham,	49
Exeter,	1
London,	66
Newcastle,	2
Reading— <i>very rare</i> ,	1
Waterford,	1
York,	8
Illegible,	3

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SNIZORT TREASURE TROVE.

In January last upwards of fifty old silver coins were found by workmen in the hillside at Woodend, parish of Snizort, near Portree. Most of the coins were found on a rock in the burn. Many of them were at once purchased by people in Portree, but the police becoming aware of the discovery, most of the coins, if not all, were recovered by the procurator-fiscal and forwarded to Exchequer. None of the coins being required for the National Collection, they were returned to Portree to be restored to their respective owners. A list is subjoined.

English Coins—

Mary Groats, all very much defaced,	17
Philip and Mary Groats, equally defaced,	3
Elizabeth Shillings—poor,	7
" Sixpences, poor, from 1568 to 1602,	11
" Threepences, very poor—one 1575,	2
James I. Halfcrown, <i>rev.</i> QUÆ DEUS, &c., with thistle on housings—well preserved,	1
" Shillings, mostly poor,	6
" Sixpences, <i>rev.</i> QUÆ DEUS, &c., 1604, and 2, 1605,	3

Scottish Coins—

James VI. Thistle Mark, 1602, well preserved, 1

" Halfcrown, rev. QUÆ DEUS, &c., fairly preserved, 1

French Coin—

Henry IV. Demi-Ecu, or 3 Livres, rev. SIT NOMEN DOMINI

BENEDICTUM, well preserved, 1