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NOTICE OF RECENT FINDS OF COINS IN SCOTLAND. BY ADAM B. RICHARDSON, F.S.A. SCOT., CURATOR OF COINS.

KILKERRAN TREASURE TROVE.

In April 1892, while a grave was being dug in an unused part of the churchyard of Kilkerran, in Kintyre, a number of coins were discovered. These were found lying among ashes, shells, and peat débris, about five to six feet below the present surface. The hoard consisted of 72 coins and fragments, of which 38 were English and 34 Scottish: 6 of the former and 22 of the latter were added to the Museum collection. The following is a list of the coins:—

Scottish.

Robert III., 1390-1406.

1. Groat, Perth, Burns, No. 21, fig. 364.
2. Half Groat, Edinburgh, an unpublished variety, Obverse treasure of 7 arcs pointed with trefoils.

✠ROBERTVS : D : GRA : REX : SCOTORV.

Reverse variety, No. 7, fig. 354, wg. 23·5 grs.

James I., 1406-1437.

3. Groat, Edinburgh.

James II., 1437-1460.

4. Groat, Edinburgh, fragment, 2nd variety of the Crown groats.

James III., 1460-1488.

- 5-9. Groats, Edinburgh, Thistle heads and mullets on Reverse as Nos. 6 and 7, figs. 577 and 578.

10-15. Groats, Edinburgh, varieties of No. 11, fig. 581.

16-17. Half Groats, Edinburgh, same issue No. 3, fig. 585.

18-19. Groats, Edinburgh, Mullets of 5 points, No. 25, fig. 605.

20-21. " " " " No. 26, fig. 606.

22. Half Groat " " " " No. 6, fig. 607.

Groats, $\frac{3}{4}$ face crown and pellets on Reverse.

23. " " " " No. 34, fig. 638.

24-25. " " variety " 36, " "

26-28. " " " 41, " 641.

29. " " " 44, " "

30. " Aberdeen " " 55, " 646.

31. Half Groat, Edinburgh, same issue, No. 9A, fig. 648.

32. Half Groat, Edinburgh, same issue, No. 11, fig. 648.
 33. Plack, fragment, fig. 571.
James IV., 1488-1514.
 34. Groat, Edinburgh, No. 5, fig. 658.

*English.**Edward III.*, 1327-1377.

- 1-2. Groats, London.
 3-10. Half Groats, London, all in poor condition.
Henry VI., 1422-1461.

11-14. Groats, London.

15-17. Half Groats, London.

18-25. Groats, Calais, annulet each side of neck.

26. " " rosette and mascle coinage.

27-28. Half Groats, Calais, annulet each side of neck.

29-30. " " " rosette and mascle coinage.

Edward IV., 1461-1483.

31. Groat, Coventry, Rud V or 4.

32. " Bristol " V or 8.

33-35. " London, with M.M. Obv. Cross, Rev. Sun, pierced cross and crown.

36. Half Groat, London, M.M. crown, quatrefoil each side of neck.

Richard III., 1483-1485.

37. Groat, London, M.M. boar's head Hks 356.

Henry VII., 1485-1509.

38. Groat, London, arched crown similar to Hks 371.

KIRKINTILLOCH TREASURE TROVE.

On the 28th of August 1893, while a labourer named Malcolm Stark, employed in the Lion Foundry, Kirkintilloch, was engaged in digging sand for moulding purposes in a sand-pit between the foundry and Barley Bank houses, he came on some coins, also an iron spear-head and a large nail. The coins received from the Exchequer for examination numbered 24, and were all denarii of the following Emperors:—

Titus,	A.D.	69- 81	.	.	.	.	1	coin
Domitian,	"	81- 96	.	.	.	.	2	"
Nevra,	"	96- 98	.	.	.	.	1	"
Trajan,	"	98-117	.	.	.	.	9	"
Hadrian,	"	117-138	.	.	.	.	11	"
							Total,	24	coins

KINGHORNIE TREASURE TROVE.

About the middle of October 1893, while a man was ploughing a field at Kinghornie, near Bervie, in Kincardineshire, his plough struck an earthen jar, filled with coins, scattering them in all directions. Curiously enough, this jar, when thus discovered, was lying over the site of a chapel erected by David II., in 1342, in gratitude for his escape from shipwreck along with his Queen, Johanna, on the 4th of May of the previous year. Only a small portion, numbering 437 coins, of this hoard, and consisting of Sterlings of the Edward I., II., and III. series, were forwarded from the Exchequer for examination; but I am informed by Mr H. Linton, Bervie, who has kindly furnished me with particulars of the finding of the coins, that the number found considerably exceeded 1000, and that also pennies of John Baliol and Alexander III. were amongst them. The following is a list of the mints:—

Edward I. II. and III. Sterlings.

Berwick,	20
Bristol,	11
Canterbury,	85
Chester,	1
Durham,	62
Kingston,	1
Lincoln,	5
London,	214
Newcastle,	14
Robert de Hadley,	1
St Edmundsbury,	7
York,	9
Uncertain,	6
Foreign Sterling,	1
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Total,	437 coins

CRAIGIE TREASURE TROVE.

In January last, while two sons of Mr Hugh Drennan, Wraes, near Craigie, in Ayrshire, were draining on the farm of Camsiscan, they turned over with the spade, from the depth of two and a half feet, a number

of coins. These turned out, on examination, to be nearly all Scottish, of the reigns of David II. and Robert II. Twenty-five of these were retained for the Museum. Subjoined is a detailed list of the hoard:—

<i>David II., 1329-1371.</i>		
Penny, Rex Scottorum	Burns, No. 14, fig. 238	1
Groats, Edinburgh,	variety " " 7, " 253	1
	" " 13, " 260	1
	" " 19, " 279	1
	variety " " 31, " 291	6
	" " 31, " "	2
	" " 32, " "	1
	" " 34, " 296	2
	" " 36, " 297	1
	" " 38, " 301	5
	" " 44, " 307	1
Half Groats, Edinburgh,	variety " " 3, " 263	1
	" " 14, " 290	1
	variety " " 14, " "	1
	" " 22, " 303	1
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<i>Robert II., 1371-1390.</i>		
Groats, Edinburgh,	Burns, No. 3, fig. 309	26
	variety " " 3, " "	1
	" " 4, " "	3
	" " 5, " "	1
	variety " " 8, " 327	1
Perth,	" " 10, " 317	13
	variety " " 10, " "	1
Half Groats, Edinburgh,	" " 1, " 312	1
	" " 4, " "	1
Perth,	" " 9, " 320	1
	variety " " 9, " "	1
	" " 10, " "	1
	variety " " 10, " "	1
Penny, Edinburgh,	" " 2, " 313	1
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<i>Edward I.</i>		
Irish Penny of Waterford,		1
	Total,	<hr/> 80