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NOTE ON A HOARD OF SCOTTISH COINS RECENTLY FOUND AT
LINLITHGOW. BY GEORGE MACDONALD, LL.D., CURATOR OF COINS.

A hoard of coins was found in March 1910 in a garden at No. 354 High Street, Linlithgow, about 4 feet under the surface, and enclosed in a leather bag or purse, which was so much decayed that it fell to pieces in the handling.

The coins recovered and submitted for examination by the King's Remembrancer numbered 194 in all. Two of them were of silver, and the remainder of billon. Both of the silver pieces were fairly well preserved. Much of the billon, on the other hand, was in very poor condition, a natural result of the inferior quality of the metal employed. In many instances it proved impossible to determine the precise variety to which a given "plack" or "bawbee" belonged. Only a general classification could, therefore, be attempted. The result is shown in the list which is appended. As will be seen, it is clear that the coins must have been withdrawn from circulation in the second half of the sixteenth century. Probably the hoard was buried not long after 1559, the date of the latest of the pieces it contained.

The following is the composition of the find:—

SILVER (GROATS).

HENRY VIII: Second Issue (1526-1543)	1
JAMES V. (1513-1542): Burns, Nos. 3f.	1

BILLON.

JAMES IV. (1488-1513):

Placks: Second Variety:

(a) Old English Lettering	26
(b) Roman Lettering	3

JAMES V. (1513-1542):

<i>Placks</i>	9
<i>Bawbees</i>	17

MARY (1542-1567):

Bawbees:

(a) With plain Saltire Cross on Rev.:	
(a) With D · G · REGINA	48
(β) With D · G · R ·	13
(b) With fluted Saltire Cross on Rev.:	
(a) With D · G · R ·	59
(β) With DEI · G · R ·	4

<i>Placks</i> : struck in 1557	12
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FRANCIS AND MARY (1558-1559):

"Nonsunt": dated 1559	1
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Summaries.—2 Groats + 50 Placks + 141 Bawbees + 1 Nonsunt = 194.

1 Henry VIII. + 29 Jas. IV. + 27 Jas. V. + 136 Mary + 1 F. and M. = 194