NOTE ON A HOARD OF SILVER COINS FOUND AT MELLENDEAN, NEAR SPROUSTON, ROXBURGHSHIRE. By GEORGE MAC-DONALD, M.A., LL.D., CURATOR OF COINS.

In the spring of 1911 a remarkable find of Edwardian silver pennies was made in Kirkcudbrightshire. By a singular coincidence, the autumn of the same year witnessed a very similar discovery in Roxburghshire. On 21st October a young ploughman on the farm of Mellendean, near Sprouston, brought to light a considerable number of coins that appeared to be lying loose in the soil. Subsequent search on the spot revealed a good many more. As no trace of any vessel was observable, it may be supposed that the treasure had originally been contained in a bag made of some material which had rotted away entirely. The pieces which passed into the hands of the Crown authorities, and were by them transmitted to the Museum for examination, numbered 532 in all. A careful list has been kept, and will be duly published elsewhere. Meanwhile the following summary may be of interest :---

SCOTTISH LONG-CROSS PENNIES.

Alexander III.	•	•	•	•	•		15
John Balliol	•	•	•	•	•	•	1

III.

hoard of silver coins found in roxburghshire. 201

PENNIES OF EDWARD I.

(a) English.

London .							227	
Canterbury			•				101	
Durham (Episco	pal)	•					4	
Durham (Ordina	ry)						17	
York (Episcopal)).						1	
York (Ordinary)	•			•			26	
Bristol .					•		43	
Lincoln .		•					10	
Newcastle .				•			4	
Bury St Edmund	.)			4				
Chester .	•	•	•	•		•	1	
(b) Irish.								
Waterford	•	•	•	•	•	•	l	
	For	REIGN S	TERLIN	GS.				

Various mints	•		•	•		•	77
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The contents of the hoard were interesting, and the full analysis of them will be of some importance in its bearing on the much-discussed question of the chronology of the pennies of the three Edwards. Internal evidence plainly pointed to the years immediately preceding A.D. 1300 as the probable time of burial. The proportion of foreign sterlings is extraordinarily large.