

4th February, 1858. ARCHEOLOGICAL SECTION.

PETER R. M'QUIE, Esq., in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following donations were presented:—

From the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, U.S.A. The History of the State of Wisconsin; vol. i, Historical; vol. iii, Documentary.

From the Society of Antiquaries, London. Archæologia; or, Miscellaneous Tracts relating to Antiquity, vol. xxxvi, part 2; vol. xxxvii, part 1. Proceedings of the Society, Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46. Lists of Fellows for 1856-57.

From the Society. Original Papers, published under the direction of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society, vol. v, part 2.

From the Editor. The Archæological Mine, edited by A. J. Dunkin, Esq., part 36.

From Hugh Neill, Esq., Liverpool. Address to the Graduates of the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, 1857, by Alfred Stillé, M.D. The Unity of Medicine, 1856, by the same. Annual Announcement of the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, Philadelphia, Session 1857-58. Report of the Board of Managers of ditto, 1856. Report of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, by Thomas Kirkbride, M.D., 1856. A Discourse, reviewing a ministry of fifty years, by the Rev. W. Neill, D.D., Philadelphia, 1857. A Tribute to the principles, virtues, habits and public usefulness of the Irish and Scotch Early Settlers of Pennsylvania. By a Descendant, 1856.

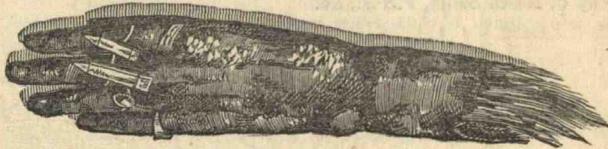
From David Lamb, Esq. The Athenæum for 1857.

From Joseph Mayer, F.S.A. A volume of vocabularies, illustrating the condition and manners of our forefathers, as well as the history of the forms of elementary education and of the languages spoken in this island from the tenth century to the fifteenth: edited from MSS. in public and private collections, by Thomas Wright, M.A., F.S.A., &c., 1857; being the first of a series Mr. Mayer is about to publish on English Antiquities.

From the Authors, through Mr. Hughes. On Wrought Iron in large masses, by William Clay, Esq., Liverpool, 1857. The British Kymry; or Britons of Cambria, by the Rev. R. W. Morgan, P.C., Tregynon.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Joseph Mayer, F.S.A. The hand of a female mummy, remarkable from having



four rings on the fingers; one of plain gold, with a trumpet-shaped head, on the little finger; a scarabæus of lapis-lazuli, with a gold shank, on the third; and on the middle and fore fingers two very large obelisks, the shafts formed of lapis-lazuli, the apex of each being of plain gold, and the bases of the same, but delicately worked with filagree. These are the only specimens of obelisk-rings hitherto discovered. Also, a waistband which was wrapped round the body of the mummy seven times; it is about six inches broad at one end, tapering gradually to about two inches wide at the other, and is finished by the ends of the threads being tied into an ornamental plait. The material is cotton, and the pattern of the weaving extremely beautiful, being

formed of the flower of the full-blown lotus, with a stem and leaves composing the edge, within which are a sort of egg and dart, with portions of circles. These ornaments run on the outer edges of both sides, and down the centre is a plain piece, of the graduating form of the whole, with plain lines of red colour on each side, the other ornaments being coloured blue and yellow. Altogether it is a most beautiful piece of work, and displays well the extraordinary perfection at which the art of weaving had arrived in Egypt at that time. Both specimens were found at Memphis, and brought to this country by the Rev. H. Stobart. They now form part of Mr. Mayer's Museum.

By John Topping, Esq., (Executor of the late Samuel Winstanley, Esq.) A plaque of gold, nearly an inch and a half long by an inch and an eighth wide, engraved with the subject of the Adoration of the Magi. On the left is Mary seated, with a crown on her head surrounded by the nimbus, and on her knee is standing the infant Jesus, also nimbed. On the right are the three kings, one of whom is kneeling before the Virgin and Saviour, and in the background stands Joseph. Over the figures is represented the roof of a thatched building, with a small window in it; and above, on the field of the tablet, are stars, in the midst of which is the star of Bethlehem, larger than the rest; at the left is the moon, and at the right the sun in splendour. This object is thought to have been part of a reliquary, of the date of about the fifteenth century.



By Mr. Jacob. A curious silver watch, of London manufacture, by Buckingham; shewing the sun in the dial during the day, and the moon and stars during the night. A pocket almanaek, in ivory case, of the year 1758. A silver fish jointed, of fine manufacture. A gilt fish. The last two articles were formerly used for containing sweetmeats. Gold medals of Pope Clement XII, William II, Henry I, Edward IV, William IV, William III, Mary II, George II, English Sovereigns, and the last Earl of Bridgewater.

By Mr. Bean. Sixteen coins, principally of silver, comprising a styca of Reduf, King of Northumbria, 844, &c.

The following Papers were then read:—

REMARKS ON THE ARTICLES ERRONEOUSLY STYLED RING-MONEY, by *William Bell, Ph.D.*, and

ON THE SO-CALLED ANGLO-SAXON ANTIQUITIES DISCOVERED NEAR KEETCH, IN THE CRIMEA,* by *C. Rouch Smith, F.S.A.*, &c.

11th February, 1858. LITERARY SECTION.

HENRY A. BRIGHT, B.A., in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arthur Shute, 89, Vine street, was duly elected a member of the Society.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society. Reports of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, U.S.A., for 1855-56.

Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, 1855-56.

* Transactions, p. 59.