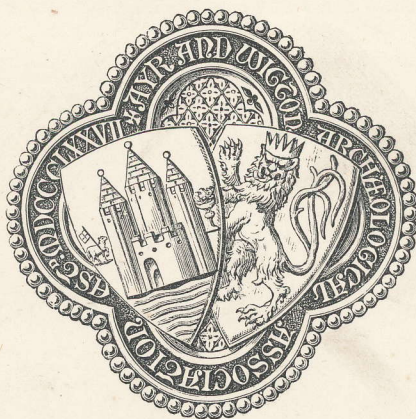


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A careful catalogue of the Stone Implements of Ayrshire has been commenced and will be continued by Dr. MACDONALD, and it is very desirable that every known specimen of stone or bronze objects found in Ayrshire should be communicated to him in order that the catalogues of these relics may be as complete as possible.

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