

at their annual supper, 30th November, same year. Its subsequent history has been fully detailed by my learned friend, Professor Wilson.

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Toronto, April 20, 1878.

"From a paper read before the Canadian Institute by Professor Wilson in 1859, and published in the *Canadian Journal* for November of that year, we gather some details of this curious piece of mediæval workmanship in addition to those contained in our synopsis of his remarks at the Institute on Saturday night last. So long ago as 1782 Mr. William Thompson, of Christ Church College, Oxford, while on a vacation ramble in Perthshire, was shown this very relic at the village of Killin, on the Banks of Loch Tay. He sent to the Earl of Buchan, then engaged in organizing the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, a description of the Quigrich, accompanied by a rough sketch of it drawn by himself. The possessor of the valuable relic was, however, allowed to emigrate to Canada in 1818 without any effort being made to secure it for the antiquarian collection. While coming up the Ottawa River he fell in with "an old Scottish gentleman named McDonald, with whom he left several old papers that he had concerning the Quigrich, which papers were never returned, as Mr. McDonald's house was burned soon after and the papers lost." So wrote Mr. Dewar, the last owner of the Quigrich, to Dr. Wilson in 1859. At that time he was willing to part with it for the sum of \$2,000, but a bargain of a different character was made last year, in virtue of which the nominal ownership of the relic will still remain with the Dewar family, while it has itself passed into the custody of the Society of Antiquaries to take its place in their museum. Mr. Dewar is the lineal descendant of Malice Doire, or Deore, who was confirmed in possession of the relic by Royal char-