

THE CLEMENTINA MEDAL.

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THIS Medal was struck in Italy for the first Pretender in 1719, the head (obverse) is that of his wife Clementina, daughter of John Sobieski, King of Poland. Although struck for the first Pretender, none are known to have been distributed by him, but those which can be traced were given by his son, Charles Edward, and the Cardinal of York to the faithful adherents of the Prince. There are only six or eight known to exist, the one now described was given by the Cardinal of York, to the father of the present owner, Dr. Charles A. Campbell, the representative of the Campbells of Lochdochart, (a branch of the house of Breadalbane.)

The Doctor's father was only 16 years of age, when he fought at Culloden in the cause of the house of Stuart, and the medal was given as a reward for his services to the Cardinal's brother, Charles Edward.

The Antiquarian Society of Scotland, do not possess one, and offered the Doctor a large sum if he would leave it with them on exhibition for one year. On one occasion it barely escaped being melted with a lot of family silver plate.

Obverse,—Head of Clementina. *Legend*,—"Clementina M. Britan. Fr. et. Hib. Regina." *Reverse*,—Female figure riding in a war chariot drawn by two horses, in back ground public buildings, a ship, gardens, and a rising sun, with sunburst. *Legend*,—"Fortunam Causamque Sequor." *In Exergue*,—"Deceptis Custodibus. MDCCXIX."

[We may add that we have had the pleasure of examining this medal, and declare the workmanship to be exquisite. *Eds. Can. Antiq.*]

-- Algebra introduced into Europe by the Saracens 1412.

-- Post offices first established in Europe, in France,