MONDAY, 10th MARCH 1862.

JAMES T. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were balloted for, and elected Fellows of the Society:—

JOSEPH YOUNG, of Dunearn, Esq.
WILLIAM FORBES, of Medwyn, Esq.

The following Donations were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the donors:—


Upper Stone of a Quern, 15 inches in diameter, ornamented by raised lines radiating from the centre towards the circumference. It was found, with a number of bronze articles previously presented to the Museum (pp. 294, 295), in trenching a moss, in the parish of Balmaclellan; and a

Bronze Spear-Head, 6 inches long, with socket, and neck pierced with holes for fastening to handle. Found in the parish of Balmaclellan, New Galloway. By the Rev. GEORGE MURRAY, minister of the parish.

Small Bronze Three-footed Pot, 7 inches high, and 5½ inches across the mouth, with straight handle partially broken. Found near Galashiels, Selkirkshire. By ROBERT MERCER, of Scotsbank, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Portion of a Squared Tree or Log of Alder (?), measuring 16 inches
on the sides. From a lake habitation, or crannoge, in Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire. By Professor J. Y. Simpson, M.D., V.P.S.A. Scot.


English Crown of Charles II.; obverse, with rose under the bust; date, 1662; and

English Crown of William III.; date, 1696;

Crown of Queen Anne, E. under the bust, Edinburgh Mint; date, 1708;

English Shilling, George I., with “S. S. C.” (South Sea Company) on reverse; date, 1723;

English Twopenny and a Three-halfpenny Piece, of Victoria;

By James Taylor, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Provincial Tokens,—Thames and Severn Canal, and eight others. By W. E. Vernon, Esq., Dentist.

Fragment of Egyptian Sculpture in Limestone, 16 inches long by 8 inches broad, with two figures sculptured in front in high relief, and an incised hieroglyphic inscription. On the back is cut another inscription in the same character;

Head of a Female Statue in Sandstone, showing the hair arranged round the head in large plaits or folds;

By Ebenezer Murray, Esq., West Claremont Street.

Portion of a Marble Sculpture in low relief, measuring 10½ inches by 7 inches in length, displaying two male figures with arms raised. Brought from the Senacherib chamber in the palace of Kouganjik, Nineveh, by the donor. By C. D. Hodder, Esq., School of Design, Edinburgh.

Fragment of a Roman Mortarium, with small pebbles imbedded in its inner surface. Found at Uriconium, or Wroxeter, Salop; and

Pair of White Metal Penannular Armlets or “Bangles,” terminating in ornamented bulbous extremities. From Hindustan;

By Claud Hamilton, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Photographic View of Melrose Abbey from the South, by Frith, 19 inches by 15 inches. By Alex. Auchie, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Archeologia Cantiana; being the Transactions of the Kent Archæological Society. 8vo, vols. ii. and iii. Lond. 1859-60. By the Council of the Kent Archæological Society.


Om Nordmændenes Landhusholdning i Oldtiden, af Fr. Chr. Schübeler. 8vo (pp. 20). Christiania 1861;

Det Kongelige Norske Frederiks Universitets Stiftelse, fremstillet i anledning af dets halvhundreafarsfest, af M. J. Monrad. 8vo (pp. 112). Christiania 1861;

Stjorn: Norsk Bibelhistorie omfattende Tiden fra Verdens Skabelse indtil det Babyloniske Fangenskab. Udarbejdet ved Begyndelsen af det 14de Aarhundrede efter Foranstaltning, af Kong Haakon Magnusson (1299–1319), udgivet med Anmærkninger og Ordforklaringer, af C. R. Unger. 1st-4de hefte. 4 parts, 8vo. Christiania, 1853–60;

Bronze Medal, 1 3/4 inch diameter, Crowned busts to the right of the King and Queen of Norway and Sweden, carolus et louisa norv. svc. rex et regina; below, G. Loos Dir. Reverse, figure of Minerva walking to the right, and reading from a tablet, owl flying in field to right, voevens et memor. universitas regia fredericiana;

By the Royal University of Norway.


Det Oldnorske Verbum, oplyst ved sammenligning med Sanskrit og andre Sprog af samme Æt., af C. A. Holmboe. 4to (pp. 34). Christiania, 1848;

Traces de Buddhisme en Norvège. 8vo. 1857;

Pamphlet on Amulets, and other seven tracts;

By Professor C. A. Holmboe, Christiania (the Author).
Mr. David Laing called the attention of the Members to the subject of the City Cross, and expressed an opinion that, although a full restoration of the Cross of 1617 seemed now to be hopeless, it was most desirable that the shaft of the Ancient Cross, which has been placed at the disposal of the Lord Provost and Magistrates, should at length be brought back as one of the old landmarks of the City. In order that this restoration might not be objected to as an obstruction, in the High Street, he would suggest, whether the shaft might not be raised upon a base of three or four large octagon steps, either in the centre of the Royal Exchange, or within the rails at the north-east corner of St. Giles's Church, which would replace it very near the site where it originally stood. (See Plate III. compared with woodcut, supra 101.)

It was agreed by the meeting to remit the matter to the former committee on the City Cross.

The following Communications were then read:—

I.

NOTICE OF SIR PETER YOUNG OF SEATON; AND COPIES OF HIS LETTERS TO THE LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH RELATIVE TO THEIR EMBASSIES TO DENMARK IN THE REIGN OF JAMES VI. BY JOHN INGLIS CHALMERS, OF ALDBAR, ESQ., F.S.A. SCOT. (PLATE XIII.)

Extracts from "Miscellanea Aldbarensia."

John Young, burgess of Dundee, died 31st August 1583, in the eighty-sixth year of his age, and was buried there. He married Margaret Scrimger, "of the ancient and noble family of Scrimgeour." She died at Dundee 11th May 1578, in the sixty-eighth year of her age. She was sister to Henry Scrimgeour. Sir Peter says that his father was of ancient family. This may be, for Andrew Wyntoun mentions "Wylliame Yong of Uchterlony" among the killed of the Ogilvie party in 1392, in "that duleful Dawerk (day's-work) at Gasklune."

John Young left three sons and two daughters,—viz.: 1. John, parson of the church of Desert (Dysart?). 2. Peter, afterwards Sir Peter. 3. Alexander, afterwards Keeper of the Privy-chamber door to James VI.¹

¹ "Ane of the ordinar Ishearis [ushers] of our Soverane Lordis chalmer." So designed in several deeds. He is also designed of Eastfield.