

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION, 1861-62.  
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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 29th November 1861.

DAVID LAING, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Office-bearers of the Society for the Session were elected, as follows:—

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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 Mr ROBERT PAUL, *Assistant.*

On the recommendation of the Council, JAMES FARRER, Esq., M.P. for South Durham, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Society, in recognition of the great services rendered by him to the early history of Scotland, he having for a series of years carried on extensive excavations in Orkney, attended with very important results, and always made his discoveries subservient to public interests.

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

ANDREW ROBERTSON, M.D., Chamberlain to H.R.H.
the Prince Consort, Balmoral.
WALTER BERRY, Esq., Danish Consul-General, Leith.
ROBERT BAIKIE, M.D.
WILLIAM PAGAN, Esq. of Clayton.
HENRY BROUGHAM FARNIE, Esq., Cupar-Fife.

Mr John Stuart reported, that the Society, during the past year, had lost by death The Right Hon. The EARL OF ABERDEEN, K.G., one of its Honorary Members, a nobleman who, amid the cares and responsibilities of his high functions, had found time in various ways to show his interest in Scottish literature and antiquities.

During the same period the Society had also lost by death the following Fellows :—

	<i>Elected</i>
His Grace The DUKE OF SUTHERLAND, K.G.,	1854
JAMES JOHNSTONE, Esq., S.S.C., Curator of the Museum,	1857
JOHN F. MACFARLAN, Esq., Chemist,	1848
WILLIAM MARSHALL, Esq., Danish Consul-General,	1844
JOHN SHANK MORE, Esq., Advocate, Professor of Scots Law in the University of Edinburgh,	1822
Sir WILLIAM KEITH MURRAY of Ochertyre, Bart.,	1833
JAMES NEWTON, Esq., W.S.,	1828
ROBERT OLIPHANT, Esq., S.S.C.,	1840

The number of Members admitted during the past year was 24, the total number of Fellows on the roll being 266.

Mr STUART made some observations on the Archæological progress of the past season, alluding specially to Mr Farrer's discovery of Runic inscriptions in the chamber at Maeshowe in Orkney, and the restoration of the Burg of Mousa. In the mean time drawings and casts of the Runes have been made at Mr Farrer's instance, and placed in the hands of a limited number of Runic scholars for interpretation; of which the Society will learn the results as soon as possible.

Mr Laing's motion, laid on the table at the last General Meeting :—
“That in consequence of the admission of two official Members of Council from the Board of Trustees, the law which requires three of the ordinary Members of Council to retire annually should be so far altered

as to require the retirement of only two such Members annually," was unanimously agreed to, as was also the additional By-law proposed by the Council :—"That it be imperative that all communications which are intended for publication in the Proceedings be left for that purpose in the hands of the Secretary immediately after having been read to the Society."

MR STUART read the following Report, to be laid as usual before the Board of Trustees, for transmission to the Right Honourable the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury :—

REPORT by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, to the Honourable Board of Trustees for Manufactures, adopted at their Annual General Meeting, held on the 29th November 1861.

The National Museum of the Antiquaries of Scotland has been, during the past year, open to the public free of charge on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, from 10 to 4 o'clock; and on Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock; and at a charge of sixpence for each person on Thursdays and Fridays, from 10 to 4 o'clock. The Museum was closed on Mondays for cleaning, also during the month of November.

The following table shows the number of Visitors to the Museum during each month of the year, distinguishing the number of visitors on the Saturday evenings :—

	Day.	Sat. Night.	Total.
1860. December,.....	5,765	1,228	6,993
1861. January,.....	20,698	424	21,122
... February,	3,362	380	3,742
... March,.....	3,021	506	3,527
... April,.....	2,681	348	3,029
... May,.....	3,090	300	3,390
... June,.....	6,888	421	7,309
... July,.....	9,853	646	10,499
... August,.....	8,198	1,116	9,314
... September,....	6,589	1,208	7,797
... October,.....	3,424	470	3,894
	<u>72,569</u>	<u>7,047</u>	<u>79,616</u>

The additions to the collection by donation and purchase since the last report consist of 330 articles, 132 coins and medals, and 146 volumes of books. Donations were received from 121 contributors. Amongst the articles most worthy of notice were those presented by Dowager Lady Dick Lauder, Lady Drysdale, Mr A. H. Rhind, Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot., and James Farrer, Esq., M.P. for South Durham, F.S.A. Scot.

During the past year the labelling of the Collection in the cases has been finished. The series of Scottish and English Coins have been arranged, a work of considerable labour and time, and the Keeper is now about to proceed with the preparation of the Catalogue.

(Signed) JOHN STUART.

Thanks were voted to the Board of Trustees for the use of the Board Room for the purpose of the meeting, and also to the Chairman.

MONDAY, 9th December 1861.

DAVID LAING, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A *Conversazione* was held in the Museum, Royal Institution; and the use of the Royal Society's Hall having been obtained, the Chairman, as Vice-President delivered there an Inaugural Address, the subject of which was a retrospect of the History of the Society. It was chiefly intended as a continuation of the Account of the Institution and Progress of the Society, 1784-1830, Part III., contained in the Appendix to Volume Third of the "*Archæologia Scotica*."

This Address will be given as an Appendix to the present volume of the Society's Proceedings.

On the motion of Adam Black, Esq., M.P., a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr Laing for his Address.

MONDAY, 13th January 1862.

DAVID LAING, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, on the death of His Royal Highness the Prince-Consort, was read and adopted :—

“ TO THE QUEEN’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

“ MADAM,

“ We, the President, Council, and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, desire to offer to your Majesty the expression of our deep sympathy in your Majesty’s bereavement.

“ Amidst the sorrow of the whole nation for the death of the Prince Consort, your husband, and while all the countries of the civilised world are preparing to testify sympathy in our common loss, we have peculiar cause of grief, and feel it to be our duty that we should give a distinct expression to our deep and respectful condolence.

“ By the constitution of our Society it is placed under the special patronage of the Sovereign.

“ We had the advantage also of numbering among our Honorary Members His Royal Highness,—a Prince so accomplished in the learning and tastes which our Society seeks to promote, that his loss must have been felt as a calamity, even independent of the exalted station which he filled, and which those accomplishments so greatly adorned.

“ In common with all your subjects, we pray that your Majesty may have all the consolation of which such a loss is capable, and that you may long reign over these nations, cheered by the affectionate support of a prosperous and grateful people.

(Signed)

“ D. LAING, *Chairman of the Meeting.*

“ JOHN STUART, *Secretary.*

“ EDINBURGH, 13th January 1862.’

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the respective Donors :—

Oval Bronze Penannular Ring, or Armlet, terminating in slightly thickened extremities. Its greatest diameter measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. It was found in a peat moss at Conage, Banffshire ;

Four leaf-shaped Flint Arrow Heads ; and

Seven Arrow Heads with stems and barbs, of light-coloured flint, and of various sizes. Found on the Culbin Sandhills, Morayshire ;

Small pointed Plate of Bronze resembling a knife blade, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length. Found on the Culbin Sandhills ;

Small Copper Coin of James II., King of Arragon and Sicily, A.D. 1291–1327. These rude copper coins, with the name JACOBUS, in monastic-looking characters, have very frequently been found in Scotland mixed up with the money of the Scottish Kings of that name. On the obverse they have a curious triangular ornament within a circle ; and the reverse bears a cross within a tressure of four points within a circle. The legends of this coin cannot be read ; and

A Fragment of two other Coins of the same description. Found on the Culbin Sandhills ;

Bronze Circular Brooch with Pin, measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches across. It is ornamented with incised crosses, double kite-shaped ornaments, and apparently an imitation of black letter ;

Small Circular Brooch, with zigzag ornaments, 2 inches in diameter ;

Small Bronze Buckle ; and

Various small portions of unglazed reddish Pottery, probably of coarse vessels or urns. These last-named articles were all found at the Doune Hill of Relugas, Morayshire ;

Penny of Alfred (copper). *Obv.*—EL(F)RED REX. Portrait to the right.

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Rev.—VINI —MONETA VINI. This extremely rare coin is unfortunately

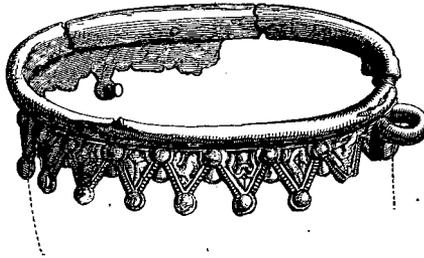
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pierced in two places. On the obverse the F of ELFRED is almost entirely drilled out, a small part of the front of the letter only being visible. The other hole is under the bust, and does little harm. The reverse of the coin is considerably injured by the piercing, for the first letter of the

moneyer's name is quite drilled out, and the last nearly so. Ruding, in his list of moneyers of this king, gives the name DVINE. Probably the D is drilled out, and also the front part of the N, leaving only the I visible. The penny seems to be of this moneyer, or if not, it is unpublished. Found at Burghead, Morayshire;

Groat of James I. of Scotland (silver), of the Edinburgh mint, common type. Legends indistinct. Found at Burghead;

Ornamental Silver Ring, with loop at side, the details of which are well shown in the annexed careful drawing, the size of the original.



It may have been the ornamental border or mouth of a drinking horn, and is similar in character to ornaments on drinking horns figured in the Catalogue of the Royal Museum, Copenhagen. It was found at Burghead, Morayshire, and is described, and a rough sketch of it given, by the late Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, Bart., in a communication to the Society on the 27th February 1826, printed in the "Archæologia Scotica," vol. iii. p. 39;

Dark-coloured Stone, squared on the sides, measuring 2 inches long, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in breadth, and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in thickness. One end is perforated, and in it is inserted an ornamented bronze penannular ring, terminating in two dragon-like heads. It was found in digging in North Uist, and was probably a touch-stone;

Four Bronze Pins (one broken), each about 5 inches in length. Small moveable rings are fixed in the heads of two of them. They were found at the Doune Hill of Relugas, Elginshire. These pins are similar in character to one found in a burying-ground at Heisker, North Uist, and figured in the "Proceedings" of the Society, vol. ii. p. 176;

Billon Plack of Mary of Scotland. *Obv.*—MARIA D. G. R. SCOTORUM. Thistle, head crowned with an arched crown, between M and R. *Rev.*—OPPIDUM EDINBURGI. A plain St Andrew's cross through an open crown between two cinquefoils; and a

Brass coin, in very bad preservation. Found in the cave in Eigg where the inhabitants, the Macdonalds, were suffocated by the Macleods.

These various articles were collected by the late Sir THOMAS DICK LAUDER, Bart., and are now presented to the Museum by the Dowager Lady DICK LAUDER.

Drawing in Water-Colours, being an Elevation of the Edinburgh City Cross, after the style of the original, as recommended for its proposed Restoration; with addition of coats of arms and medallion heads, by James Drummond, Esq., R.S.A. Size of drawing, 3 feet by 2 feet. By DAVID BRYCE, Esq., architect, F.S.A. Scot.

Wide-mouthed or Bowl-shaped Urn of Yellow Clay, with dark fracture, measuring 5 inches high, 6 inches across the mouth, and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the bottom. The urn is covered with incised lines in herring-bone pattern, and is ornamented by a groove running round its widest part, 5 knobs being left projecting from it at regular distances. It was found in a cist at Beechwood Mains, near Edinburgh, in 1859. By Mr FORBES MINTO, Polbeath.

Wedge-shaped Stone Hammer, apparently of green stone, perforated at the widest extremity for handle. It measures 10 inches in length, and 3 in thickness, and was found 10 feet below the surface, in making cuttings for drains in Laurie Street, Leith;

Two Crania of Human Skeletons recently exposed in Leith Links;

Charter by Dominus Adam Sime, one of two secular chaplains in St Ninian's Chapel, formerly at the end of the bridge in the town of Leith [St Ninian's Chapel was founded by Robert Ballenden, Abbot of Holyrood], granted to Andrew Thomson and Margaret Smeberd his spouse, of a tenement on the said bridge, &c., dated 8th February 1545-6, and signed by Robert, commendator of Holyrood, Alexander, administrator, and the other prebendaries, with two seals—"S. DOMINI ADAME SIME," rudely executed, and the large oval seal of the Monastery of Holyrood, "S'.CÔE. MONASTERI. SCE. CRVC. DE. EDINBURG" (described in Henry Laing's Catalogue of Scottish Seals, No. 1039);

Instrument of Sasine upon the above Charter, dated 9th February 1545-6, with seal of Adam Sime;

Another Instrument of Sasine to Margaret Quhipp, 19th July 1593, with seal imperfect;

A Precept of Sasine signed by Alexander Clark of Stentoun, Provost, and two of the bailies of Edinburgh, of a house lately rebuilt in Leith, in favour of Thomas Stevenson, son of the late William Stevenson, miller, dated 14th July 1624. The seal mutilated;

By D. H. ROBERTSON, M.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Two Oak Bed-Posts, the lower part square, and ornamented with concentric circles; the upper portion cut into a spiral. From Amisfield Castle, Dumfriesshire. By the Rev. JAMES CHARTERIS, Newlands.

This bedstead stood in what was called the "King's Room," and on it James VI. slept when on his way to England. The ceiling of the room was curiously ornamented in plaster. The bed is referred to by Grose in his "Antiquities." A curiously-carved oak door, displaying, it is supposed, David slaying the lion, with the date 1600, also referred to by Grose, is also in the Museum, and belonged to the room immediately over the "King's Room;"

Mallet-shaped Piece of Sandstone, partially broken, measuring 7 inches long by 3 inches thick; it was found beside stone coffins discovered in excavating at Balfour, Orkney;

Portion of broken Bone Cup, formed of the body of one of the vertebræ of a whale, measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter at bottom. Found in a "Pict's House" on the Island of Shapinshay, Orkney;

Bronze Axe-Head or Celt, measuring 4 inches across face. Found in 1821, in digging near Abernethy, Perthshire.

By DAVID BALFOUR, Esq. of Balfour and Trenaby, Orkney, F.S.A. Scot.

Portion of Cranium of a Red Deer, with Antler attached showing crown. Found in bog-land, near Drem, Haddington. By GEORGE BERRY, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Silver Medal, Laureated Bust in Armour of James Stuart when young, hair long; looking to left. *Obv.*—IAC : WALLIA . PRINCEPS. Below, N-R. *Rev.*—Sun rising over a tranquil sea, dispelling clouds and demons. Leg.—SOLA . LVCE . FVGAT. Ex. 1699. By JOHN MARTIN, Esq., Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Cast from a Sculptured Stone at the Old Palace, Dunfermline, showing in high relief a figure of an angel with outspread wings, holding a scroll in the right hand, on which is *AVE . GRATIA . PLENA . DNS. TE.* Opposite, is a figure of the Virgin kneeling before a pedestal, on which is an open book inscribed *ECCE . ANCILLA . DI . FIAT . MICHI . S.V.T.* Between the two figures is a vessel with a flower, and the armorial bearings of Abbot Drury (1530-40); below, is the motto, *CONFIDO*;

Medallion of Erasmus, *IMAGO AD VIVA EFFIGIE EXPRESSA*, showing head looking to the left. On the field to the left, *ERA*; behind the head, *ROT*; under the bust, the date 1519; a "shell" four inches in diameter.

By JOHN IONS, Esq., Dunfermline.

Photographic Views in Madura, by Captain L. Tripe, Government Photographer; with Descriptive Notes by M. Norman, Esq., M.C.S., and the Rev. W. Tracy, M.A. Four Parts, large folio. 1858;

Photographic Views of Seringham, by Captain L. Tripe, Government Photographer, Madras Presidency. 1858;

Photographic Views of Poodoocottah, by Captain L. Tripe, Government Photographer. Large folio. 1858;

Photographic Views of Ryakotta, and other places in the Salem district, by Captain L. Tripe, Government Photographer, Madras Presidency; with Descriptive Notes by J. A. C. Boswell, Esq., M.C.S. Large folio. 1858;

Photographs of the Elliot Marbles, and other objects in the Central Museum, Madras, by Captain L. Tripe. Oblong folio. 1858;

Inscription around the Basement of the Bimanum of the Great Pagoda at Tanjore. Photographed by Captain L. Tripe in 1858. A roll 20 feet long, mounted on cloth;

Stereographs of Madura, taken by Captain L. Tripe; with Descriptions by the Rev. W. Tracy, M.A. 8vo. 1858. With accompanying stereoscope of Rosewood.

Presented to the Society by the MADRAS GOVERNMENT, through Dr ALEXANDER HUNTER, Superintendent of the School of Industrial Art, Madras.

Sufferance "by the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, &c., and of His Majesty's Plantations," allowing the ship *Margaret of Leith* to sail to Lisbon,

dated 13th May 1754. Signed by Admiral Lord Anson and other Commissioners. Imperfect. By ANDREW SPENCE, Esq., Leith.

R. B. WARDLAW RAMSAY, of Whitehill, Esq., exhibited a bronze socketed celt, showing an unusual variety of ornament on its sides, consisting of lines ending in small rings, in slight relief. Mr Albert Way considers these projecting rings may probably represent some more secure mode of attaching the axe to its wooden haft, than could be effected by the mere open loop at the side. It was found thirty-five years ago in a sand-pit at the foot of the Ochil Hills, near Tillycultry, Clackmannanshire. In the Museum of the Society there is a somewhat similar variety of celt.

The following Communications were read:—