

MONDAY, 13th April 1874.

DAVID MILNE HOME, Esq., LL.D., in the Chair.

On the recommendation of the Council,

SAMUEL FERGUSON, Esq., LL.D., Public Record Office, Dublin,
was balloted for and elected an HONORARY MEMBER of the Society.

The following Gentlemen were also elected Fellows:—

JAMES A. BEATTIE, Esq., C.E., Aberdeen.

JAMES MACDONALD, Esq., Rector of Ayr Academy.

MALCOLM M'NEILL, Esq. (late 78th Highlanders).

WILLIAM PAXTON, Esq., 11 Lauder Road.

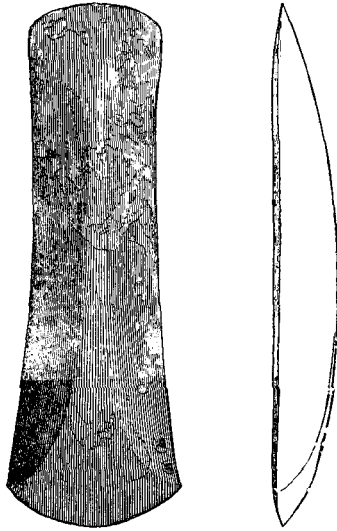
GEORGE HUNTER THOMS, Esq., Sheriff of Orkney.

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

- (1.) By JAMES DALGARNO, Esq., Merchant, Slains, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot., through William Ferguson of Kinmundy, Esq., F.G.S., F.S.A. Scot.

Celt or Axe-Head of Grey Flint, 7 inches long, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide at the broad and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches at the narrow end, finely polished and of unique form, being triangular in section across the middle, and expanding slightly

towards the two extremities. It is finished to a curved adze-like edge at both ends. One end is slightly broader and thicker than the other, and the crown of the triangular ridge of the back is ground away to a rounded outline. (See the accompanying woodcut.) A celt of somewhat similar



Polished Celt of Grey Flint, found at Ferny Brae, Slains, Aberdeenshire
(7 inches in length).

form, with the sides expanding at both ends, and of chalcedonic flint, but lozenge-shaped in section and roughly finished, found in Burwell Fen, Cambridgeshire, is figured by Mr Evans in his "Stone Implements, &c., of Great Britain," p. 83, but no implement similar to this one in form or beauty of finish has hitherto been published. It was found with sepulchral remains at the Ferny Brae, in the moss of Lochlundie, parish of Slains, Aberdeenshire. (See the previous communication by Mr Ferguson of Kinmundy, in the present volume, p. 509).

(2.) By ROBERT HERDMAN, Esq., R.S.A., F.S.A. Scot.

Celt of a Green Mottled Stone, almost resembling jadeite, and beautifully polished, found on the banks of the Ericht, in the parish of Rattray, Perthshire. It measures 8 inches in length, is pointed at one end, and 3 inches across the cutting face, and nowhere exceeds an inch in greatest thickness. It is beautifully polished over the whole surface, the edges straight and fine, and the section of the middle of the implement is a flattened oval.

(3.) By Rev. GEORGE MURRAY, Balmaclellan, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Oblong Pebble of Quartzose Sandstone, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, worn at one end by use as a pivot, probably for a field-gate, found near Balmaclellan.

(4.) By ROBERT CARFRAE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Double-spiral Brooch of Bronze Wire, $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, with spirals $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter. It is formed of a single piece of wire wound closely into two flat spiral coils in opposite directions from the centre, where the wire is twisted into a figure-of-eight ornament. The ends of the wire are brought to the back of the brooch from the centres of the spiral coils, one end forming the pin and the other the catch for the pin. Similar brooches are found in Italy, Germany, and Denmark, with interments of the later Bronze and early Iron Ages.

Handle of a Bronze Vase, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, terminating in an ornamental figure of a human head.

Oval Penannular Ring or Bracelet of Bronze, flattened on the inside, and rounded on the outside, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter.

Oval Penannular Ring of Bronze, hollow and beaded on the outer margin, 4 inches in diameter.

Small Spatula of Bronze, $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length.

All found in the neighbourhood of Maçon, France.

(5.) By GASTON FEUARDENT, Esq., 61 Great Russell Street, London.

Dentated Mace-Head of Bronze, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, pointed and encircled by three rows of pointed projections, found in the neighbourhood of Maçon,

France. A dentated bronze ring, encircled with two rows of pointed projections, but having no pointed extremity, is in the Museum. It was found near Merlsford, on the Eden, Fifeshire. Another, with three rows of rounded knobs, is also in the Museum, locality unknown.

(6.) By WALTER DICKSON, M.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Letter of Dispensation by Gavin Dunbar, Archbishop of Glasgow and Papal Nuncio, removing the impediment to the Marriage of William Houston and Catherine Kilpatrick, 1532.

(7.) By DAVID GRIEVE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Manuscript Volume, entitled "The Genealogie of the wholl Nobility of Scotland, collected out of History," &c. "Written and begun the 2d March 1685, and ended the 16th of the same moneth, by H. R., by command of H. M'K."

(8.) By the SUSSEX ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The Collections of the Sussex Archæological Society. Vols. XIII. to XXVII. inclusive, 8vo.

(9.) By the SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF NEWCASTLE.

Lapidarium Septentrionale, or a Description of the Monuments of Roman Rule in the North of England. Published by the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle. Folio. 1874.

(10.) By the SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, London.

Archæologia; or, Miscellaneous Tracts relating to Antiquity. Published by the Society of Antiquaries of London. Vols. XLII. Pt. 2, and XLIV. Pt. 1. 4to. 1874.

(11.) By Rev. B. H. BLACKER, M.A., the Author.

Brief Sketches of the Parishes of Booterstown and Donnybrook, in the County of Dublin. Fourth Part. 12mo. 1874.

The following communications were read :—