

MONDAY, 12th March 1894.

REGINALD MACLEOD, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows :—

ROBERT BRYDALL, 8 Newton Terrace, Glasgow.

J. H. A. LAING, M.B., C.M., 11 Melville Street.

WALTER STEWART, F.C.S., F.R.S.E., 1 Murrayfield Gardens.

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

(1) By JOHN FLEMING, Bower House, through Dr D. CHRISTISON, Secretary.

Two Arrow-heads, one of flint, the other of cherty stone, both with barbs and stems ; five Scrapers and a small Knife of flint ; found on the farm of Bower House, Lauderdale.

(2) By Dr R. DE BRUS TROTTER, Perth.

Half of a Bullet-Mould of stone, for three different sizes of bullets, found near Perth.

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

Ball of grey sandstone, found in the cloister of the Abbey of Glenluce ; and a Whorl,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter, from Cairnryan, Wigtownshire.

(4) By JAMES FORREST, Mount Pleasant, Liberton, through THOMAS ROSS, F.S.A. Scot.

Upper part of the Shaft of a Sculptured Cross of red sandstone, the summit and terminal portions of the arms broken off, the fragment measuring now 25 inches in height,  $10\frac{1}{4}$  inches in breadth, and 7 inches in thickness, the breadth across the arms being 15 inches. It bears on the front a kind of interlaced ornamentation of two bands crossing each

other obliquely from side to side and returning, with rings interlaced, within a flat edging on either side of the shaft.

(5) By ROBERT CARFRAE, F.S.A. Scot.

Polished Axe of veined slate,  $4\frac{7}{8}$  inches in length by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches in breadth, with flattened side edges, found at Royston Park, Midlothian, in 1837.

Charter, by William, Commendator, and John, Abbot of the Monastery of Culross, of the lands of Blairhall, to Cuthbert Blacader and Mariota Boid his spouse, with signatures of the Commendator, Abbot, and fourteen monks, 10th July 1545.

(6) By MRS STOPES, Miss STOPES, and Miss WINNIE STOPES, The Mansion-house, Swanscombe.

Eleven Flint Implements of Palæolithic type, from a gravel-pit at Swanscombe, Kent; two Hammer-stones, two roughly chipped Axes, five Scrapers, three triangular-pointed Implements, three hollow Scrapers, two Borers, forty-six Flakes and Side Scrapers, one Hammer-stone, three Cores, and ten miscellaneous worked Flints of Neolithic types, from Swanscombe, Kent.

(7) By WILLIAM CRAMOND, A.M., LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Milnes of Banff and Neighbourhood. 12mo, pp. 20, Banff, 1894.

(8) By Rev. A. D. MURDOCH and H. F. MORLAND SIMPSON, the Editors.

The Memoirs of James, Marquis of Montrose, 1639-1650. By Rev. George Wishart, D.D. Translated and Edited by Rev. Alex. D. Murdoch, F.S.A. Scot., Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, and H. F. Morland Simpson, M.A., F.S.A. Scot. 4to, 1893.

(9) By JOHN FINDLAY, F.S.A. Scot.

The Industrial Arts of the Anglo-Saxons. By the Baron de Baye 4to, London, 1893.

- (10) By the IMPERIAL COMMISSION ON ARCHEOLOGY, ST PETERSBURG.

Compte-Rendu de la Commission Imperiale Archeologique 1882-88, 1889, 1890. 4to, St Petersburg, 1892-93.—Materiaux pour servir a l'Archeologie de la Russie. Livraisons 4-12. 4to, St Petersburg, 1890-93.

- (11) By J. M. MACKINLAY, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Folk-Lore of Scottish Lochs and Springs. 8vo, Glasgow, 1893.

- (12) By DAVID MACRITCHIE, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Fians, Fairies, and Piets. 8vo, London, 1893.—Notes on the Word "Sidh." Reprint from the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*. 8vo, 1893.

There were also Exhibited :—

- (1) By the KIRKCUDBRIGHT MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, through JOHN M'KIE, *Curator*.

Small cup-shaped Urn, with triangular perforations, found at the Whinnyliggate, near Kirkcudbright. [See the subsequent communication by Mr Coles.]

- (2) By J. GILLON FERGUSON of Isle, through ALEXANDER CURLE, F.S.A. Scot.

Bronze Chisel, found in an excavation in Dumfries.

- (3) By Dr J. H. W. LAING, F.S.A. Scot., Dundee.

Bronze Chisel, found in Sutherlandshire. [See the subsequent communication by Dr Anderson.]

- (4) By Miss MACDONALD, Brae-an-dune, Rothesay, through Rev. J. K. HEWISON, F.S.A. Scot.

Beggar's Badge, in lead, with representation of the old Church of St

Clements, Rowdill, Harris. This badge (fig. 1) which measures  $2\frac{3}{8}$  inches in diameter, is interesting on account of the conventional representation of the old Church of St Clements, at Rowdill, in Harris, which Muir supposes may have been originally erected "somewhere about the thirteenth century," if the architectural characteristics may be relied on. Donald Monro, High Dean of the Isles, writing in 1594, calls it "ane monastery with ane steepell quhilk was foundit and biggit by M'Cloyd of Harrey." Buchanan states that the church of Rowdill was built by Alexander Macleod of Harris



Fig. 1. Beggar's Badge, St Clements, Rowdill.

(Alaster Crotach), who first appears in possession of Harris in 1498, and was dead in 1546. It was ruinous in the middle of the 18th century, and was repaired by another Alexander Macleod in 1784-87, and has been recently thoroughly repaired by the Countess of Dunmore. [See a Description of the Church of Rowdill and its Sculptured Monuments and Monumental Effigies, by Alexander Ross, Architect, Inverness, F.S.A. Scot., in the *Proceedings*, vol. xvii. pp. 118-132.]

(5) By T. A. CARTER, Shottery Hall, Stratford-on-Avon.

Highland Brooch of silver, 3 inches in diameter, with engraved ornament of scroll foliage and circles of interlaced work placed at intervals, the spaces between being inlaid with niello in the usual so-called "anchor patterns." A series of small bosses has been soldered in a circle round the outer margin of the brooch. On the back is engraved the date 1756. This brooch (fig. 2) is a somewhat uncommon variety of the circular Highland brooch in silver, inlaid with niello. The common variety is smaller in size, without the bosses round the rim, and usually uniform in the arrangement of the patterns. A specimen more akin to Mr Carter's was exhibited by Mr A. Shannan Stevenson, F.S.A. Scot. It is somewhat larger (though here engraved to a smaller scale, as fig. 3) being  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter, the opening



Fig. 2. Highland Brooch of Silver, 3 inches diameter.

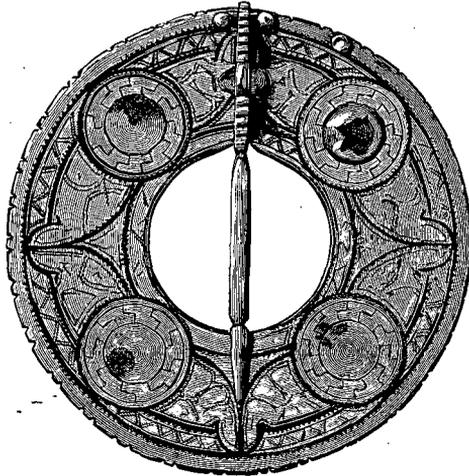


Fig. 3. Highland Brooch of Silver, 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches diameter.

in the centre  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, and the annular body of the brooch  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches in width. It has also had a marginal rim of small bosses soldered on, and in addition four larger bosses (or possibly settings for stones) were placed in the centres of the four circles, which in the other

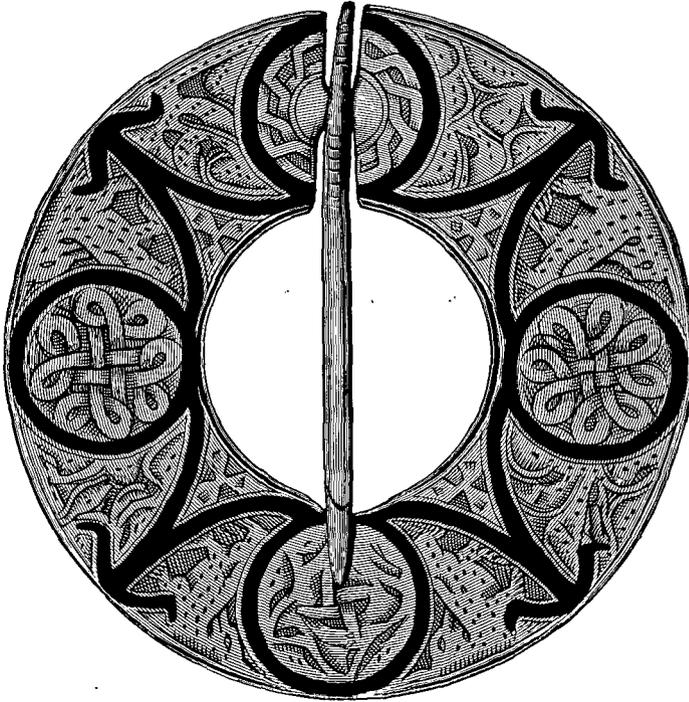


Fig. 4. Highland Brooch in Silver and Niello, front.  
( $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter.)

brooches are usually filled with engraved patterns of interlaced work. Only three of the marginal bosses remain, and there are merely traces of the larger bosses or sockets left. This brooch bears on the back the initials D. M'K. and E. M'D., and the date 1733.

For comparison with these two brooches there is here engraved a

still more uncommon variety, having patterns in niello both on front and back. This very fine brooch (figs. 4 and 5) was a few years ago worn by the widow of Alexander MacGregor, resident at Killin, and had been in the family in Glenlyon for more than a century and a



Fig. 5. Highland Brooch in Silver and Niello, back.  
( $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter.)

half. The initials on the back are those of a former Alexander MacGregor and his wife, probably the persons for whom the brooch was made on the occasion of their marriage in 1714. It was said that the common variety of these silver brooches ornamented with niello used to be made for sale by a "caird" or travelling tinker of the name of Ross,

who frequented the Perthshire Highlands about the beginning of the present century.

The following Communications were read :—