
MONDAY, 8th *January* 1877.

JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Before proceeding to the ordinary business of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the great loss sustained in the death of Lord Neaves, who had been long a zealous member, and more than once a vice-President, of the Society. It was agreed to record on the minutes the sense of loss which the Society had sustained by his death.

After a ballot, the following Gentleman was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member :—

HENRY LAING, Esq., seal engraver, author of "Catalogue of Scottish Seals" (Bannatyne Club), 2 vols. 4to.

¹ "Hist. of Architecture," vol i. p. 512.

And the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows :—

JOHN SHEDDEN DOBIE of Grangevale, Esq.
ROBERT GRAY, Esq., Banker, Inverleith Row.
JOHN WELSH, Esq., S.S.C.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were exhibited, and thanks voted to the Donors :—

(1.) By Sir WILLIAM STIRLING MAXWELL, Bart., of Pollok and Keir, M.P., F.S.A. Scot.

A Collection of Greek Vases from the Cyrenaica, comprising :—

Calpis, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, with red figure ; a bather with *strigil*.

Calpis, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, with red figure, draped.

Calpis, of finer make than the two last, 4 inches high, of light grey paste, with reddish figure—a panther.

Ænochoe, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, with trefoil-shaped mouth, and ornamented with figures in red.

Ænochoe, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, with trefoil-shaped mouth.

Ænochoe, 6 inches high, plain oval body and circular mouth, handle flat and much compressed, and rising slightly above the brim.

Lecythus, 4 inches high, with globular body and honeysuckle ornament in red.

Lecythus, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, of the same form and ornament.

Lecythus, 3 inches high, figure in red of human head, with Macedonian cap.

Lecythus, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, with rudimentary handles, and ornamented with vertical striations.

Crater, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, of elegant shape, but unornamented.

Scyphos, or cup-shaped drinking vase, 3 inches high, with horizontal handles.

Scyphos, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height, with up-curved handles, ornamented in the bottom with three small leaf-like impressed stamps.

Cylix, or shallow saucer-like drinking vase, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches high, with horizontal handles, black.

Two plain vases, with covers and up-curved side handles, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches high.

Vase, with cover and up-curved side handles, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches high; plain, black.

Vase, with almost horizontal handles, and projections at each side, with cover painted, with a pattern of cross lines and dots, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high.

Aryballos, or small bottle-shaped vase, with side handle, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches high.

Two flat shallow dishes of black ware, 5 inches diameter, 1 inch in height, ornamented in the centre with three small leaf-like impressed stamps.

Terra cotta vase in shape of a cock, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, with side handle, and perforations for filling.

Small alabaster unguent vase, 4 inches in length, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch diameter, with round bottom and flat projecting lip.

Similar small vase of variegated glass or vitreous paste, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

Small vase of variegated vitreous paste, with flat circular foot and elongated neck, 3 inches in length.

Small mask in terra cotta, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length.

(2.) By JAMES T. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Five Scottish snuff-boxes of the last century, viz. :—

1. Snuff-box of hard wood, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inches in its greatest diameter at the top, narrowing to 2 by $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches at the bottom. It is mounted with a silver rim and hinge, and bears, in an oval space on the centre of the lid, a monogram of the initials W. P.

2. Snuff-box of similar form and size, but made of staves alternately of wood and ivory. The lid is of inlaid work, round a central star of ivory. The bottom bears the date 1710-76, and on a silver hoop round the rim of the box is the inscription JAMES FERGUSON, 1754.

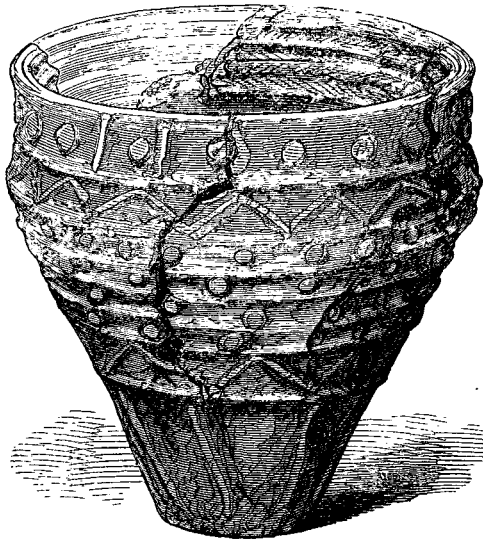
3. Snuff-box of similar form, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, made of ivory overlaid by alternate staves of tortoise-shell and mother-of-pearl. The lid is silver-mounted, and contains, as a centre-piece, an oval setting of amber, with a cupid in chase of a stag. Round this centre-piece is a border of alternate panels of mother-of-pearl and tortoise-shell, with the letters D. J. G. The rim is bound with silver, and decorated with the figure of a winged heart, over a branch with a scallop shell. On the bottom is an oval silver plate, with the letters M. J. G.

4. Smaller box, of the same form and similar workmanship, 2 inches high, with plain silver mountings.

5. Box of similar workmanship, but circular instead of oval in the transverse section, silver-mounted, the bottom of mother-of-pearl, the lid painted with a miniature of a female.

(3.) By KEITH STEWART MACKENZIE, Esq. of Seaforth, F.S.A. Scot.

Cinerary urn, $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, 14 inches diameter at the mouth, narrowing to 5 inches across the bottom. The upper part is ornamented in a



Urn found at Rumsfort Park, Co. Wexford Ireland ($14\frac{1}{2}$ inches high).

very unusual style by rows of round flat-topped discs, and rounded mouldings running parallel to each other round the body of the urn. Under the first row there is a border of chevrony ornament, which is repeated underneath the bulge, and the tapering lower part of the urn is decorated with nearly vertical bands or mouldings, which stand out from

the body of the urn in bold relief. It was found in digging a gravel pit at Ramsford Park, County Wexford, Ireland, in 1868. The urn, which is interesting on account of its large size and peculiar ornamentation, is well represented in the accompanying figure.

- (4.) By Miss JESSIE KENNEDY, through JAMES DALGARNO, Esq., Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Arrow head of red flint, 1 inch in length, with barbs and stem, barbs broken, slightly serrated along the edges. Leaf-shaped, almost triangular head of yellow flint, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in length, both found at the Meikle Loch, Slains, Aberdeenshire.

- (5.) By JAMES DALGARNO, Esq., Slains, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot., the Author.

Notes on the Parish of Slains and Forvie in the Olden Days. Printed for private circulation. 4to. 1876. Pp. 20.

- (6.) By WILLIAM LONG, Esq., M.A., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.
Stonehenge and its Barrows. Large paper. 8vo. 1876.

(7.) By the Hon. WILLIAM OWEN STANLEY, F.S.A., the Author.
Cyttiaur Gwyddelod. Antiquities in Holyhead Island and Anglesea, explored in 1862-76. Lond. 8vo. 1876.

- (8.) By JAMES BURGESS, Esq., Archæological Surveyor of Western India, the Editor.

The Indian Antiquary, Vols. II.-IV., and parts 1-4 of Vol. I. 4to. Bombay 1872-76.

- (9.) By the CONGRESS.

Congrès Archæologique de France. XLI. Session. Seances à Agen et Toulouse. 8vo. 1876.

- (10.) By the POLYMATHIC SOCIETY of MORBIHAN.

Bulletin de la Société Polymathique du Morbihan. Année 1875.

There were also exhibited:—Two Original Documents deposited in the Museum by the Trustees of the late Miss AGNES BLACK, Perth, viz.:

1. A Copy, with Signatures, of the National Covenant, 1638, on vellum.

2. The Solemn League and Covenant of 1643, as renewed in 1648, also with original Signatures on vellum. [See the subsequent communication by Mr LAING.]

The following Communications were read :—