

II. (THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S) CONVERSAZIONE.—*Jan. 31, 1853.*

On Monday evening, the Hon. LORD MURRAY, one of the Vice-Presidents, entertained the Fellows of the Society at a Conversazione in his Lordship's house, 11 Great Stuart Street.

Among the antiquities and works of art exhibited, a portrait from the collection of the Horton family, Yorkshire, ascribed to Hilliard, —and believed to be of Mary Queen of Scots, with her infant son James,—formed one of the most attractive.

*February 14, 1853.*

SIR JAMES RAMSAY of Bamff, Bart., in the Chair.

The following Gentleman was elected a Corresponding Member:—

The Rev. JOHN COLLINGWOOD BRUCE, M.A., F.S.A.

The following valuable Donations, from JOHN STUART, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen, were laid on the Table:—

Urn found in the centre of a large cairn, inclosed in a cist, in the parish of Methlick, Aberdeenshire.

Fragments of an Urn found in a small tumulus on a Muir at Burnside of Delgaty, three miles east of Turriff, Aberdeenshire.

Fragments of Urns found in a large tumulus on the Farm of Balmeadie, in the parish of Belhelvie, Aberdeenshire. On the adjoining farm of Overhill, a massive gold torque and a gold chain were found.

One of two Iron Hammers found under a Cairn on the summit of the Hill of Bucharn, parish of Gartly.

One of Nine Bronze Celts found along with various bronze rings, on the Farm of Rehill, parish of Premnay, near the Hill of Benachie, Aberdeenshire.

Two of the Bronze Penannular Rings found on the Farm of Rehill, near the Hill of Benachie.

Bronze Palstave found at Licklyhead, in the parish of Premnay, Aberdeenshire.

One of Two Stone Pateræ found near a Megalithic circle at Crookmore, Alford, parish of Tullynessle, Aberdeenshire. The other patera is in the Museum, having been presented to the Society by Mr Stuart in 1838.

Small Stone Patera, or Ladle, ornamented with incised lines, found in a cairn at Newton of Auchingoul, parish of Inverkeithny, Banffshire.

Five Bronze relics found in a large cairn, on the Hill of Fortrie of Balnoon, parish of Inverkeithny, Banffshire.

One of Seven Bronze Axe-heads found on the west shoulder of the Hill of Fortrie of Balnoon, Inverkeithny, Banffshire.

Bronze Armlet, snake-pattern, found at a depth of about 6 feet, in the Links of Drumside, in the parish of Belhelvie. Two other specimens are in the collection, and a pair of the same type in the British Museum have the perforations at the two ends filled in with devices in enamel. The one now presented to the Society also formed one of a pair found about 6 feet under the surface, and nearly three yards apart.

Ornamental Stone Implement, resembling a knife-handle, found in a cairn near Cullen, Banffshire.

Three Stone Celts, one of which was found at Glenmailen, near the large Roman Camp on the Ythan.

Flint Arrow-head, Aberdeenshire.

Portion of a quantity of Leaden Bullets found near Fyvie Castle, where a battle was fought between Montrose and Argyll.

There was also exhibited a fine Bronze Spear-head, found on the estate of Castlemain, Lochmaben: presented by WILLIAM MURRAY of Henderland, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

An ancient Indian Sword and Scabbard, the former with an inscription on the blade in unknown characters, were exhibited by Mr GEORGE SCOTT, of 7 Hunter Square, Edinburgh.

An ancient Iron Lock of curious workmanship, from the house of John Knox, High Street, Edinburgh, was exhibited by Mr WM. BROWN, Locksmith.

A curious Sculptured Standing-Stone, ornamented on both sides with the peculiar symbols found on the Crosses and other ancient Monuments of Scotland; from St Peter's Church, on the Island of South Ronaldshay, Orkney, where it was built in as the lintel of one of the windows. This Stone was acquired for the Society through the mediation of W. H. FOTHERINGHAM, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

The following communications were then read:—