
Monday, 12th May 1873.

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

After a ballot, the following gentlemen were duly elected Fellows of
the Society :—

JOHN KIPPEN WATSON, Esq., 14 Blackford Road.
PETER KERR, Esq., Dundee.

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

(1.) By Mr PETER COLLIER, 12 Randolph Crescent.

Small Celt of pale grey Flint, 3 inches in length, ground to a cutting
edge, found in the parish of Alvah, Banffshire.

Arrow-head of yellow Flint, 1½ inch in length, with barbs and stem
(one barb broken), found on the Hill of Byth, parish of King Edward,
Aberdeenshire.

Arrow-head of yellow Flint, leaf-shaped, 1½ inch in length, found on
the Hill of Byth, parish of King Edward, Aberdeenshire.

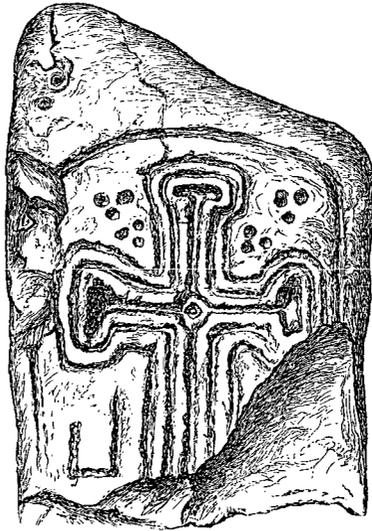
(2.) By Mr JAMES WINTON, Crossfield, Turriff, Aberdeenshire,
through Mr PETER COLLIER, 12 Randolph Crescent.

A Quern of Silicious Sandstone, 23 inches in diameter, mounted and
in working order, as formerly used in Aberdeenshire.

- (3.) By the Right Hon. the EARL of STAIR, F.S.A. Scot., through the Rev. GEORGE WILSON, F.C., Glenluce, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Sculptured Stone, 22 inches high by 16 inches in breadth, with incised cross on one face, from the Mull of Sunnness, Wigtownshire. (See the annexed woodcut.)

For an account of this stone, and the circumstances of its discovery, see the previous paper by Rev. George Wilson, p. 56.



Sculptured Stone from Mull of Sunnness, Wigtownshire.

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

Basin of Glass, 7 inches diameter, 2 inches high, of ancient Greek manufacture, found in the island of Cyprus.

Funeral Invitation, being a printed circular with engraved border, dated at Edinburgh, 19th March 1739.

- (5.) By J. G. SINCLAIR COGHILL, Esq., M.D., F.S.A. Scot.
Iron Bell, from a Pagoda near Peking.
Fifteen Specimens of Rare and Curious Forms of Ancient Chinese Money in Bronze.
- (6.) By Lieut.-Col. W. WAUCHOPE SHERWILL, Perth.
Sixpence of Queen Elizabeth, 1590.
Permit for the Vessel *Klein George* to leave the Port of Caen, 9th March 1812, with autograph signature of Napoleon I.
- (7.) By the SOCIÉTÉ DES ANTIQUAIRES DE FRANCE.
Memoires de la Société des Antiquaires de France. Tome trente-troisième. 8vo. 1872.
- (8.) By the Right Hon. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS.
Satirical Poems of the Twelfth Century. Two vols. 8vo. 1873.
- (9.) By the Compiler, Rev. CHARLES ROGERS, LL.D.
Memorials of the Strachans, and the Family of Wise. Privately printed. 4to. 1873.
- (10.) By G. DE MORTILLET, the Editor.
Indicateur de l'Archéologie et du Collectionneur. Bulletin Mensuel Illustré. Saint-Germain en Laye. September 1872 to March 1873.
- (11.) By the SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON.
Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London. May 1872 to January 1873.

Purchased for the Museum :—

Two finely ornamented clay Urns, of the food vessel type, found in Kingsbarns Law, near Crail, Fifeshire. (See the annexed woodcuts.)

These urns were discovered in consequence of the giving way of part of the retaining wall of the public road leading from Crail to St Andrews,

at a point where it passes through a cutting in the side of a small hillock known as Kingsbarns Law, a little beyond the village of Kingsbarns. On the top of this hillock there was a small obelisk, which served as a sea-mark. When the wall gave way, the obelisk, along with a considerable part of the side of the hillock, fell down into the road, and two cists were thus exposed, at a little distance apart. The larger of the two cists, in which the larger of the two urns was found, was formed of rough slabs, the sides being about 3 feet 6 inches in length, and the ends about two feet, with a depth inside of about 18 inches. The other cist, situated a



Urns found in Kingsbarns Law, near Crail, Fifeshire.
(6 inches and 5 inches in height.)

little to the south, and lower down on the side of the Law, was at a depth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. It was somewhat smaller than the first, and more nearly of a square form. It contained the smaller urn, and some fragments of the skull and bones of the skeleton. All around the cists, in the soil of the hillock, there were abundant traces of burning. The soil being sandy, small particles of charcoal and streaks of ashes were quite distinctly visible. The interments within the cists, however, were those of unburnt bodies, as is usually the case with burials associated with this type of urn. Information of the discovery having reached Mr George Fortune of Barnsmuir, he promptly communicated with the Society. Immediately

on receiving his communication the place was visited by Mr Anderson, Keeper of the Museum, who found, unfortunately, that the breach in the wall had been hastily repaired, the section covered up, the cists removed, and the hill partially levelled and ploughed over. He was fortunate enough, however, to secure the two urns for the Museum, and to obtain an account of the discovery from Mr James Lothian, Kingsbarns, who had taken an intelligent interest in the matter from the first, and had preserved one of the urns.

The following communications were read :—