

February 11, 1856.

REV. WILLIAM LINDSAY ALEXANDER, D.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :—

WILLIAM RAMSAY, Esq., Professor of Humanity in the University of Glasgow.

PATRICK ARKLEY, of Duninald, Esq., Advocate, Sheriff-Substitute of Edinburgh.

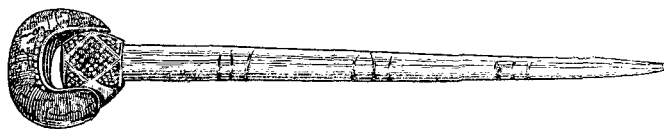
GEORGE B. ROBERTSON, Esq., W.S., Deputy-Keeper of the Records, General Register House.

DONALD R. M'GREGOR, Esq., Leith.

ALEXANDER MOSSMAN, Esq., Edinburgh.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table :—

Curious Brass Pin, with Moveable Head (which is figured here full size), found in a Burying-Ground in the Island of Heisker,



adjoining North Uist, Hebrides. By THOMAS MUIR, Esq., Leith. Several pins apparently of a similar character have been found in tumuli in Orkney.

Fragment of a small round Column, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter; and a Moulded Arch Stone, dug up on the Farm of Broomhill, adjoining Old Melrose, Roxburghshire; apparently of the 13th Century. By

JOHN ALEX. SMITH, M.D.—Dr Smith stated, that in digging the foundation for a building on the east of the farm-steading of Broomhill, the remains of an old wall or building were discovered, in which these stones were found. Several portions of small circular shafts or columns, of the same character as the one presented, were observed; the other stone shows the “bowtel and fillet” moulding, then a hollow, and a round; and contains in the hollow a series of the dog-tooth ornaments, of what has been called the First Pointed style of Gothic architecture. The moulded stone has manifestly been part of an arch; and both are of interest, from having been found in the immediate neighbourhood of Old Melrose; as in these stones we have probably a key, and perhaps the only existing one, to the style of architecture of the Church of Old Melrose, from the ruins of which they may have been brought as building materials at some early period.

British Antiquities—their Present Treatment and Real Claims. By the Author, A. HENRY RHIND, Esq. Edinburgh, 1856, 8vo.

Report of the Speeches upon the Claims of James Earl of Crawford and Balcarres to the Original Dukedom of Montrose. Preceded by an Address to Her Majesty. London, 1857, folio. By the Right Hon. LORD LINDSAY, the Author.

There was exhibited, by J. C. CREEKE, Esq., surgeon, Leven, an oval Brass Matrix, being the Seal of Thomas Bishop of Brechin. This Prelate does not appear in any published list of the Bishops of the See. The seal seems to be of the sixteenth or seventeenth century, and has a shield bearing two stars in chief and a lily in base. Mr Joseph Robertson suggested that it was probably the seal of Thomas Sydserf, appointed Bishop of Brechin in 1635, translated in the same year to Galloway, and in 1662 to Orkney.

The Communications read were as follows:—