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##### PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL- MASTERS OF SCOTLAND. BY COSMO INNES, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

It has been suggested that great advantage might be derived by establishing a communication with the schoolmasters of Scotland generally.

1. We should hear speedily of any discovery of antiquities, and be enabled, in some instances, to guard against their destruction—a mere warning often being sufficient.

2. Where objects of antiquity are brought to light in rural or secluded districts, who so likely to be consulted about them as the schoolmaster. Let him know that we would gladly assist at these consultations. We long for information, and, in return, we will afford him some about subjects that may puzzle even the dominie!

3. In many farm-houses and cottages, among the contents of the *amry* or *spence*, will be found things of unknown name and use—turned up perhaps by the plough long ago, or found in the peat moss, thrust aside, covered with dirt and dust, and forgotten. If the schoolmaster of the parish were in close alliance with us, he has the means of bringing these hidden stores to the light of

day. Let him proclaim the interest he takes in such old-world things, and the urchins of his school will press to gain his favour by bringing to him (or bringing to his knowledge) those useless bits of brass and bone—of flint and iron—which furnish such pleasure to the simple antiquary.

Mr Innes proposed the following gentlemen as a committee for carrying these suggestions into effect:—

Mr STUART.

Mr JOSEPH ROBERTSON.

Mr JOHN CHALMERS of Aldbar.

Mr C. INNES (Convener).

The Committee was agreed to.

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16th February 1857.

ARCHIBALD T. BOYLE, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society:—

ALEXANDER MORISON of Bognie, Esq.

JOHN M. NAIRNE of Dunsinnane, Esq.

The Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the Table, and included the following:—

Plaster Casts of Five Ivory Chessmen, found in 1831, in the parish of Uig, Island of Lewis. From the originals preserved in the British Museum. By A. W. FRANKS, Esq., British Museum.

Cast of a Medal of William Schevez, Archbishop of St Andrews in 1491. By ALBERT WAY, Esq.

Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy, Vol. VI., Part 2. 1854–55. 8vo. Dublin.

Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy, Vol. XXII., Part 6, Polite Literature. 4to. Dublin, 1850: and

Proceedings of the Kilkenny Archæological Society, Vol. I.,

Parts 3, 4, 5, for May, July, and September, 1856. 8vo. Dublin.  
By the KILKENNY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Essay on the Shepherd Kings of Egypt, by E. CLIBBORN. 8vo  
pp. 52. Dublin, 1855. By the ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY.

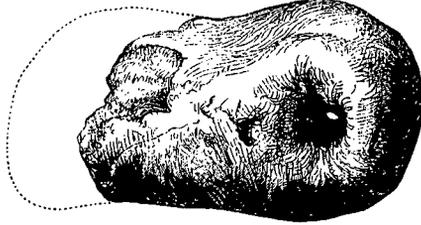
The Sculptured Stones of Scotland. Edited by John Stuart,  
Esq. Printed for the Spalding Club. Folio. Aberdeen, 1856. By  
the SPALDING CLUB, Aberdeen.



A large wide-mouthed Cinerary Urn of Baked Yellowish Clay,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  inches high,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  inches across the mouth, and tapering rapidly below to a narrow base, 5 inches across. (A careful drawing of

the Urn is here given. It contained calcined bones. See Mr Stuart's communication at p. 371): and

A Rounded Mass of hard Clay, shaped like a Hammer Head, with a conical perforation through one end of it, apparently for the insertion of a handle; it unfortunately is partially broken (see an-



nexed drawing), and now measures 5 inches in length,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick, and 4 inches broad. The hammer and the urn were recently dug up at the farm of Newton of Montblairy, Aberdeenshire. By ALEXANDER MORISON of Bognie, Esq.

The communications read were as follows:—