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NOTES OF ANTIQUITIES IN THE ISLE OF HARRIS; WITH PLANS AND DRAWINGS. BY CAPTAIN F. W. L. THOMAS, R.N., CORR. MEM. S.A. SCOT.

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WEDNESDAY, 11th April 1860.

DAVID LAING, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Donations to the Museum and Library were as follows:—

Oak Cabinet, containing a series of 718 Casts, in sulphur, of Scottish Seals, as described in Mr Henry Laing's published "Descriptive Catalogue of Impressions from Ancient Scottish Seals," 4to, Edinb. 1850; from the reign of Duncan II., A.D. 1094, to the Commonwealth, with a Manuscript Catalogue. By the BANNATYNE CLUB, through their Secretary, DAVID LAING, Esq., V.P.

Articles selected from the Collection of the late General Ramsay, viz. :—

Antique Bust of Julius Cæsar, in marble, 21 inches high.

Full-length Statue of a Roman Senator, in marble, 24 inches high.

Macedonian Warrior on Horseback, in relief, of fine Greek workmanship—marble slab, 21 × 16 inches.

Head of a Lion, in Oriental alabaster, 5 inches high.

Head of Medusa, in bronze, 4 inches high.

Head of a Bacchante, in bronze, 10 inches high.

Handle of a Vase—a small male figure, turned backwards, in bronze, on a plinth of Oriental alabaster.

Small Figure of Venus, in bronze, 3½ inches high.

Etruscan Vases of Nolan ware, with figures, red and white, on black ground, from 4 to 7 inches in height, of different forms and sizes, five specimens.

Etruscan Ornaments, in gold, of elaborate workmanship, found in Pompeii—four specimens.

Small Bust, on Pedestal, in terra cotta, 5 inches high.

Boy, and Dog with Pups—a terra cotta by Lorenzetto, 8 inches high.

Bottom of a Vase, with Figures, in terra cotta.

Head of Adonis, in relief—antique terra cotta, $9\frac{1}{2}$ by $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Presented by Lady MURRAY, through JAMES T. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., as a Memorial of the late Hon. Sir J. A. MURRAY of Henderland, Lord MURRAY, formerly one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society.

Small Figure of a Horse, in Bronze—Roman.

Roman Glass globular lachrymatory, or Bottle.

Ornamented Snuff Mill or Grater, from the Highlands. (See woodcut annexed.)

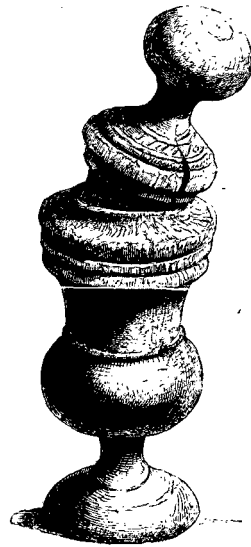
Two Highland Snuff Mulls of horn.

Cruise or Iron Oil Lamp, with Stand. (See woodcut, page 406.)

Brass Ring, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, found when draining near Elphinstone Tower.

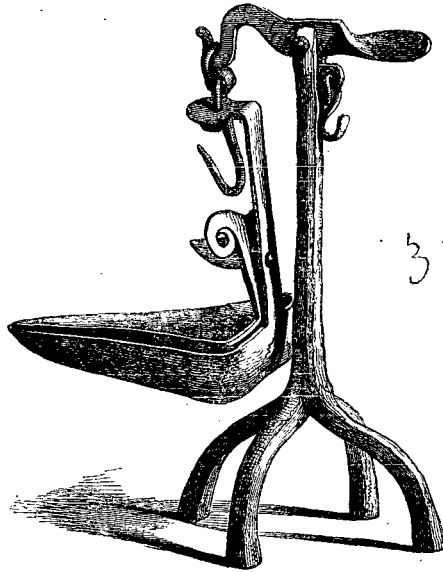
Set of Mint Weights, with Brass Balance, in a Carved Box with clasps; on the different weights are stamped figures of St George slaying the dragon on foot, and busts of James VI., I. R. M. BRITAN., and Charles I., CAROLVS REX; on others a thistle and the letters I. R.

By JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., R.S.A., F.S.A. Scot.



Snuff Mill or Grater, from Logie-Pert (somewhat similar to the one figured by Mr Drummond, above). By D. D. BLACK, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Silver Medal, 2 inches in diameter, commemorative of the naval engagement between the British and French. *Obverse*—Busts of William and Mary looking to right, GVL : ET · MAR : D · G · M : B : F · ET · H · REX · ET · REGINA. *Reverse*—A sea fight; above, NOX · NVLLA · SECVTA · EST; and below, PVGN : NAV : INT : ANG : ET : FR : 21 · MAY · 1692. By THOMAS BELL, Esq., Dean Terrace.



Small Painting—View of Broughty Castle, by J. F. Williams, R.S.A. —on an ornamented old oak panel, stated by the donor to have formerly belonged to a pulpit from which John Knox preached. By GEORGE PETRIE, LL.D., Dublin, Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Guinea and Half-Guinea Brass Balance attached to a mahogany case. By Mr J. E. VERNON, Jeweller, Leith Street.

Two Egyptian Figures in bronze, Osiris with Isis, and Horus; found near the upper falls of the Nile, by Dr Watson. By Dr JAMES DUNCAN, F.S.A. Scot.

Specimen of a richly ornamented Frame sewed with silk and gold threads, inclosing a picture of a religious subject; from Albano.

Bronze Ring, divided into separate spaces by projections on its surface; used by wrestlers, and in the wine-press; $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter; from Italy.

Flat Stone Disc or Tazza, 3 inches in diameter, found in a tomb in Italy.

Italian Goat Bell.

Pair of Iron Thumbscrews or "Thumbikins," 3 inches across, with square-mouthed key; purchased in Rome.

Various specimens of Antique Ivory Carvings, from Italy.

Specimens of a Drinking Glass with ornamented stem, and of a glass bottle striped with white; from Murano.

Small, rude Iron Oil Lamp, with hook for suspension, from Italy; used by carters in Rome.

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Esq., R.S.A.

Two small Egyptian Figures, and a Necklace in glazed clay. By Mrs CHARLES M'LAREN, Moreland Cottage, Edinburgh.

History of Dunfermline. Vol. II. Edinb., 1859. 8vo. By the Rev. PATRICK CHALMERS, D.D., F.S.A. Scot. (the Author).

Stemmata Botevilliana—Memorials of the Families of Botfield and Thynne. Westminster, 1858. 4to. Privately printed. Also,

Passages from the Diary of General Gordon of Auchleuchries. Aberdeen, 1859. 4to. Printed for the Spalding Club. By BERIAM BOTFIELD, of Norton Hall, Esq., M.P., F.S.A. Scot.

In returning the usual vote of thanks to the Donors of the various articles now presented to the Museum, Mr LAING begged to call especial attention to the munificent gift of LADY MURRAY, as not only a valuable and interesting addition to their Museum, but as forming a suitable and pleasing memorial of the late LORD MURRAY, who had for several years been a Vice-President of this Society, and had continued to take a lively interest in all its proceedings and its continued prosperity.

The following communications were read:—