

Bronze Circular Mirror, measuring 13 inches in length including handle, with embossed ornaments on each side, and handle ornamented with triple perforation (see fig. 1); a Crescent-shaped Plate of Bronze, ornamented with incised scroll patterns (fig. 2, which also shows an enlarged representation of the scrolls); its greatest diameter measures 13 inches, and across the plate 2 inches; also various portions of triangularly-shaped Bronze Plates, with two ornamented studs or buttons, and Bronze Belts (figs. 3-6, which show them grouped together as ex-

hibited in the Museum), with pieces of coarse linen cloth, &c. Found in trenching a moss in the parish of Balmaclellan, New Galloway; and

Celt of light-coloured Stone, 3 inches long, 2 inches across the face. Found in the parish of Girthon, Galloway;

By the Rev. GEORGE MURRAY, minister of the parish of Balmaclellan, who gives the annexed account of the bronze relics:—

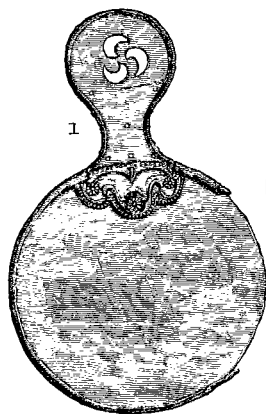


Fig. 1.

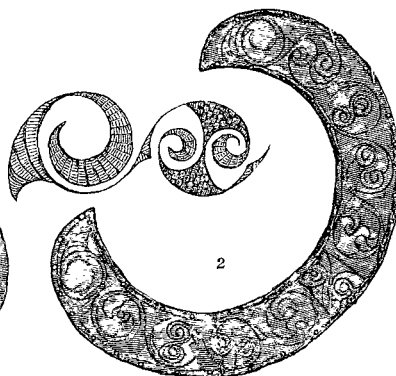
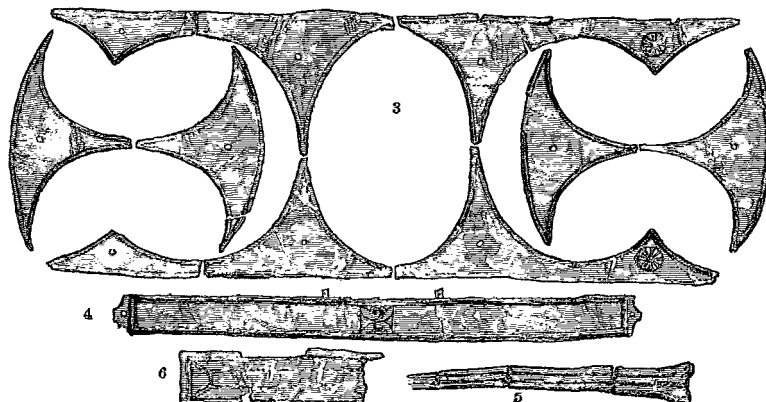


Fig. 2.

“The bronze articles, specimens of cloth, &c., now presented to the National Museum of Antiquities, were found at a place within half a mile of the manse of Balmaclellan. A bog was being drained for agricultural purposes, and the workman in cutting the drains, which are from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet deep, came upon a peculiar-shaped stone, which he threw aside and afterwards took home with him. He saw nothing else. The stone, which I procured, turns out to be the upper stone of a quern, with ornaments in relief, elaborately finished, and quite perfect. Some time after the drains were cut, the farmer himself was clearing them out with a hoe, preparatory to setting the stones, here largely used instead of tiles; and, close by where the quern was found, he came upon the bronze circular-shaped mirror, with the crescent-shaped ornament or

collar, and other pieces of bronze, which were folded over so as to occupy little space, wrapped in cloth, in three parcels. I went shortly afterwards to see the place where the relics were found, and upon looking about amongst the earth thrown out of the drain, I fortunately came upon another parcel of bronze—like the others, wrapped in cloth. I will endeavour to obtain the permission of the farmer to have the drains reopened, with the view of exploring the place with care. From the state in which the bronze articles were found rolled together, it would seem as

2 feet 2 inches in length.



Figs. 3-6.

if they had been concealed along with the quern (the other half of which I hope to find); for, in rude times, these articles would doubtless be of some value. Galloway is now being largely improved, and no doubt many very interesting relics of the olden time will be discovered worthy of the attention of the archæologist."

Iron Spindle, Cardinal Points, and Copper Weathercock of St Ninian's Church, North Leith, built by Robert Bellenden, Abbot of Holyrood, A.D. 1493, erected into a parish church, A.D. 1594; also an

Autograph Letter of John, eleventh Earl of Mar, who proclaimed the

Pretender in 1715. He was attainted by Act of Parliament, and died at Aix la Chapelle 1732;

By D. H. ROBERTSON, M.D., F.S.A. Scot.

The letter is dated "Paris, Aprile 8th, 1729," and is as follows:—

"SIR,—I have no peace for this Marischall, who is the bearer of this, he being at me three or four times a week for the inclosed account that is owing him, before Lay Mar went, of four hundred and fifty livers [livres], the man being realie in want of it, & a part of it at present will satisfie him; therefore I wish you could let him have fifty livers of it, and take his receipt, as I wrote, for what you was to give to the Epicier.—I am y^r., &c. "MAR."

Under which is the following receipt:—

"J'ay receu de Monr. Alexander la somme de cinquante Livres en vertu de la lettre cy dessus, et ce a compte d'un memoire de quatre cent cinquante livres quy m'est deu par Mad^e. La Duchesse de Mar.

"Fait a Paris le 11 Avril 1729.

SENT JEAN."

Impression in Lead of a Seal, 1½ inch diameter, taken from a Papal Bull. On one side is NICOLINO, P. P. III. (1288-92), and on the other SPA SPE, under which are the heads of St Paul and St Peter. It was found at the chapel of the Abbey of Lindores, Fifeshire;

Brass weight, the third of an Ounce. On one side in relief, is a bust and the letters I. R.; on the other side a lion rampant, and the date 1622. Found in the ruins of Balmerino Castle, Fifeshire;

By ALEXANDER LAING, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Leaden Plate or Ticket, richly gilt, displaying, in relief, two hands clasped, and 6495, the number of the policy; being the badge of fire insurance with the "Friendly Insurance Office." It was found under the plaster on the front of John Knox's house, Netherbow, in 1849, when various repairs were made on the edifice.

By JOHN ALEX. SMITH, M.D., Sec. S.A. Scot.

Tickets or badges of this kind, or made of tin-plate and painted, shewing the distinguishing devices of the different Insurance Offices, were, until very lately, placed on the fronts of all houses insured by them.

The Friendly Insurance Society, the first of the kind formed in Scot-

land, was instituted in Edinburgh in the year 1720, and insured proprietors of houses in Edinburgh, Canongate, and Leith against losses by fire. In the year 1727 it obtained a Seal of Cause from the Town Council of Edinburgh, erecting it into a body-corporate, and carried on business on the original plan till 1767, when the benefits of the Society were extended over the whole of Scotland. This Society is now united with the "Sun," an office which had established an agency in Scotland as early as 1733. The first official seal of the "Friendly" is preserved in the National Museum of Antiquities, and displays two hands clasped, with the motto DEO JUVANTE, and, below, EDINBURGH.

Wooden Idol, in shape of a human figure; 24 inches high.

Two Celts of green stone; a

Carpenter's Stone Adze, a stone "Celt" fastened in a wooden handle (see annexed woodcut); also a

Chief's Dress, consisting of a fringe of black flax three yards long, and 4 inches deep, worn round the waist; and

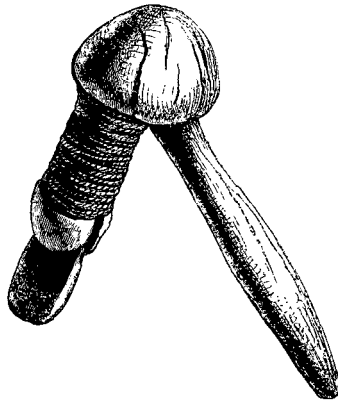
Knitted-cord Pouch and Belt, containing two Sling Stones. From New Caledonia, South Pacific Ocean;

By WILLIAM S. YOUNG, Esq.,
Fillyside House, Leith.

Four Canoe Paddles; Bailing Scoop; and Three War-Clubs, each covered with rich carving; Three Spears, and a Flute, or Musical Wind Instrument. From the South Sea Islands. By Lady DRYSDALE, through ROBERT M. SMITH, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Portion of Chain Armour, rusted into a solid mass. It was found on the banks of the Kinnel Water, 5 miles from Moffat, Dumfriesshire, under 4 feet of compact black peat, and resting on the surface of the clay; no other remains were found in the same place. By J. J. HOPE JOHNSTONE, Esq. of Annandale, M.P.

Half-Angel of Edward IV. (1461-1483), EDWARD DEI GRA REX ANGL.



Angel with left foot on a Dragon, and piercing its mouth with a spear, the upper end of which terminates in a cross crosslet. Rev., o. CRVX. AVE. SPES. VNICA; a ship with a mast, in the form of a cross, between the letter E on the right and a rose on the left; on the side of the ship are the arms of England and France quarterly. It was found at Whitehills, New Deer, Aberdeenshire. By J. HAY CHALMERS, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Eight-Day Clock and Case—"James Howden, Edinburgh," maker. By Mr ROBERT GELLATLY, watch and clock maker, Princes Street.

Sixpence of George II., 1746, "LIMA" under the bust; and Red Indian Chief's "Pipe of Peace" from North America;

By Mr HENRY M. BAIRD, artist.

Four Tetradrachms of Ptolemy I. (Soter), King of Egypt. By Captain PATRICK DEUCHAR, R.N.

Arrow, with Flint Head attached by tendon to a Reed Shaft. From South Sea Islands. By Mr PETER MUIR, bow-maker, Archers' Hall. This arrow displays a manner of fastening the stone head to the shaft; and shows how the flint arrow-heads found in Scotland may have been used. (See woodcut.)

Five Black Earthenware Bottles, of grotesque shapes, from Peru; and

Dagger with reaping-hook-shaped blade, the handle brass-mounted; and Horn Sheath, richly carved, with silver mountings, from Peru;

By Miss CAMERON, through Professor J. Y. SIMPSON, V.P. S.A., Scot.

Water-coloured Sketch of the "Clach Dearg," or red stone, at Ardvoirlich, formerly used as a charm (see notice of it in communication on "Scottish Curing-Stones," by Professor Simpson, p. 211). By JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., R.S.A., Curator, F.S.A. Scot.

Artillery Leather Bucket, with the date 1725. From Edinburgh Castle. By Mr JAMES SHEARER.

Tally-stick, dated 1778-1793. By Mr PATRICK MALLOCH, map-mounter.

Iron Spur, with large rowel and ornamented buckles. Discovered



about sixty years ago on the farm of Croftside, the route by which the English army retreated from Bannockburn. By Mrs BROWN of Park, through the Rev. JAMES C. FOWLER, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Small Bronze Figure of a Dog;

Small Bronze Figure of an Eagle; and

Three small Stone and Bronze Seals or Amulets, with devices, from Palestine;

By Captain EDWIN MAUDE, H.M. Indian army.

Two pieces of ancient mythological Marble Sculpture, from the ruins of the city of Chundrawutty, ten miles south-east of Aboo, which formed part of a Jain Temple, said to have been destroyed by an earthquake three or four hundred years ago. A date on the smaller piece makes it 543 years old. It is interesting to observe that these fabulous lions exactly resemble those that adorn the temples of Buddha, both in Burmah and in China. They were brought from India by Robert Mayne, Esq., and purchased at the sale of his collection. By JAMES T. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq., V.P.S.A. Scot.

The Holy Bible, 4to, in blue Morocco, printed by *John Baskett*, Edinburgh, 1726; with a MS. ornamental inscription on vellum, stating—"This book belongs to David Spence, Secretary to the Governour and Company of the Bank of Scotland;" drawn and written by Matthew Buckinger, born without hands or feet, June 3, 1674, in Germany; and attested by Archibald M'Aulay, Provost, several Bailies, and the Dean of Guild, 1st May 1728; and

Two Notes, framed and glazed, addressed to Mr Spence, one dated "Aire, Oct. 14, 1727;" the other, "Montrose, Sept. 2, 1728," also written by M. Buckinger;

By J. A. LAMBE, Esq.

Chronicon Gotwicense, Annales Liberi et Exempti Monasterii Gotwicensis, &c., 2 vols. folio; Berlin, 1732;

Modern Account of Scotland, written by an English Gentleman. Small 4to (pp. 18), 1676;

By JOHN A. CARLYLE, M.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Account of the Isle of Man, by William Sacheverell; Manks Grammar, by John Kelly, LL.D.; Legislation of Man, by Sir John Stanley; Monumenta de Insula Manniae, by J. R. Oliver, M.D., 2 vols.; 5 vols.

8vo, being the publications of the Manx Society for Publication of National Documents. Douglas, 1860-61. By the COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY.

Memorials of Angus and the Mearns, 8vo, Edin. 1861; and

Glamis: its History and Antiquities, 4to (pp. 32), Edin. 1861;

By ANDREW JERVISE, Esq. (the Author), Corr. Mem. S.A., Scot.;

Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy. Vol. xxiv. Pt. 1 (Science). 4to, Dublin 1860. By the COUNCIL OF THE ACADEMY.

Mittheilungen der Antiquarischen Gesellschaft in Zürich, 13 vols. 4to; Zürich, 1841-61; and

Indicateur d'Histoire et d'Antiquités Suisses. Premier volume, 8vo. Zürich, 1855.

By the SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF ZÜRICH.

Photograph of the Round Tower at Abernethy. By W. SCOTT ELLIOT of Arkleton, Esq., W.S.

The Archæological Journal, published under the direction of the Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, vol. xvii. 8vo, Lond. 1860. By the COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE.

Archæologia Cambrensis, the Journal of the Cambrian Archæological Association. Vols. vi. and vii., and Parts 1 and 2 of vol. i., Third series. 8vo, London, 1860-61. By the COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr STUART reported that the repairs on the ancient "Burg" of Mousa had now been completed; some discoveries had been made in the course of doing so, which would be communicated more specifically hereafter; and the fabric was now reported to be in such a state of repair as to give promise of its permanency as a complete specimen of this peculiar class of ancient remains. He also adverted to the propriety of obtaining a model of the "Burg" for the Museum.

The following communications were read:—