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NOTICE OF A BRONZE VESSEL FOUND RECENTLY IN THE VORARLBERG. BY JOHN SHOLTO DOUGLASS, Esq. COMMUNICATED BY WILLIAM BROWN, Esq., F.R.C.S., F.S.A. Scot.

“ I send you a drawing I made, and had lithographed, of a very curious bronze pot, tripod, or camp kettle, which was dug up in the beginning of last month, at a height of 200 feet above the valley, by a peasant, on the hill side, between the villages of Düns and Schnifis. The latter you will remember, with its picturesque green spire. The former is barely distinguishable from the road below (although not so high as Schnifis, and only a mile distant), its plain, brown, wood houses being in summer almost buried in fruit trees. It is situate on the way to Sattains. The vessel was found topsy-turvy, nearly 2 feet beneath the surface, and quite empty, to the disgust of the finder, who, when he found he had hit upon a pot, expected a hoard of coin. I have secured the pot, I may almost say *vi et armis*, for the Bregenz Museum. I have coloured the lid and handle red: they are of iron, and much corroded; whereas the bronze vessel itself is in perfect preservation. Dr Keller of Zurich thinks it most likely of mediæval date. Other Zurichese antiquaries are doubtful whether to call it ‘middle age’ or Roman. I have written to Baron Laeken, in Vienna, about it also, but have received no answer yet. I shall be much interested to hear whether your Antiquarian Museum in Edinburgh contains anything similar. The form of the vessel itself is common enough, and can afford no good clue to the date, or nation who made it; but the graceful angular side handles, and the paw-like feet, are very peculiar. I should have mentioned that the height of the vessel (exclusive of the iron hoop), is a little beneath 10 inches.”

What I have read is from a letter written to me by Mr John Sholto Douglass, at Thüringen, in the Vorarlberg, 5th April 1866. The Vorarlberg is the frontier province of Austria, next to Switzerland; and is very interesting from its noble scenery, and its industrious population.

Bregenz, the ancient Brigantium, is the chief town of the province; and a museum, for the reception of antiquarian and natural history specimens belonging to the province, has been established. It already contains a considerable collection of valuable objects in all departments; but it is rich in Roman remains, which are still found in various directions. It will be interesting to the Society to know that a young man, with a Scottish name, elder son of Mr Douglass of Tilquhillie, is devoting his leisure hours to scientific and antiquarian researches in this far-off province.

MONDAY, 11th June 1866.

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

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

(1.) By Mrs BAIRD of Closeburn.

Boat or Canoe of Oak, formed of a hollow oak tree, pointed at the bow or front, and having a separate board inserted in grooves for a stern. It measures 12 feet in length, 2 feet in breadth, and 15 inches in depth;

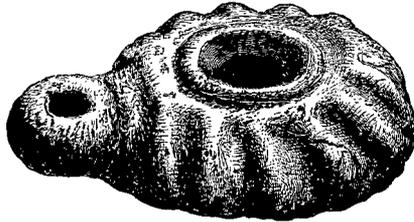


Canoe of Oak found in the Castle Loch, Closeburn.

and was found in 1859, while draining the "Castle Loch," in moss, 3 feet below the surface, Closeburn, Dumfriesshire. (See Communication, page 458.)

(2.) By ALEXANDER SPIERS of Culcreuch, Esq.

Upper Stone of a Quern, measuring 15 inches in its greatest length. Its upper surface is cut into ribs, and has a projection on one side, with a socket for the insertion of a handle (shown in the annexed woodcut). It was found in trenching a shallow moss in the "Standing Stone" park, on the estate of the Donor, parish of Fintry, Stirlingshire.



Upper Stone of Quern found in the Parish of Fintry.

(3.) By ALEXANDER BRYSON, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Celt of fine-grained Claystone, measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the face. Found by the late Mr W. Galbraith, A.M., at a depth of 16 feet under the surface, at Claddock, in the Island of Arran.

Celt of dark-green Nephrite or Jade, measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch across the face, which is worked to a sharp cutting edge. Brought from Kopu, New Zealand.

Iron Water-chamber of a Hookah or Smoking-Pipe, with a Shield, incised and inlaid with silver on each side, bearing the initials J. A.; above each is a *fleur de lis*.

Rules of the Society of Stentmasters of Edinburgh, August 24, 1721-1766. 8vo. MS.

(4.) By the Rev. A. R. FINLAY, Houston, through J. Y. MYRTLE, M.D.

Head of a coarse Iron Pike, with portion of the wooden Handle attached. It was dug up in a field at Houston, Renfrewshire, in 1847. In length the blade measures $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches, by 2 inches in breadth, tapering upwards towards the point.

(5.) By Sir WILLIAM WALLACE, Bart. of Lochryan.

Beautifully polished Bead of opaque or honey-coloured Amber, 2 inches in diameter, and $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch in thickness. Found on the estate of Lochryan, Wigtonshire.

(6.) By Mr ROBERT SCLATER, Die-Cutter.

Collection of Scottish Church-Communion Tokens in Lead. They measure from $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch to 1 inch in diameter. Some of them are square in shape; others round, oblong, and heart-shaped, and are inscribed as follows:—

ARDOCH CHAPEL, 1796. Let a man examine himself, 1 Cor. xi. 28. *Rev.* blank.—A · K. *Reverse*, blank.—A · S · C · MVS^D. *Rev.* M^R A · B · 1788.—CARMANOCK: M · J · H · 1777. *Rev.* blank.—C · K · 1764. *Rev.* Shield displaying a stag's head (the Canongate arms).—Another, with the date 1818.—C · M · 1727. *Rev.* blank.—C · R · 1716. *Rev.* blank.—CRIEFF, 1811. *Rev.* R · S · M.—D · 1726. *Rev.* blank.—Another, with the date 1752.

DALKEITH, Church with tower at one end. *Rev.* KIRK OF DALKEITH, 1765.

EDINBURGH, Castle with three towers, 1741. *Rev.* T · C · D · G [Dean of Guild].—Another, 1754. *Rev.* D · F · D · G.—Another, 1795. *Rev.* N · M · D · G.—Another, 1895. *Rev.* J · M · D · G.

GALASHIELS, 1814. *Rev.* Church with tower in the centre.—G · K. *Rev.* Church with belfrey.—G · K · 1761. *Rev.* blank.—J · G · H. *Rev.* blank.—J · K · M (in monogram), 1728. *Rev.* blank.—IRVIN · 1721. *Rev.* blank.

INVERKEITHING, 1782. *Rev.* M^R E · B.—K · A · 1731. *Rev.* blank.—KIPPAN · 1746. *Rev.* blank.—KY. *Rev.* KY.—K^R P · 1741. *Rev.* blank.

LEITH. *Rev.* ALEX. POLLOCK —L · K · 1696. *Rev.* blank —L · K · 1725. *Rev.* blank.—Others, with the dates 1749, 1757, 1761.—L · P · K · 1730. *Rev.* blank.—LEITH · NEW KIRK · 1766. *Rev.* 1 Co. 11 · 23.—M · K. *Rev.* M^R R · H.—M^R E · G · 1767. *Rev.* blank.

MUTHIL. *Rev.* blank.—NB · K · 1714. *Rev.* blank.—N · K · 1744. *Rev.* M · D · G.

NEWBURNKIRK. *Rev.* A cup, above which is the letter M ·, under, 1739, and I · S at the side.—S · K · 1707. *Rev.* blank.—Another, 1837.—Another, 1819.—S^T C. *Rev.* 1776.—S^T N · R · C. *Rev.* blank.—S^T N · K · 1730. *Rev.* blank.

Eleven Copper Coins, generally of George III.

Ten Scottish Tradesmen's Tokens, Pennies and Half-Pennies of Edinburgh, &c., 1798-1813, copper.

Twenty-Five English Tradesmen's Tokens, Pennies and Half-Pennies, 1789-1814, copper.

Eight Irish Tradesmen's Tokens, Pennies and Half-Pennies, 1792-1813, copper.

Five Copper Medeleets, 1796-1815.

(7.) By DAVID H. ROBERTSON, M.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Deer Horn, with iron frame, rings, and screw, measuring altogether 11 inches in length, used for holding the shank-bone of a large joint, for assistance in carving. From an old castle in Warwickshire.

Shilling of King George II., 1758, in fine preservation.

(8.) By WILLIAM BRAND, Esq., Union Bank.

Two Medals in White Metal, struck in commemoration of King George IV.'s visit to Scotland in August 1822; and one struck on the death of the King, 26th June 1830.

(9.) By Professor Sir J. Y. SIMPSON, Bart., V.P.S.A. Scot.

Egyptian Mummy Case, containing human remains and cloth wrappings. The skull of the mummy is exhibited separately in one of the wall cases.

(10.) By Dr DAMMANN, Hamelin, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Carved Model, in wood, of a harp-shaped Bronze Brooch, measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length. Found at Pymont in Hanover, and referred to in a communication by the Donor. (See Proc. Soc. Ant. Scot., vol. v. page 368.)

(11.) By KENMURE MAITLAND, Esq., Sheriff-Clerk of Mid-Lothian.

Rude and ancient Idol of a naked Human Male figure, $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, with a large head and open mouth, the fingers and toes being indicated by short incised lines. It is formed of a fine-grained greenstone or coarse jade. From Mexico.

Thirteen rude Beads, varying in size from $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length. They consist of rounded pebbles, perforated in the centre,

and are white and greenish in colour, probably of quartz, serpentine, and other stones. From Mexico.

(12.) By T. B. GRIERSON, Esq., Surgeon, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Strip of Paper, measuring 5 feet 4 inches in length and 2 inches in breadth, covered with characters; and a circular portion of Paper, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, covered with characters, with a perforation in the centre. Taken from a Buddhist praying-machine.

(13.) By ROBERT CARFRAE, Esq., Curator, S.A. Scot.

Various Autograph Letters and Papers, including those of Edward Gibbon; John Home (1776?); Henry Dundas, M.P., 17th October 1790; Ralph Abereromby, 26th July 1791; Sir Walter Scott, 12th April 1825; two of James Hogg, poet, 27th February 1832 and 25th July 1833; J. Silk Buckingham, 5th August 1841; and T. B. Macaulay, 29th March 1841. Also, the "Order of Battle," addressed to the various officers in command of the Fleet; given on board "The Ocean," at sea, 10th October 1808; signed "Collingwood." A Commission, on vellum, by the East India Company, appointing Alexander Duncan, Esq., to the office of Captain of Infantry, dated 1st August 1771, with the seal and signatures of the Governor and Directors of the Company; and a Commission, on vellum, appointing Alexander Duncan, Esq., Lieutenant-Colonel of the Royal St Andrews Volunteers, dated 11th May 1797, and having the signature of King George III., also the Privy Seal.

Five Shilling Note of the Royal Bank of Scotland, dated 1797.

One Guinea Note of Carrick, Brown, & Co., Glasgow, dated 1813.

Madden's History of Jewish Coins. Royal 8vo. Lond. 1864.

(14.) By ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, Esq., Advertiser Office, Greenock.

"Glasgow Courier," No. 1, September 1791, and No. 11,194, February 1866, being the first and last numbers of that newspaper.

(15.) By WILLIAM DOUGLAS DICK, Esq., New Club.

Photographs of Sculptured Stones in the churchyard of Inchinnan, Renfrewshire.

(16.) By the Rev. J. A. LEGH CAMPBELL, F.S.A. Scot.

Photographs of Sculptured Stones, found when repairing the walls of St Botolph's Church, Helpston, Northamptonshire.

(17.) By THE SENATUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS.

The St Andrews University Calendar for the year 1866-67. 12mo. Edin. 1866.

(18.) By THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

The Anthropological Review. Nos. 12 and 13. January and April. 8vo. London, 1866.

(19.) By the SOCIETY.

Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. Vol. IV. New Series. Session 1863-64. 8vo. Liverpool, 1864.

(20.) By THE ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETIES.

Reports and Papers, read at the meetings of the Associated Architectural Societies of the Counties of York, Lincoln, Bedford, &c. &c., for the year 1865. 8vo. Lincoln, 1865.

(21.) By THE WILTSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Wiltshire Archæological and Natural History Magazine. No. 28. Vol. X. July 1866. 8vo. Devizes, 1866.

(22.) By THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF NEWCASTLE.

Archæologia Æliana. Part 21. New Series. September 1866. 8vo. Newcastle, 1866.

(23.) By THE MANX SOCIETY.

Description of the Isle of Man, by George Waldron, 1731; with Introductory Notice and Notes, by W. Harrison (8vo, Douglas, 1865), being the Eleventh Volume of the Society's publications.

(24.) By THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY.

Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy. Vol. IX. Part 1. 8vo. Dublin, 1865.

Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy. Vol. XXIV. Parts 2, 3. 4to. Dublin, 1865.

- (25.) By THE KILKENNY ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
 Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny Archæological Society. No. 50. Vol. V. New Series. 8vo. Dublin, 1865.
- (26.) By the EXECUTORS of the late HENRY CHRISTIE, Esq.
 Reliquiæ Aquitanicæ; being Contributions to the Archæology and Palæontology of Périgord and the adjoining Provinces of Southern France. Part 4. 4to. London, 1866.
- (27.) By WILLIAM BROWN, Esq., Surgeon, F.S.A. Scot.
 Ueber einen befestigten Hügel bei Mauren in Liechtenstein ein vermuthlich Keltisches Werk. Von J. S. Douglass. Juni 1865. 4to. (Pp. 6.)
- (28.) By W. H. JAMES WEALE, Esq., Bruges, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot. (the Author).
 Belgium, Aix-la-Chapelle, and Cologne: A New Guide-Book for Travellers. 12mo. London, 1859.
 Catalogue du Musée de l'Académie de Bruges. 12mo. Bruges, 1861.
 Bruges et ses Environs. Description des Monuments, Objets d'Art et Antiquités, &c. 12mo. Bruges, 1864.
 Catalogue des Objets d'Art Religieux du Moyen Age, exposés a l'Hotel Liedekerke, a Malines, Septembre 1864. 8vo. Bruxelles, 1864.
 Restauration des Monuments Publics en Belgique. 8vo. Bruges, 1862.
 Notice de l'Inscription de Dedicace de l'Eglise de Rixingen. 8vo. (Pp. 4.) Tongres, 1862.
 Ivoires Sculptés de Genoels-Elderen, près de Tongres. 8vo. (Pp. 7.) Gand, 1859.
 Emploi des Hachures pour Exprimer les Couleurs du Blason. (Pp. 5.) 1866.
 Tombe plate en cuivre dans l'Eglise de Sainte-Marguerite a Thielen (Anvers). 8vo. (Pp. 14, and plate.)
 Tombe plate en pierre dans l'Eglise de Notre-dame, a Zandvoorde, 1561. 8vo. (Pp. 3 and plate.)
 Notes sur Jean Van Eyck. 8vo. (Pp. 32.) London, 1861.
 Notice sur la collection de Tableaux Anciens, &c. 8vo. (Pp. 64.) Bruges, 1863.

(29.) There was exhibited the following Articles, purchased for the Museum :—

A Pardon granted by King George III., by which Alexander Macleod, of Muiravonside, Esq., son of Alexander Macleod, advocate, is “Pardoned, remitted, and released by these presents of all High Treason, and all other Treasons, Misprisons of Treason, Felonies, Crimes, and Offences by him committed or perpetrated by himself alone, or with any other person or persons whatever, whensoever or wheresoever, before the 24th day of June 1778.” The document is written on a skin of vellum, measuring 29 inches by 24 inches, and is highly ornamented on three sides by an engraved border. The centre of the initial letter of the King’s name displays a portrait of His Majesty in his coronation robes; attached to it is the Great Seal in wax, in a tin case. The document and seal are enclosed in a wooden box, covered with leather, and ornamented with a gold stamp pattern of leaves and other ornaments.

The following Communications were read :—