
MONDAY, 13th April 1868.

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

A ballot having been taken, the following Gentleman was elected a Fellow of the Society :—

DAVID GILLESPIE, Esq., of Mountquhanie.

The following Gentleman was elected a Corresponding Member :—

WILLIAM TRAILL, M.D., St Andrews.

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

(1.) By WILLIAM WATT, Esq., Skail, Orkney.

A collection of Bone Beads from the "Pict's house," Skail, consisting of a large number of the teeth of various animals, cut and polished and bored for suspension in a necklace. Some of the teeth thus treated appear to be human.

(2.) By D. D. BLACK, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

An Iron Cruse or Oil Lamp, such as was commonly used for burning whale oil.

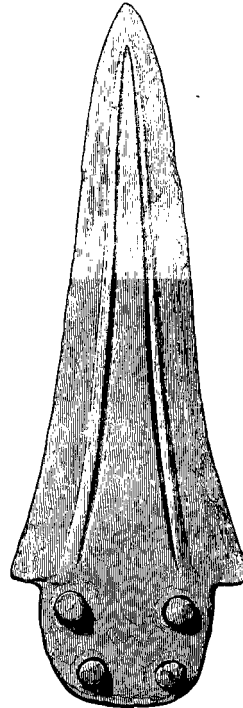
An Iron Candle-holder.

An Iron Fire-Dog or Bar for burning wood or turf, formerly in use in the Grammar School, Brechin.

An Iron Tuscar or Peat Spade, from Shetland.

(3.) By S. HUNTER, Esq., Whiteleys, Stranraer.

A Bronze Dagger-blade or "Broad Scythe-shaped Sword" of the Irish antiquaries. It measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth at the handle extremity. The blade is of considerable thickness, and weighs nearly $1\frac{3}{4}$ lb. The part to which the handle has been attached is 3 inches wide, rounded off at the upper part, and has four bronze rivets remaining in the rivet holes. These large rivets are an inch in length, and fully three-eighths of an inch in thickness. It was found in 1866 in a moss on the farm of Whiteleys, near Stranraer, occupied by the donor. It is well shown in the annexed woodcut.



(4.) By J. T. IRVINE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Three specimens of Bookbinding, of which one belonged to the lawyer Nicholas Udall, and was bound by the bookbinder to Henry VIII. in the time of Catharine of Arragon. It is ornamented on one side with her badge, and on the other with the arms and supporters of the King.

Six Tradesmen's Tokens, dating from the commencement of the seventeenth century.

A Leaden Token, also of the seventeenth century, found at Bath.

Two Tokens—one of the town of Bridgewater and one of Yarmouth, struck by their respective corporations.

Bronze Blade, found at
Whiteleys, Stranraer, 1866.
($12\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.)

A Chinese Purse, embroidered.

A Lady's Powder Box of the seventeenth century.

Six Keys of the seventeenth century.

A Snuff Box, inlaid with mother of pearl, of last century.

A Musket-Ball, found on the battle-field of Edgehill.

A richly-ornamented Steel Hammer, said to be one of those carried by the King's tapestry hangers on state occasions. It bears the name of Stephen Wallace. (Presented by Mrs J. T. IRVINE.)

A number of specimens of old silversmith's work. (Presented on behalf of the late Mrs N. M. IRVINE.)

An original Drawing by an Austrian architect for a triumphal arch.

Small Brass Medal of Queen Anne.

Two Brass Medals of William and Mary.

Two Bronze Medals (French).

One Italian Medal, date 1581.

One Russian Medal of the battle of Rosbach, 1757.

Medal of Queen Anne on the battle of Taisnière, August 31, 1709.

Medal commemorating Admiral Vernon's attack on Porto Bello.

German Counter, engraved with views of Wiesben and Dreszen, 1681.

Three foreign Silver Coins found in Shetland.

Four foreign Silver Coins.

Six First Brass Roman Coins found in a Roman Villa near Winford Eagle, Dorsetshire.

Roman Coin found in excavating for sewers at Dorchester.

Silver Penny of Edward I.

Northumbrian Coin of the Saxon period.

Bronze Penannular Ring with expanded ends, believed to be one of those made in Birmingham for the West Coast of Africa, and called Manillas.

A Comb of Bone, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch across its toothed extremity, and an Iron Dart Head, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, found in the Roman camp at Hamhill, in Somerset. Several of these long and narrow combs have been found in England, and they are generally ornamented like this one with incised concentric circles on the back. Combs of the same form are common in the brochs of the north of Scotland, but without this ornament.

Two Spindle Whorls from North Yell, Shetland.

Leaden Whorl found near the Kinwall of Papal, North Yell, Shetland.

Piece of thin Copper found on the Links of Papal.

Piece of thin Copper found among burnt ashes in one of the barrows on the sand of Midbrake or Bracon, Shetland, opened first by Mr J. T. Irvine, and afterwards by Mr Tate, for the Anthropological Society of London, and described in his report (Memoirs Soc. Anthropol. vol. ii. p. 346.)

Ornamental Ear to a Copper Pail (?), found at the eastern end of the sand of Midbrake, Shetland.

Small Stone Pestle, used (as supposed by Mr Irvine) to bruise "Meldycomes," or "Runshie," in a stone trough. It was dug out of a barrow containing burnt ashes above Barteskoe, near Windhouse, on Whalefirth Voe, in Yell, Shetland.

Fragments of Pottery from the broch of Clickamin, near Lerwick.

(5.) By T. IRVINE, Esq. of Midbrake, Shetland.

A Fragment of a Tombstone, probably belonging to the period of Christianity, which is believed to have existed in Shetland between the middle of the fifth century and the tenth. This fragment is said to have been found in the Island of Uyea, forming the cover to an urn containing burnt bones.

A Comb of Bone, double-sided, 3 inches in length, the ends ornamented with incised circles, and the middle strengthened by a fluted slip of bone on each side, fastened by a double row of bronze rivets.

A similar Comb of Bone of the same size, but unornamented.

A Pin of Bone, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, with a round head.

A Pin of Bronze, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, also with a round head, found on the sands at Bracon, Shetland.

Pin of Bone found on the sands of Bracon, Shetland.

(6.) By ALEXANDER LAING, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Under Stone of a Pot Quern, from Newburgh, Fife.

Specimens of Vitrified Stones.

(7.) By J. R. ROBINSON, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Two Specimens One-third of a Farthing, 1866.

(8.) By the Rev. JAMES CAMPBELL, F.S.A. Scot. (the Author).

Balmerino and its Abbey: a Parochial History. Edinburgh, 1868.
post 8vo.

(9.) By THE ROYAL SCOTTISH ACADEMY.

Report of the Council of the Royal Scottish Academy. Edin. 1867.
8vo.

(10.) By J. T. BLIGHT, Esq. (the Author).

Notes on Stone Circles. London, 1868. 8vo (pp. 12).

(11.) By M. C. A. HOLMBOË (the Author).

Om Dandserhauge, &c. Christiania, 1867. 8vo (pp. 28).

(12.) By M. C. HOLST, Christiania.

Det Oldnordiske Museum. Christiania, 1868. Folio.

(13.) By THE ROYAL LIBRARY, Christiania.

Diplomatarium Norvegicum. Vol. XIII. Christiania, 1867. 8vo.
And various other publications.

The following Communications were read:—