
MONDAY, 12th April 1869.

WILLIAM FORBES SKENE, Esq., LL.D., Vice-President, in the
Chair.

Upon a ballot, JOHN HAY, Esq. of Letham, was duly elected a Fellow
of the Society.

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

- (1.) By M. EDOUARD LARTET, through Sir J. Y. SIMPSON, Bart.,
F.S.A. Scot.

Collection of Flint Weapons, Bones of Animals, and specimens of

Breccia, found in Caves in Dordogne, France, in 1863, consisting of—

1. Various rounded and pointed Chipped Flints, found in Dordogne, France, in 1863:—
 - Ten specimens from Laugerie, of different colours, varying in size from $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch to 2 inches in breadth, by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch to $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length.
 - Six dark-coloured Flints from Le Moustier, varying in length from 2 to 4 inches, by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 2 inches in breadth.
 - Nine mottled Flints from Les Eyzies, varying from 2 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, by $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch in breadth.
 - Three light-coloured Flints from Gorge d'Enfer, varying from 2 to $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, by 1 inch in breadth.
 - Seven light and dark coloured Flints from La Madelaine, varying from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch in length, by about $\frac{3}{8}$ ths of an inch in breadth.
2. Bones of Animals, found in Caves in Dordogne, in 1863:—
 - Various portions of Bones and Antlers, some of them worked smooth and rounded, and one cut like a chisel; four portions of Antlers, some showing traces of cutting, and Teeth of the Reindeer, from La Madelaine and Laugerie.
 - Also Plaster Casts of the heads of two Bone Darts with several barbs, an Ornamented Bone, and portion of Reindeer's Antler pierced with round hole, and carved with the figure of a horse, found at La Madelaine and Laugerie Basse.
 - Various Bones and Teeth of the Horse, and the Aurochs, from La Madelaine, Laugerie, and Les Eyzies.
 - Two Sewing Needles with eyes, of bone, broken; one measures $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch in length.
3. Various Masses of Breccia, containing chipped flints, bones and teeth of animals (reindeer, &c.) and birds.

(2.) By the SUBSCRIBERS to the SIM TESTIMONIAL, through DAVID THOMSON, Esq., Biggar.

Portrait of Adam Sim, of Coulter, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., a Photograph, framed and glazed. From a painting by Daniel Macnee, R.S.A.

(3.) By Dr HUNTER, School of Industrial Art, Madras.
Thirty-three large Photographs of Temples and Views of Sculptures—
At Big and Little Conjeveram, Howhoblum, Tadputtry, Taramingalum,
Therookikondrum, Trichengode, Vellore, and Verinjeepurum ; India.

(4.) By ARCHIBALD M'NEILL, Esq., P.C.S., the Author.
Notes on the Authenticity of Ossian's Poems. By a Member of the
Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Edinburgh, printed for the Author,
1869. 8vo.

(5.) By the EDINBURGH GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
Transactions of the Edinburgh Geological Society. Vol. I. Parts 1
and 2. Edinburgh, 1869. 8vo.

(6.) By the ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.
Anthropological Review, No. 25. London, 1869. 8vo.

(7.) By the AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.
Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society. Vol. X. No. 80.
Philadelphia. 8vo.

The following Articles, purchased for the Museum at the sales of the
collections of the late W. B. JOHNSTONE, Esq., R.S.A., and ADAM SIM, of
Coulter, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., were exhibited :—

(1.) Covenanters' Flag, measuring 5 feet in length, by 4 feet 2 inches in
breadth ; it is in good condition, and seems originally to have been
quartered in pink and blue coloured silk, although now faded to a weak
green and dull orange. It displays a white saltire, with a Scot's thistle
in the centre, and the inscription—

COVENANTS
FOR RELIGION CROWN
KINGDOMS.

This flag is stated to have been carried by Stewart of Garscube at the
battle of Worcester, and was afterwards borne at the battle of Bothwell
Bridge. The flag is figured in colours, and described in a "Notice of the
Bluidy Banner of Drumclog, &c.," by James Drummond, Esq., R.S.A.,
p. 253, Vol. III. Proc. Soc. Antiq. of Scotland.

(2.) Circular Highland Target, of oak, covered with leather, and studded with brass nails in circular patterns; it is also bordered round the edges with thin plates of brass. It measures 21 inches in diameter.

(3.) Highland Dagger or Dirk, measuring 17 inches in length, with a single-edged blade, and wooden handle carved with interlacing patterns (see the annexed woodcut, fig. 1).

Fig. 1.—Dirk with Carved Wooden Handle.

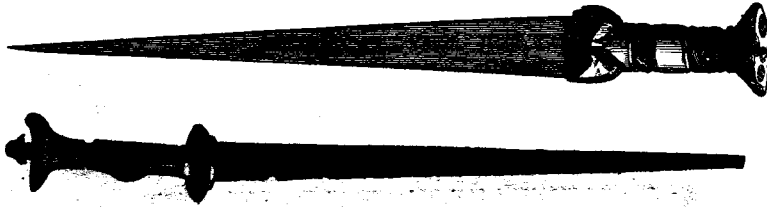


Fig. 2.—Dagger with Stag's Horn Handle.

(4.) Scottish Dagger, single-edged blade much wasted, and stag's horn and iron handle (see the preceding woodcut, fig. 2).



Fig. 3.—Highland Powder Horn.

(5.) Flattened Powder Horn, richly covered on one side with ornamental patterns, the initials C.M.L and the date 1678. (It is well shown in the preceding woodcut.)

(6.) Another Flattened Powder Horn, ornamented with circular and scale-like patterns, and the initials A · R.

(7.) A Smaller Flattened Powder Horn with zig-zag ornaments, the initials T · H., a crown, and the date 1722.

Powder Flask formed of an elephant's tusk. It is only partially made.

Rounded Powder Horn with metal mountings, covered with incised toothed lines and looped ornaments, and marked ⊙LAF · ⊙LAFSϕN ANO 1687, and at the thick extremity HARALD · IOHANSON · 1741.

(8.) Four Long Bows of Yew, three of them tipped with horn. Three of the bows measure 6 feet in length, and one 6 feet 6 inches.

(9.) New Zealand Weapons, &c. :—

One long Spear of black wood, with numerous barbs. It measures 9 feet in length.

Two long Spear-like Weapons, of black wood, with broad lance-shaped heads. They measure each 8 feet 6 inches in length.

Two Spear-like New Zealand Weapons of Defiance, the carved top bearing a rude representation of the human face, with large fully expanded tongue; the necks of the weapons are ornamented with skin and feathers. They measure each 6 feet 5 inches in length.

A sharp pointed Paddle for a Canoe, covered with elaborate carving. It measures 4 feet 6 inches in length.

Richly carved square shaped Handle for a Stone Axe Head, 4 feet in length, the elaborate flax tying for fixing the stone still remains, but the axe head is absent.

Wooden Club, with bent head, like a rude halbert. It measures 5 feet 1 inch in length.

The following Communications were read :—