

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION, 1873-74.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 1st December 1873.

THOMAS B. JOHNSTON, Esq., Vice-President, in the
Chair.

The Office-Bearers of the Society for the ensuing Session were
elected as follows:—

Patron.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND, K.G.

Vice-Presidents.

THOMAS B. JOHNSTON, Esq.

ARTHUR MITCHELL, M.D.

SIR J. NOEL PATON, Kt., R.S.A.

Councillors.

* JAMES T. GIBSON-CRAIG, Esq. } *Representing the*
FRANCIS ABBOTT, Esq. } *Board of Trustees.*
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JOHN STUART, LL.D., General Register House.
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 WILLIAM FORBES, Esq., } *for Foreign Correspondence.*

Treasurer.

DAVID DOUGLAS, Esq., 88 Princes Street

Curators of the Museum.

JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., R.S.A.
 ROBERT CARFRAE, Esq.

Curator of Coins.

GEORGE SIM, Esq.

Librarian.

JOHN TAYLOR BROWN, Esq.

Auditors.

GILBERT GOUDIE, Esq.
 JOHN F. RODGER, Esq., S.S.C.

Publishers.

MESSRS EDMONSTON and DOUGLAS.

JOSEPH ANDERSON, *Keeper of the Museum.*
 GEORGE HASTIE, *Assistant.*

The Foreign Secretary stated that six of the Fellows had died during the past year, viz. :—

	Elected.
GEORGE KING, Esq., Aberdeen	1870
KENMURE MAITLAND, Esq., Sheriff-Clerk of Mid-Lothian	1867
JAMES A. PIERSON, Esq., of the Guynd, Forfarshire	1860
WILLIAM STEVENSON, D.D., Professor of Church History, University of Edinburgh	1847
Rev. WILLIAM R. WATSON, Minister of Logie, Fifeshire	1867
GEORGE B. ROBERTSON, Esq., General Register House	1856

During the same period thirty-six Gentlemen had been admitted Fellows; and there are at present on the roll 398 Fellows of the Society.

The Secretary announced that the Council had elected the Baroness BURDETT COUTTS a LADY ASSOCIATE of the Society.

A ballot was then taken, and the following Gentlemen were duly elected :—

1. Honorary Members.

- SIR JOHN LUBBOCK, Bart., M.P., High Elms, Kent.
 J. J. A. WORSAAE, Councillor of State, Director of the Royal Museum of Northern Antiquities, Inspector of the Archæological Monuments of Denmark, &c., Copenhagen.

2. Corresponding Members.

- OLAF RYGH, Professor of Icelandic, Royal University of Christiania.
 SOPHUS BUGGE, Professor of Icelandic, Royal University of Christiania.

3. Fellows.

- DAVID AITKEN, D.D., Edinburgh.
 DAVID CHALMERS, Esq., Redhall, Slateford.
 ADAM J. CORRIE, Esq., M.A., Senwick, Kirkeudbright.
 WILLIAM BRUCE-CLARKE, Esq., B.A., North Wootton Rectory, Lynn, Norfolk.
 Rev. JOHN DUNCAN, Minister of Abdie, Fife.
 ALEXANDER FAIRWEATHER, Esq., Newport, Fife.
 ROBERT ROMANES, Esq., Harryburn, Lauder.
 CHARLES STEWART, Esq., Sweethope.
 ALEXANDER WALKER, Esq., Merchant, Aberdeen.

The SECRETARY then read the Annual Report, as follows:—

“ANNUAL REPORT of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, to the Honourable the Board of Trustees for Manufactures for Scotland, for the year ending 30th September 1873.

“During the past year the Museum has been open continuously, except during the month of November, when it was closed as usual for cleaning and re-arrangement.

“The number of visitors for the year is shown in the following table, distinguishing between day visitors and visitors on the Saturday evenings, for each month:—

1872-73.	Day Visitors.	Sat. Evenings.	Total.
October	6,113	939	7,052
December	5,564	788	6,352
January	21,348	838	22,186
February	3,469	817	4,286
March	4,388	916	5,304
April	4,227	431	4,658
May	6,010	429	6,439
June	12,148	588	12,736
July	19,581	1,105	20,686
August	20,899	1,261	22,160
September	9,094	978	10,072
Total	112,841	9,090	121,931
Previous Year	110,001	9,679	119,680
Increase	2,840	...	2,251
Decrease	589	...

“During the year 250 articles of antiquity have been presented to the Museum, and the donations to the Library amount to 75 volumes of books and pamphlets.

“The number of articles above specified is exclusive of the following collections, also presented during the year, viz:—

“ By Professor WYVILLE THOMSON, F.S.A. Scot.

“ A collection of Flint Weapons and Implements from Ireland, Denmark, and America.

“ By Rev. JAMES MORRISON, F. C. Minister, Urquhart, Elginshire,
Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

“ A collection of Flint Weapons, Implements, &c., from the parish of Urquhart, Elginshire, supplementary to a previous donation of a similar collection.

“ By the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT, through CHARLES E.
DALRYMPLE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

“ A collection of Drawings of the objects exhibited at the Archæological Exhibition held at Aberdeen in the year 1856.

“ The SUTHERLAND COLLECTION OF COINS AND MEDALS, &c., chiefly Scottish, has been acquired by purchase, from the Faculty of Advocates, during the past year.

In reporting this addition to the National Museum, the Council feel it their duty to urge the immediate necessity of providing a suitable safe or strong-room in connexion with the Museum, for the security of this department, which now contains the most extensive and valuable series of Scottish Coins in existence, including a number of unique pieces, which could never be replaced.

(Signed) “ JOHN STUART, *Secretary.*”

In accordance with the following resolution of the Council, of date 19th March 1873,—

“ Resolved, That the Draft of the Revised Laws prepared by the Committee should be printed as now finally amended and approved by the Council, and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of the same to each of the Fellows, with notice, in terms of the Society's Bye-Laws, that the Revised Laws will be submitted for the sanction of the General Meeting on St Andrew's day, 1873 :”

The Revised Laws of the Society, as then amended and approved by the Council, were now submitted to the General Meeting, and were unanimously approved and adopted as the Laws of the Society, from this date, as follows:—

LAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

INSTITUTED NOVEMBER 1780.

The purpose of the Society shall be the promotion of ARCHÆOLOGY, especially as connected with the ANTIQUITIES AND HISTORICAL LITERATURE OF SCOTLAND.

I. MEMBERS.

1. The Society shall consist of Ordinary and Honorary Fellows, and of Corresponding and Lady Associates.

2. The number of the Ordinary Fellows shall be unlimited.

3. Candidates for admission as Ordinary Fellows must sign the Form of Application prescribed by the Council, and must be recommended by one Ordinary Fellow and two Members of the Council.

4. The Secretary shall cause the names of the Candidates and of their Proposers to be inserted in the billet calling the Meeting at which they are to be balloted for. The Ballot may be taken for all the Candidates named in the billet at once; but if three or more black balls appear, the Chairman shall cause the Candidates to be balloted for singly. No Candidate shall be admitted unless by the votes of two-thirds of the Fellows present.

5. The number of Honorary Fellows shall not exceed twenty-five; and shall consist of men eminent in Archæological Science or Historical Literature, and they shall not be liable for any fees of admission or annual contributions.

6. All recommendations of Honorary Fellows must be made through the Council; and they shall be balloted for in the same way as Ordinary Fellows.

7. Corresponding Associates must be recommended and balloted for in the same way as Ordinary Fellows, and they shall not be liable for any fees of admission or annual contributions.

8. The number of Lady Associates shall not exceed twenty-five. They shall be elected by the Council, and shall not be liable for any fees of admission or annual contributions.

9. Before the name of any person can be recorded as an Ordinary Fellow, he shall pay Two Guineas of entrance fees to the funds of the Society, and One Guinea for the current year's subscription. Or he may

compound for all future contributions, including entrance fees, by the payment of Twenty Guineas at the time of his admission; or of Fifteen Guineas after having paid five annual contributions; or of Ten Guineas after having paid ten annual contributions.

10. If any Ordinary Fellow who has not compounded shall fail to pay his annual contribution of One Guinea for three successive years, due application having been made for payment, the Treasurer shall report the same to the Council, by whose authority the name of the defaulter may be erased from the list of Fellows.

11. Every Fellow not being in arrears of his annual subscriptions shall be entitled to receive the printed Proceedings of the Society from the date of his election, together with such special issues of Chartularies, or other occasional Volumes, as may be provided for gratuitous distribution from time to time under authority of the Council. Associates shall have the privilege of purchasing the Society's publications at the rates fixed by the Council for supplying back numbers to the Fellows.

12. None but Ordinary Fellows shall hold any office or vote in the business of the Society.

II. OFFICE-BEARERS AND COUNCIL.

1. The Office-Bearers of the Society shall consist of a President, who continues in office for three years; three Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries for general purposes, and two Secretaries for Foreign Correspondence, a Treasurer, two Curators of the Museum, a Curator of Coins, and a Librarian, who shall be elected for one year; all of whom may be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting, except the first Vice-President, who shall go out by rotation, and shall not be again eligible till he has been one year out of office.

2. The Council shall consist of the Office-Bearers and seven Ordinary Fellows, besides two annually nominated from the Board of Manufactures. Of these seven, two shall retire annually by rotation, and shall not be again eligible till they have been one year out of office. Any two Office-Bearers and three of the Ordinary Council shall be a quorum.

3. The Council shall have the direction of the affairs and the custody of the effects of the Society; and shall report to the Annual General

Meeting the state of the Society's funds, and other matters which may have come before them during the preceding year.

4. The Council may appoint committees or individuals to take charge of particular departments of the Society's business.

5. The Office-Bearers shall be elected annually at the General Meeting.

6. The Secretaries for general purposes shall record all the proceedings of Meetings, whether of the Society or Council; and conduct such correspondence as may be authorised by the Society or Council, except the Foreign Correspondence, which is to be carried on, under the same authority, by the Secretaries appointed for that particular purpose.

7. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies due to or by the Society, and shall lay a state of the funds before the Council previous to the Annual General Meeting.

8. The duty of the Curators of the Museum shall be to exercise a general supervision over it and the Society's Collections.

9. The Council shall meet during the session as often as is requisite for the due despatch of business; and the Secretaries shall have power to call Meetings of the Council as often as they see cause.

III. MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. One General Meeting shall take place every year on St. Andrew's day, the 30th of November, or on the following day if the 30th be a Sunday.

2. The Council shall have power to call Extraordinary General Meetings when they see cause.

3. The Ordinary Meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Monday of each month, at Eight o'clock P.M. from December to April inclusive, and in May and June at Three P.M. The Council may give notice of a proposal to change the hour and day of meeting if they see cause.

IV. BYE-LAWS.

1. All Bye-Laws formerly made are hereby repealed.

2. Every proposal for altering the Laws as already established must be made through the Council; and if agreed to by the Council, the Secretary shall cause intimation thereof to be made to all the Fellows at least three months before the General Meeting at which it is to be determined on.

MONDAY, 8th December 1873.

ARTHUR MITCHELL, Esq., M.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following letter from the Baroness BURDETT COUTTS, which had been received by the Secretary, was laid before the meeting:—

“PALACE HOTEL, EDINBURGH,
“6th December 1873.

“The Baroness BURDETT COUTTS presents her compliments to the Vice-President of the Council of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and begs to acknowledge the receipt of a letter announcing the gratifying intelligence to her that she had been elected a LADY ASSOCIATE of the Society.

“The Baroness requests the Vice-President to express to the Council her thanks for the distinction accorded to her by a Society in whose objects she takes an especial interest, and of which Edinburgh seems naturally the home.”

A ballot having been taken, the following Gentlemen were duly elected Corresponding Members:—

Dr CARL SÄVE, Professor of Icelandic in the University of Upsala.
A. C. GÆEKIE, D.D., Bathurst, New South Wales.

And the following Gentlemen Fellows of the Society:—

Rev. ROGER ROUSON LINGARD-GUTHRIE, Taybank House, Dundee.
THOMAS SOUTAR, Esq., Banker, Crieff.
Rev. HUGH DRENNAN, Broomhill, Tarbolton, Kilmarnock.
GAVIN STEEL, Esq. of Holmhead, Lanark.

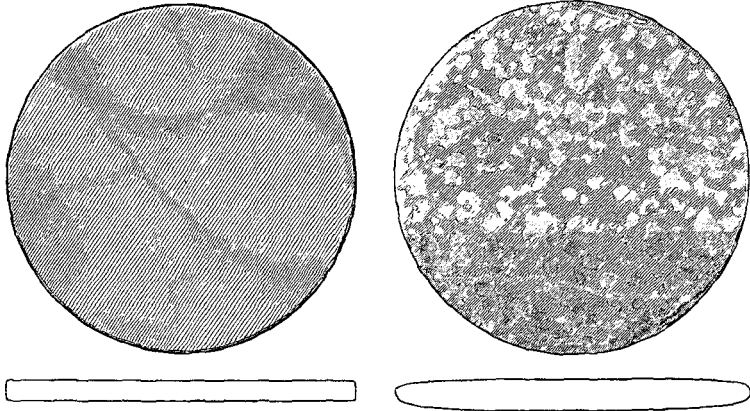
The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donors:—

(1.) By Rev. JAMES MORRISON, F. C., Urquhart, Corr. Mem.
S.A. Scot.

Celt of greenstone, polished, measuring only $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, by $1\frac{3}{4}$

inch in greatest breadth immediately above the cutting edge. It bears marks of re-sharpening on both edges to get rid of fractures, hence probably its shortness and small size.

Circular Disc of mica schist with garnets, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick, flat, and well polished on both edges. There is in the Museum a portion of a similar disc, also made of micaceous schist with garnets in it, which was found in the Broch of Burray, Orkney. Another, also



Circular Disc of White Marble,
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter.

Circular Disc of polished Mica
Schist, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter.

of mica schist with garnets, was found in the Broch of Old Stirkoke, Caithness, and is noticed at page 143 of the "Archæologia Scotica," vol. v. A fourth specimen, similar to the others in size and shape, but made of white marble, is in the Museum. It was found in a broch in Orkney, and was presented by the representatives of the late Professor Traill.

Serrated Arrow-head of yellow flint, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, with barbs and stem.

Serrated Arrow-head of greyish flint, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, with barbs and stem.

Triangular Arrow-head of black flint, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in length.

Triangular, lop-sided Arrow-head of black flint, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, and similar to that figured in the Proceedings, vol. vii. p. 500.

Arrow-head, with stem and broken barbs, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in length.

Leaf-shaped Arrow-head of reddish flint, 2 inches in length.

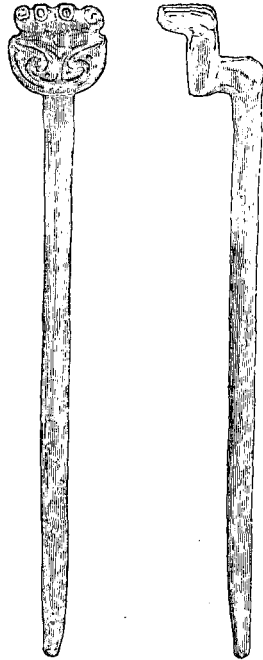
Leaf-shaped Arrow-head-like implement of white flint, 2 inches in length.

Lozenge-shaped Arrow-head of brownish flint, partially broken, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length.

Lozenge-shaped Arrow-head of reddish flint, partially broken, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in length.

Seventeen Arrow-heads, leaf-shaped, from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length.

Bronze Pin of peculiar form, with semicircular head pierced with a small central aperture, and having on the top four projecting sockets for precious stones or coloured enamels. The flat semicircular portion of the pin-head, which measures $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, is ornamented with a pattern in red and green enamel resembling the late Celtic decorations of trumpet-shaped and spiral scrolls. Pins of this form are more common in Ireland than in Scotland. Two of silver are in the Museum, among the relics recovered from the tumulus at Largo. See Proceedings, vol. vii. p. 7.

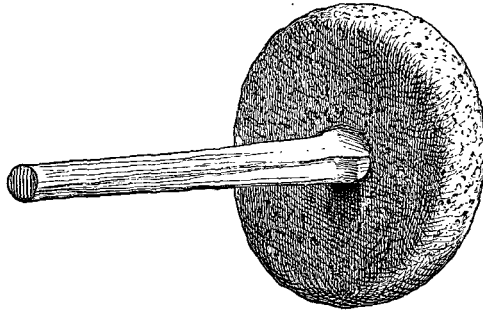


Bronze Pin with enamelled head.
(Actual size.)

All the above were found in the parish of Urquhart, Elginshire.

(2.) By Mr JÓN A. HJALTALIN, Advocates' Library.

Stone Maul or Hammer, with handle, still used in Iceland for pounding dried fish and other purposes. This hammer is a rudely dressed circular disc of vesicular lava, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, and $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick, having a hole bored through the centre for the insertion of the wooden handle. This hole has been bored from both sides, and has the peculiarity so often observed in the ancient stone mauls, of being much narrower in the centre of the stone than at the two surfaces. Its width at the surface is $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and in the centre only $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Nevertheless, it holds the handle quite firmly.



Stone Hammer, still used in Iceland for pounding dried fish,
 $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter.

(3.) By Mr WILLIAM BURCH, 24 Regent Place.

Signet Ring of Brass, having engraved in an oval a hunting horn in the centre, and above it the word "Thomas;" round this oval is a legend which is mostly illegible. The ring was found in digging a coprolite pit at Bawdsey, in Suffolk.

(4.) By THOMAS CONSTABLE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

An old Cabinet Key, with parchment label attached, stating that it was found in the house in which Shakspeare was born, and presented to the

subscriber, George H. King, when at Stratford, and by him presented to the late Archibald Constable, Esq.

(5.) By WALTER LORNE CAMPBELL, Esq.

Carved Human Figure, 28 inches long, with tattooed face, which formed part of a wooden pillar in a Maori meeting-house at Turanganui, Poverty Bay, New Zealand.

(6.) By the EDINBURGH PRISON BOARD.

The Stocks, 9 feet in length, and furnished with three pairs of holes, from the old Canongate Tolbooth.

(7.) By JOHN STUART, Esq., LL.D., Secretary.

Cast of a Stone Celt, found near Alexandria, engraved with a Gnostic formula. The original celt is of the common pattern, of dark green jade or nephrite, 2 inches long, and 1 inch in greatest width. Each of its two faces is occupied by a Gnostic formula, neatly engraved in the debased Greek characters of the third or fourth century of the Christian era. On one side the formula has been arranged as a wreath of fourteen leaves. (For a learned disquisition on the reading and meaning of these inscriptions, see a paper by C. W. King, M.A., in the "Archæological Journal," vol. xxv. page 103.)

(8.) By Captain T. P. WHITE, R.E., F.S.A. Scot.

Cast of portion of a Sculptured Stone at Killean, Kintyre, Argyllshire, showing a chained figure.

(9.) By the Most Honourable the MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, F.S.A. Scot.

Floriant et Florète, a (French) Metrical Romance of the fourteenth century, edited from a unique manuscript at Newbattle Abbey, by Francisque Michel, Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot. Printed for the Roxburghe Club. Edinburgh, 1873. 4to.

- (10.) By His Grace the DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH and QUEENSBERRY, K.G.,
D.C.L., F.S.A. Scot.

Letters and Papers of Patrick Ruthven, Earl of Forth and Brentford,
and of his Family, A.D. 1615-1662. Edited from the original MSS. By
Rev. William Duncan Macray, M.A. Printed for the Roxburghe Club.
London, 1868. 4to.

- (11.) By the Right Honourable the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Materials for the History of Henry VII.	Royal 8vo.	1873.
Letters from Northern Registers.	do.	do.
Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense.	do.	do.
Calendar of State Papers, Venetian, 1534-1554.	do.	do.
Giraldus Cambrensis. Vol. IV.	do.	do.

- (12.) By Messrs EDMONSTON and DOUGLAS, the Publishers.

The Orkneyinga Saga. Translated by Jón A. Hjaltalin and Gilbert
Goudie. Edited by Joseph Anderson, Keeper of the National Museum
of the Antiquaries of Scotland. Edinburgh, 1873. 8vo.

The following Communications were read :—