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MONDAY, 12th January 1874.

SIR WILLIAM STIRLING MAXWELL, BART., M.P., in the Chair.

After a ballot, the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows :—

ALEXANDER DOWELL, Esq., 13 Palmerston Place.

CHARLES MUNRO, Esq., 18 George Street.

ARCHIBALD STEVENSON, Esq., South Shields.

The following Letters which had been received from the Gentlemen elected as Honorary and Corresponding Members were laid before the meeting :—

“ COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6th, 1873.

*“ To the President and the Members of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.*

“ Gentlemen,—I have to return my most sincere thanks for the great honour you have bestowed upon me in electing me an Honorary Member of your distinguished Society. It is in the highest degree flattering to me to be in such a way intimately connected with an institution which has rendered so great services to the Archæology, not only of Scotland, but also of other countries.—I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen, your most obedient and faithful servant,

“ J. J. A. WORSAAE.”

<sup>1</sup> Nine two-penny pieces to the ounce. Act of 1601, Act iv. p. 259.

“ UPSALA, December 20th, 1873.

“ *To the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.*

“ Gentlemen,—On the 15th of December I received the diploma whereby the Society has been pleased to do me the honour of electing me as a Corresponding Member. It is with a lively feeling of gratitude that I find myself thus distinguished by the most celebrated Antiquarian Society of Scotland, which country, like its brother-land England, is justly considered as respecting, in a higher degree than any other nation, the study of Antiquity, and loving to honour the memory of forefathers. I shall therefore always consider the distinction thus awarded to me as one of the most honourable and most acceptable that I have received.

“ As a small mark of my thankfulness, I take the liberty of sending by this post to the Society, two small brochures.

“ 1st, *Sigurds-ristningarna, &c.*; or, the Sigurd carvings on *Ramsund's* Rock, and *Gök-stone*; two monuments belonging to the beginning of the 11th century, and referring to the Legend of *Sigurd Fáfnis-bani*.

“ 2d, *Kyrkidorrs-ringen, &c.*; or, The Ring (with a Runic Inscription) on the door of *Angelstad Church*.

“ The first of these is interesting, not only to us Scandinavians, but also to all Teutonic peoples, as first exhibiting the unquestionably oldest monument found in any country of *Sigurd*, one of the chief personages in the Teutonic Saga-cycle relating to the *Völsungar* and *Niflungar*, and in the German *Nibelungen-lied*.—I remain, Gentlemen, most respectfully your obedient and humble servant,

“ CARL SÄVE,

“ Professor of Old Northern Languages  
at the University of Upsala.”

“ 15 LOMBARD STREET, London, Dec. 23d, 1873.

“ Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st, which arrived during my absence from England, informing me that I have been elected an Honorary Member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

“ I beg you to be kind enough to convey to the Society my thanks for the honour they have done me.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

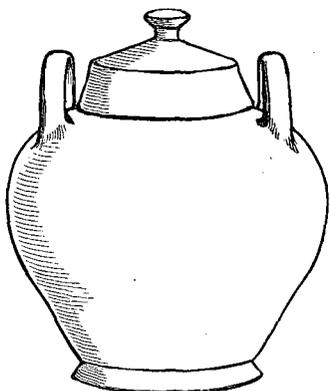
“ JOHN LUBBOCK.

“ JOHN STUART, Esq.”

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

(1.) By FRANCIS ABBOTT, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Collection of Relics from Herculaneum, Capri, &c., made by the Donor, consisting of :—



Stamnos, 8 inches high.

*Stamnos* or Jar, 8 inches high, with upright handles and cover, painted with a pattern (now almost obliterated) of red and black, on a cream-coloured ground. (See woodcut.)

*Lecythus* or Cruet, of tall cylindrical shape, with narrow neck and attached handle. It is of red ware, painted with patterns and figures in black, and stands  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches high by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches diameter at the widest part.

*Lecythus* of similar form and material, 5 inches high by 2 inches in diameter, imperfect at top.

*Lecythus* of similar form and mate-

rial to the two last, but with the neck broken off.

Small *Lecythus*,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches high,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch diameter, of similar material, but having the body more globular, the neck longer in proportion to the size of the vase, and the lip less heavy.

Small *Ænochoe* or Wine-Jug,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches high, with trefoil-shaped mouth, and handle rising above the brim.

Small Oval Jug of coarser material,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches high.

*Scyphos* or Drinking-Cup (broken),  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter, 2 inches deep, with recurved lip, and horizontal handles.

Small *Scyphos* of red ware, 2 inches diameter,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep, with horizontal handles. It has been painted with a pattern, which is now almost wholly obliterated. (See the annexed woodcut.)

Small Shallow *Scyphos*,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches diameter, 1 inch deep, painted black.

Very Small *Scyphos*,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch diameter, 1 inch deep, painted with a pattern of parallel lines, now almost obliterated. (See woodcut.)



Scyphos, 2 inches diameter.



Scyphos,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter.

Crowned Head of a Statuette of a Female in terra-cotta, from Paestum. The head is about 2 inches in height.

Double-Faced Head of a Statuette in terra-cotta. The head is about 1 inch in height.

Mosaics from the ruined Temple at Baia.

Portions of Tesselated Pavement from the villa of Tiberius at Capri, and from the Temple of Ceres at Paestum.

Bronze Fibula, 4 inches in length.

Thirteen Small Brass Coins of the Lower Empire, from Paestum.

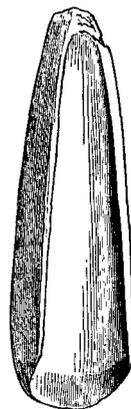
(2.) By JAMES WILSON, Esq.

A Collection of Stone Implements, Pottery, &c., made in Canada by the Donor, viz. :—

Fifteen Arrow-heads of bluish cherty slate, of triangular form, from 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, found under the roots of a large hemlock tree, apparently at least 120 years old, which had been uprooted by a storm in the township of Horton, county of Renfrew, and province of Ontario, Canada.

Gouge of greenstone,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch in width across the opening, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch deep from the plane of the straight sides to the centre of the circular edge. (See the accompanying woodcut.)

Two Arrow-heads of chert,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch in length, somewhat leaf-shaped, and having indentations on opposite sides of the

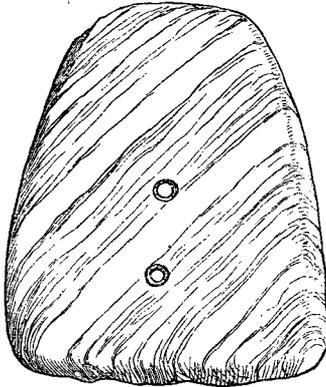


Gouge of Greenstone,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. long.

butt for tying to the shaft, found in the township of Bathurst, county of Lanark, province of Ontario, Canada.

Celt of greenstone, polished, 8 inches in length, and 2 inches broad in the cutting-edge, found in the township of Drummond, county of Lanark, and province of Ontario.

Bird-like Object of polished serpentine, found on an island in Otte Lake, in the township of North Bayess, county of Lanark, province of Ontario, Canada. It measures  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, and is cut into a rude representation of a bird—possibly intended for a swimming duck. Two holes are drilled in the under side of the ornament in order to affix it by a thong, probably to some part of the dress.



Gorget of Veined Slate,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length.

Polished Ornament of a thin piece of veined slate,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, and 4 inches wide, the thickness less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. It is pierced in the centre by two holes,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch apart, and seems to have been worn on the breast as a gorget, or perhaps as an amulet. It was found in the township of Drummond, county of Lanark, province of Ontario, Canada. (See the accompanying woodcut.)

Three Fragments of Pottery, ornamented with patterns of parallel lines, found with the above-described gorget of veined slate in the township of Drummond, county of Lanark, province of Ontario, Canada.

(3.) By JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, Esq., M.D.

Portion of the Shaft of a Sculptured Cross, found at Gattonside, near Melrose. (See subsequent Communication by Dr J. A. Smith.)

(4.) By Master WILLIAM MAXWELL LITTLE, 36 London Street.

Dyak Shield of wood, of a single piece, 4 feet 6 inches in length, and 1 foot 6 inches wide, having a central handle. The shield is

grotesquely painted on both sides, and adorned with tufts of hair, said to be from the heads of *vanquished foes*.

- (5.) By Rev. W. S. HAMILTON, Minister of St Martin's, through  
ALEXANDER LAING, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., Newburgh.

Bronze Looped and Socketed Celt,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, the socket nearly  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter, found near the Manse of St Martin's, Perth.

- (6.) By Mr WILLIAM REIACH, Farmer, Cabrach.

Stone with numerous Cup-markings on both sides, dug out of a cairn on the farm of Greenloan, Cabrach, Banffshire. The stone is a species of hornblendic schist, somewhat soft in character, it measures 15 inches long by 10 broad, and the cups are about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches wide, and about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch deep.

- (7.) By the AUTHOR.

Histoire de la Poste aux Lettres, depuis ses origines les plus anciennes, jusqu'à nos jours, par Arthur de Rothschild. Paris, 1870. 8vo.

- (8.) By the UNIVERSITY.

The Glasgow University Calendar for 1873-74.

- (9.) By Sir WALTER ELLIOT, K.C.S.I., F.S.A. Scot.

Descriptive and Historical Papers relating to the Seven Pagodas on the Coromandel Coast. Madras, 1869. 8vo and large folio. Plates, &c.

- (10.) By the EDINBURGH GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Transactions of the Edinburgh Geological Society, Vol. II., Part 2. Session 1872-73. 8vo.

- (11.) By the POWYS LAND CLUB.

Collections, Historical and Archæological, relating to Montgomeryshire. Issued by the Powys Land Club. Part XIII., 1873.

- (12.) By the Author, Rev. J. G. MICHIE, M.A., Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Deeside Tales, or Sketches of Men and Manners among the Peasantry of Upper Deeside since 1745. Aberdeen, 1872. 12mo.

Purchased for the Museum at the sale of the late Lord Bellhaven's collections :—

Spear-head of Yellow Bronze, 16 inches in length, having two rivet-holes on opposite sides of the socket, and two loops at the lower extremity of the blade. The blade is narrow in proportion to its length, being only 2 inches wide at the butt, where it is widest, and nearly 11 inches in length.

Spear-head of Bronze, covered with a dark patina,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length. The blade, which is leaf-shaped, is 13 inches in length, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in greatest width. It is furnished with two rivet-holes for fastening it to the shaft, and has loops at the lower extremity of the blade.

In both these weapons the hollow sockets extend nearly the whole length of the blade, lightening the weight, and economising the metal. This socketed and looped variety of spear-head appears to be peculiar to the British Islands.

Carved Bone Mere or short flat War-club from New Zealand, 15 inches in length. The blade is divided into two parts, at about half its length, by a deep indentation, and at the junction of the blade and handle there is carved a grotesque figure, grasping the lower part of the handle, which also terminates at the free end in a grotesque carving.

The following Communications were read :—