

MONDAY, 9th February 1874.

SIR J. NOEL PATON, Kt., R.S.A., Vice-President, in the Chair.

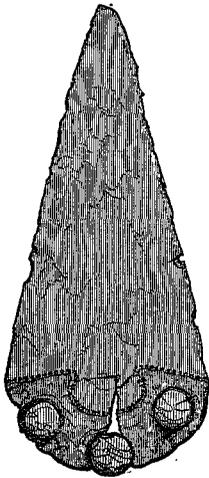
The Secretary announced that the Council, at their last meeting, had elected Lady Dunbar of Duffus and Lady Clarke of Tillypronie, Lady Associates of the Society.

A ballot having been taken, the following gentlemen were duly elected Fellows of the Society :—

Rev. JAMES MERCER DUNLOP, Dunbar.
 JAMES CLERK RATTRAY, Esq., M.D., Blairgowrie.
 ALEXANDER WALKER, of Findinate, Esq.

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

(1.) By Dr R. ANGUS SMITH, Manchester, F.S.A., Scot.



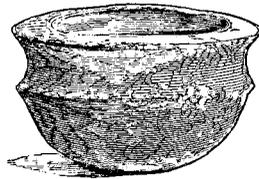
Bronze Dagger-Blade
 found at Loch Nell,
 Argyllshire.

Socketed Bronze Celt or Palstave $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in

Bronze Knife-dagger, 5 inches long, by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches broad at the base, where it shows the mark of the handle of wood or bone. It has been fastened to the handle by three massive rivets, $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch in length, and fully $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter, which still remain. Along the margin of the portion of the blade, which had been covered by the handle, there runs a line of very small punctulations, made by a punch. This fine specimen of the most ancient form of bronze weapon in the British Isles was found in a short stone cist in a cairn at Cleigh, Loch Nell, Argyllshire. (See page 84, *antea*.)

breadth at the cutting edge, and having an aperture of an oval form for the insertion of the shaft. It has a side loop $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, and quite slender, and there are two circular holes on opposite sides, one of which is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, the other much smaller. It was found in Achnacree Moss, Loch Etive (see p. 83, *antea*).

Urn of dark clay of semi-globular shape $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter across the mouth, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in depth, found in the northern chamber of the



Urn found in Chambered Cairn, Achnacree
($5\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter.)

chambered cairn at Achnacree, Loch Etive, Argyllshire. (See communication by Dr R. Angus Smith in the Proceedings, vol. ix. p. 415. An urn of somewhat similar shape and style of manufacture was found by Rev. Mr Greenwell in a chambered cairn at Argyleshire. (See Proceedings, vol. vi. p. 344.)

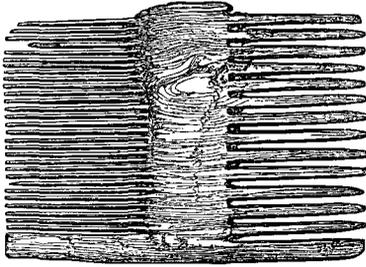
Portion of a somewhat similar urn, but smaller, and having two slight handle-like projections on opposite sides a little below the brim, also from Achnacree Cairn.

Fragments of urns of dark clay from Achnacree Cairn, Argyllshire.

Iron Ring found in the Vitrified Fort of Dun Mac Uisneachan, near the mouth of Loch Etive, Argyllshire. (See communication of Dr R. Angus Smith, p. 80, *antea*.)

Portion of the hilt end of an iron double-edged Sword, from the Vitrified Fort of Dun Mac Uisneachan, Loch Etive, Argyllshire. (See communication by Dr R. Angus Smith, p. 79, *antea*.)

Portions of two wooden double-edged Combs, from a lake-dwelling in Ledaig Moss, near Connell Ferry, Argyllshire. (See communication by Dr R. Angus Smith, p. 82, *antea*.) (See woodcut.)



Portion of Wooden Comb, Ledaig.
(Actual Size.)

(2.) By PETER LIDDLE, Esq.,
Gress, Stornoway.

Rude Hammer-like Implement of stone, perforated as if for a handle, found at Creed, near Stornoway, Island of Lewis. This implement seems to be a water-worn piece of hard schist, of an oblong flattened form, and quite

unworked. It measures 10 inches in length by 4 inches in breadth, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in thickness. One end is more rounded and pointed than the other, and at the distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches from this end a hole has been drilled through the thickness of the stone, as if for the insertion of a handle. The hole, which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide at both surfaces, contracts to an inch in width in the middle. The flat end of the implement is slightly broken, but it shows signs of polishing, by friction, probably from use.

(3.) By THEODORE AUFRECHT, M.A., Professor of Sanskrit, University of Edinburgh.

Two Spoons, 3 and 4 inches long, and with ornamental handles, made of reindeer horn, from Lapland.

(4.) By MR CHARLES HOWIE, Largo.

Whetstone, being a block of silicious sandstone, 4 inches long, 3 inches wide, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, having grooves worked in each of its faces by sharpening edged tools. It was found near a stone cist at Largo, Fife.

(5.) By R. W. COCHRAN PATRICK, Esq., B.A., LL.B., F.S.A. Scot.

Photographic fac-simile of a MS. in the British Museum (16th century), with drawings of Scottish coins. (For a detailed description of this manuscript, see the subsequent communication by Mr Cochran Patrick.)

(6.) By THE SOCIÉTÉ POLYMATHIQUE DU MORBIHAN.

Bulletin de la Société Polymathique du Morbihan. 1872. 8vo.

(7.) By THE ROYAL GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

Journal of the Royal Geological Society of Ireland, Vol. XIII. Part 3. 1872-3. 8vo.

(8.) By THE MANX SOCIETY.

Transactions of the Manx Society, Vol. XXI., being the Mona Miscellany, 2d Series. 8vo.

(9.) The following Articles of Treasure Trove, which have been deposited for a considerable period in the Museum for exhibition by the Queen and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer for Scotland, have now been presented. The following is a copy of the letter from Stair Agnew, Esq., Queen's Remembrancer, to the Secretary, announcing the presentation :—

EXCHEQUER CHAMBERS, *Edinburgh, 24th June 1873.*

Sir,—The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to sanction the presentation to the Museum of the Society of Antiquaries of the following Articles of Treasure Trove :—

1. Clay Urn found at Cambusbarron, Stirling.
2. Parcel of small Silver Coins found at Abernethy (41 in number).
3. One Aureus of Nero.
4. Parcel of Fragments of Coins found at Clarence Street, Aberdeen.
5. Two Bronze Armlets and 7 fragments ; one Socketed Celt of Bronze ; one Spearhead of Bronze, and Fragments of another ; and three portions of Tin found at Auchtyre, Elgin.

6. Gold Lunette found near Fochabers.
7. Bronze Armlet (snake bracelet) found at Grange of Conon, Forfarshire.
8. Parcel of Gold Coins found at Dunblane, mostly Scottish (with the exception of 30 Coins, presented to the Leighton Library at Dunblane).
9. Silver Coin found near Holyrood.
10. Masonic Cross found near Drummore, Haddingtonshire.
11. Small Bronze Pot found near Corriemony, Invernessshire.
12. Five Pennanular Silver Armlets found in a cist at Kirk o' Banks, Rattar, Dunnet, Caithness.
13. Three Silver Coins found at Holcroft, Kirkeudbrightshire.

The following Communications were read :—