

MONDAY, 10th January 1876.

JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

After a Ballot, the following Gentleman was elected a Corresponding Member:—

THOMAS ARNOLD, Esq., Architect, London.

And the following Gentlemen were likewise duly elected Fellows of the Society, viz. :—

THOMAS BONNAR, Esq., 77 George Street.

JOHN DUNCAN, M.A., M.D., 8 Ainslie Place.

REV. ARTHUR WASHINGTON HALLEN, M.A., The Parsonage, Alloa.

JOHN ALEXANDER HAMILTON, Esq., Westerhall Villas.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were announced, and thanks voted to the Donors, viz. :—

(1.) By Mrs J. HENRY ZIEGLER, Rosenook, Pollockshields.

Pinchbeck Watch, by John Cleland, Edinburgh, with enamelled back, having a female figure in an oval centrepiece.

Chatelaine of Steel Beads, with Locket and Pendants. The Locket encloses plaited hair, and bears the inscription, *CARI CAPITIS FLEBILIS OCCIDIT XII·K·S· CIO·IC·CCLIII· I·M·ET·LVII.*

(2.) By T. H. PATTISON, M.D., Edinburgh.

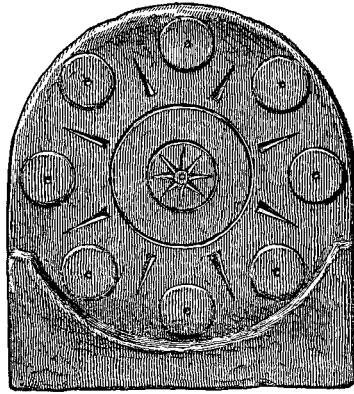
Old Silver Watch, by "Henry Massy, London," with chased silver dial. On the back of the case is engraved a coronet, with a greyhound's head, and the motto *PERSEVERANDO*. Underneath is the letter P, and the date 1685.

(3.) By ALEXANDER MACGREGOR, Surgeon, The Manse, Iona, through James Drummond, Esq., R.S.A., F.S.A. Scot.

Whorl of Brownish Claystone,  $1\frac{5}{8}$  inch diameter, hemispherical in form, found in the island of Tiree.

(4.) By ALLAN MATTHEWSON, Esq., 21 Union Street, Dundee.

Baking or Toasting Stone, for toasting oat-cakes before a peat fire on the hearth. It is made of red sandstone, of the form shown in the accompanying woodcut, measuring 13 inches high,  $11\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick at the base. The front of the stone is cut away in a circular form, leaving a semicircular ledge or projection about an inch wide on the lower part to support the edge of the cake. The circular front of the stone, against which the cake would rest, is ornamented with a central star, surrounded by a circle, enclosed within a larger star of eight rays. These ornaments are deeply incised in the surface of the stone. Between each of the rays of the outer star there is a circular whorl-like ornament, in high relief, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter, with a depression in the centre. The object of this arrangement of alternately raised and depressed ornamentation was doubtless to provide for the escape of the vapour from the reverse side of the cake generated in the process of firing, and thus to prevent it "sweating." On the back of the stone, about an inch and a half under the middle of the top, there is a depression cut in it for lifting it by. This is shown underneath the woodcut of the front of the stone. Baking-stones for toasting oat-cakes at a fire on the hearth have been in use till quite recently, though few of them seem to have been either ornamented or made with any degree of care. This specimen was found at Fordoun, Kincardineshire, along with another, now in the collection of Mr Sturrock, Dundee. It differs slightly in form from the one now presented to the Museum, being cut out in the sides so as to give the lower part more of the appearance of a pedestal. The ornamentation consists of four hearts in the centre, surrounded by a



Baking or Toasting Stone, found at Fordoun, 13 inches high.

The ornamentation consists of four hearts in the centre, surrounded by a

broad border of curved parallel lines. On the back are the letters I D M L, the last three in monogram, and the date 1791.

- (5.) By JOHN DEFFETT FRANCIS, Esq., Swansea, through Colonel GEORGE GRANT FRANCIS, F.S.A., President of the Royal Institution of South Wales, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Manuscript Volume of Sermons on the 45th Psalm, inscribed on the fly-leaf—

Sermons of Mr George Campbell's  
which belongs to me MARIE MAR  
MARIE MAULE  
Wrytten at Alloa 15th March 1689.

The volume contains 1028 pages of manuscript, and is in the original binding, tooled and gilt, with clasps complete. From the inscription on the fly-leaf it seems to have belonged to Mary Maule, only daughter of George Earl of Panmure, who was married to Charles Earl of Mar in 1674. Her mother was Jean Campbell, daughter of John Earl of Loudon.

- (6.) By W. C. LUKIS, M.A., the Author.

Guide to the Chambered Barrows, &c., of the Islands of the Morbihan. 12mo. 1874.

- (7.) By ROBERT CLARK, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Golf, a Royal and Ancient Game. Edinburgh, 1875.

- (8.) By RICHARD A. OSWALD, Esq. of Auchincruive.

The Lennox. By William Fraser. Privately printed. Two vols. 4to. 1875.

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

Correspondence of Sir Robert Kerr, first Earl of Ancrum, and his son William, third Earl of Lothian, 1616-1667, from the Original Letters at Newbattle Abbey. Two vols. 4to. Edinburgh, 1875.

- (10.) By SAMUEL CHRISTY MILLER, Esq. of Craigentinny, F.S.A. Scot.

Buik of Alexander the Great. 4to. 1834. Printed for the Bannatyne Club.