

MONDAY, 14th February 1876.

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

A Ballot having been taken, the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows of the Society :—

ALEXANDER GIBSON, Esq., Advocate.  
 THOMAS M'KIE, Esq., Advocate.  
 ALEXANDER ROSS, Esq., Architect, Inverness.

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

(1.) By JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D., V.-P.S.A. Scot.

Quern Stone, 21 inches diameter,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness, found in the Well Meadow Field, to the south of the Red-abbey Stead, near Newstead, Roxburghshire.

Two Iron Caltrops, with spikes  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, found near Jedburgh.

(2.) By CHARLES S. TEMPLE, Esq., Cloister Seat, Udny.

Piscina, hollowed from a block of sandstone, from the ruins of an old chapel now buried in the sands of Forvie, parish of Slains, Aberdeenshire.

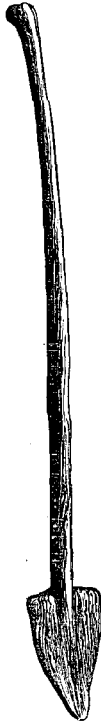
(3.) By JAMES DALGARNO, Esq., Slains, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Harpoon-head of Bone, of a form not common, but probably Esquimaux. It measures  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length, and 1 inch in greatest width, is flattened towards the point, and furnished with four projecting barbs on either side. The shank widens towards the posterior part, where it is hollowed out for the insertion of the tenon of the shaft, to which it has been secured by a lashing of thongs passed through five holes in the end of the shank. It was found in sandy ground (where it has lain till its upper surface is quite polished by the drifting sand), near the fishing village of Colliston, parish of Slains, and had probably been brought from Greenland.

Collection of Chips and Flakes of Flint, amounting to several hundreds, and including a few "Scrapers," found on the sands of Forvie.

- (4.) By Mr J. ANDERSON, Mill of Brogan, through James Dalgarno, Esq., Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Socket-stone, being a portion of a rounded water-worn boulder of quartz, having two hollows of rather more than an inch in diameter and the same in depth, worn in its opposite sides by the vertical axle of a millstone revolving in them.



Wooden Spade, from an old mine near Glasgow (4 ft. 5 in. long).

- (5.) By JAMES SHEPHERD, Esq. of Aldie.

Urn of Drinking Cup type,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, ornamented by alternate bands of chevrony and oblique or parallel lines, found in a stone cist at Aldie, Cruden, Aberdeenshire. The interment had been made in the south-west slope of a sand hill, about three feet under the surface. The urn lay on its side in the cist, which was formed of two long stones placed north and south, the ends being packed with small stones.

Oaken Spade, 4 ft. 8 in. long, found under six feet of moss, at Aldie. (See the subsequent communication by Rev. Jas. Peter, M.A., F.S.A. Scot.) This spade closely resembles one found in an old coal mine near Glasgow, and presented to the Museum in 1863 by Sir Archibald Edmonston, Bart., F.S.A. Scot.; of which the figure is here repeated.

- (6.) By ALEXANDER SLIGHT, Esq., 25 Gayfield Square.

Original Letter by Rev. R. Wyllie to the Laird of Wishaw, 16th June 1697, referring to the proceedings against "Aikenhead the Atheist," and to the Trial of Witches at Paisley. (See the subsequent communication by David Laing, Esq., For. Sec.)

- (7.) By CHARLES DE FLANDRE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., the Translator and Editor.

History of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots. Translated from the MS. of Professor Petit by Charles de Flandre. Two vols. 4to. Lond. 1874.

(8.) By Sir WILLIAM EDMONSTONE of Duntreath, Bart., M.P.

Genealogical Account of the Family of Edmonstone of Duntreath. Privately printed. 4to. 1875.

(9.) By Rev. A. W. HALLEN, M.A., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

A Paper on the Mar Peerage Case, read before the Alloa Society of Natural Science and Archæology, May 4, 1875; together with the Judgment of the Committee of Privileges, Pedigrees, &c. Alloa, 1875. By Rev. A. W. Hallen, M.A., Incumbent of St John's, Alloa.

(10.) By DAVID GRIEVE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Three Readable Reprints of Literary Rarities. (1.) How the Goode Wif Taught hir Daughter. (2.) A Dialogue Bytwene the Commune Secretary and Jalowsye touchynge the Unstablensse of Harlottes. (3.) A Trewe et feythfull Hystorie of the Redoubtable Prynce Radapanthus. Edited by Charles Hindley. 4to.

(11.) By DAVID LAING, Esq., *Foreign Secretary*.

Commemoration Medal in Bronze (December 4, 1875) of Thomas Carlyle.

The following Communications were read:—