

MONDAY, 10th April 1876.

JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D., in the Chair.

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

ALEXANDER BALLANTINE, Esq., 42 George Street.
W. S. COOPER, yr. of Failford, Esq., Advocate.
CHARLES SCOTT, Esq., Advocate.

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

(1.) By His Grace the DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON, Lord President of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

Silver Matrix of the Great Seal of Scotland, engraved by Wyon in 1831 for His Majesty King William IV.

Silver Matrix of the Quarter Seal of Scotland, engraved by Wyon in 1831 for His Majesty King William IV.

Silver Matrix of the Privy Seal for Scotland, engraved by Wyon in 1831 for His Majesty King William IV.

The Signet Seal in Scotland of His Majesty King William IV.

Framed Proof Impressions of the Great Seal after defacement.

Intimation of the Donation was conveyed to the Society in the following letter addressed to the Secretary :—

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, 20th March, 1876.

GENTLEMEN;—I am directed by his Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Lord President of the Council, to inform you that he is desirous of presenting to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland the Great Seal of Scotland, the Quarter Seal of Scotland, the Privy Seal for Scotland, and the Signet Seal of Scotland, of the time of William the Fourth.

His Grace accordingly directs me to transmit to you these seals which

he trusts the Society will be pleased to accept and place among the antiquities under its care.

Impressions of the Great Seal of Scotland accompany the Seals.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. L. PEEL.

(2.) By ROBERT CARFRAE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Oval Silver Medal given by the Society for the Defence of the Country, to the best shot at Ball Practice, and inscribed "Robert Walker, 1st Battalion 2nd Regiment R.E.V., 23d March 1804."

(3.) By GILBERT GOUDIE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Socket of Sandstone, 13 × 10 inches, for a "Grind" or Gate, from Braefield, Dunrossness, Shetland.

(4.) By Mr T. J. SANDISON, Uyeasound.

Collection of Fragments of Unglazed Pottery from an ancient ruin called "Glitna Kirk," near the village of Uyeasound, Shetland.

(5.) By Mr GEORGE SINCLAIR, 131 Princes Street.

Small Bronze Knife or Dagger, with Tang, 4 inches in length, found at Nordrhouse, Sulem, Northmavine, Shetland, and long used as a "trow's sword" for magical purposes.

(6.) By THOMAS BONNAR, Esq., 77 George Street.

Lithograph Copy of Drawing (in glazed and gilt frame) of a Ceiling at Nunraw House, decorated in distemper, 16th century.

(7.) By Professor DANIEL WILSON, LL.D., &c., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot., the Author.

Prehistoric Man. By Daniel Wilson, LL.D., &c. Third Edition. 2 vols. 8vo. London, 1876.

(8.) By Rev. JAMES PETER, M.A., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Peat Mosses of Buchan (Club of Deer). 4to. Aberdeen, 1876.

The following Communications were read:—