

MONDAY, 12th June 1876.

DAVID LAING, Esq., Foreign Secretary, in the Chair.

After a Ballot, the following Gentlemen were unanimously elected  
Fellows :—

JAMES CRICHTON, Esq., 13 St Bernard's Crescent.

Rev. ALEXANDER STEWART, Minister of Ballahulish and Ardgour.

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

(1.) By Mrs MORRIS, Society, Hopetoun, through JAMES MACKENZIE, Esq., Chemist.

A Carved Pew-back from Abercorn Church, measuring 6 feet in length by 18 inches in breadth. It bears in the centre a shield with the Drummond Arms and the letters G. D.; A. D.; 1598; B. B.

(2.) By A. J. DONALDSON, Esq., Hawick.

Bombard, or Howitzer,  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter, and having a bore 3 inches diameter, found near Hawick; date about the end of the seventeenth century.

(3.) By JAMES ROLLAND, Esq., 14 Shandwick Place.

Iron Crusie, with Hook for suspension, and wanting the inner shell, found at Lindores, Fifeshire.

(4.) By Rev. JAMES MORRISON, Urquhart, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Arrow-head of Whitish Fint, leaf-shaped, found in the parish of Urquhart. This specimen is remarkable for its neatness of finish and the smallness of its size, being only  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in length and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in breadth.

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

Jewish Skekel, *obverse* SKEKEL ISRAEL round a chalice, over which are the letters indicating the fourth year of the reign of Simon Maccabæus;

reverse JERUSHALAIM HA-KEDOSHAI, "Jerusalem the Holy," round a triple lily.

Half-Shekel, same type, second year.

(6.) By ALEXANDER LAING, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Lindores Abbey and its Burgh of Newburgh, their History and Annals. 4to, 1876.

(7.) By WILLIAM JOLLY, Esq., H.M. Inspector of Schools, Inverness, the Author.

The Scientific Materials of the North, and Scientific Work. The Inaugural Address delivered before the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club. By WILLIAM JOLLY, Esq., President of the Society. 8vo, pp. 27.

(8.) By Admiral Sir WILLIAM H. HALL, K.C.B., the Author.

Our National Defences. 8vo, pp. 39. 1876.

(9.) By WILLIAM FORBES, Esq. of Medwyn, F.S.A. Scot.

Memoir of Lady Forbes of Pitsligo. 1875. 4to.

(10.) By JOHN EVANS, Esq., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot., the Author.

Note on a proposed International Code of Symbols for use on Archaeological Maps. By JOHN EVANS, F.R.S. 8vo, pp. 10.

There were also exhibited—

(1.) By JAMES T. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Carved Ivory Ciborium, or Cup with Cover, 14 inches high, curiously ornamented with beaded work, and with birds, lizards, serpents, and human figures in high relief. The lid is surmounted by the figure of a palm-tree trunk, the top ornamented with open work, on which sits a parrot-like bird. A man is climbing the tree on one side and a lizard on the other. A serpent issues from the man's right hand, reaching up to the bird on the top of the tree. Two serpents chase two birds in a circle round the base of the tree. Four lizards are carved round the base of the

middle of the lid, which is semi-globular in shape. The foot-stalk of the cup has a projection in the middle, from which four serpents hang down at regular intervals round its circumference. In the mouth of each of them is a bird's head. The swelling base of the foot-stalk is ornamented by a bird, a lizard, and a human figure, placed alternately at equal distances round the middle of its circumference. This rare and curious ivory was obtained by Mr Gibson Craig at Milan. There are two of the same style and period in the British Museum, and one in the Newcastle Museum, which is figured in W. B. Scott's "Antiquarian Gleanings," plate 21. They are regarded by some as West African, and by others as Indian, most likely from the neighbourhood of Goa, and dating probably about the middle of the sixteenth century.

(2.) By HERCULES LINTON, Esq., Dundee.

Collection of Flint Implements and Arrow-Heads, bronze bodkins, needles, pins, buckles, hooks, belt-clasps and fasteners, brooches, &c., &c., iron knives, rivets, and scale-like plates, and pottery of Mediæval type, from the site of an ancient settlement in the Culbin Sands, Elginshire. (See the subsequent paper by Mr Linton.)

(3.) By JOHN SMALL, Esq., M.A., F.S.A. Scot.

An Alchemical Manuscript, with coloured allegorical devices, on a roll 18 feet long, the property of the Royal College of Physicians, to whom it was presented in 1707 by George, Earl of Cromarty; formerly in the Library of Sir George Areskine of Innertiel. (See the subsequent paper by Mr Small.)

The following Communications were read :—