

MONDAY, 9th April 1877.

Sir WALTER ELLIOT, K.C.S.I., Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

DAVID AINSLIE, of Costerton, Esq.
 ROBERT CRAIGIE BELL, Esq., W.S.
 JAMES CAMPBELL of Tillychewan, Esq.
 JOHN JEFFREY, Esq., Balsusney, Kirkcaldy.
 HENRY E. S. H. DRUMMOND MORAY of Blairdrummond, Esq.
 A. T. NIVEN, Esq., C.A.
 Major ROBERT RINTOUL of Lahill.
 ADAM SKIRVING of Croyes, Esq.

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

(1.) By J. C. WRIGHT, Esq., 64 Princes Street.

Polished Celt of Basalt, $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches long.

Polished Celt of Granite, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

Two old Flint-lock Muskets, one having a bayonet affixed.

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

Small triangular Arrow-Head of Yellow Flint, measuring $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in length, found at Slains.

(3.) By Col. BALFOUR, of Balfour and Trenaby, F.S.A. Scot.

Arrow-Head of Black Flint, 1 inch in length, triangular, with barbs and stem, finely proportioned and of delicate workmanship, found in the middle of St John's Moss, in the island of Shapinsay, Orkney.



Arrow-head from Shapinsay, Orkney.

(4.) By Mr JOHN KEITH, Auchrynie, Old Deer, Aberdeenshire.

Perforated Stone Implement, being a flattish oblong water-worn pebble,

4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, 4 inches wide, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in thickness, having a circular hole an inch in diameter nearly in the centre of the flat side. The hole has been worked through from opposite sides, the aperture in the centre being only $\frac{1}{4}$ inch diameter. One of the ends of the implement is fractured, and the other marked as if by use as a hammer. It was found in a cairn on Ythanside, betwixt Methlick and Gight, Aberdeenshire.

(5.) By T. H. PATTISON, M.D., London Street.

Medalet in Copper, size of a halfpenny, with bust of George III. and the inscription GEORGIUS III. REX; the reverse occupied by an engraved inscription—"St Jameses Square was founded by THOMAS HILL Architect. Edin^r May 29th AD 1779." With the medalet is a memorandum in an old hand on a small piece of paper:—"St James's Square Edin^r thus named in honour of Cap^t James Ferguson of the R. Navy by Mr Walter-Ferguson, Writer, his brother, the Proprietor, was founded by Thomas Hill, Architect in Edin^r May 29th 1779."

(6.) By ROBERT L. REID, Esq.

Spinning-wheel of Birch, painted, 2 feet 8 inches high. In a note accompanying the donation Mr Reid says:—"To encourage industry and excellence in spinning, the Hon. Lady Menzies of Castle Menzies offered this spinning-wheel as a prize to be competed for by the farmers' daughters of her neighbourhood. It was gained by Janet M'Gregor about the year 1740."

(7.) By JOHN MARR, R.N., High Street.

Large Jar of Earthenware (resembling a wine or oil jar), 2 feet 10 inches high, 20 inches wide, and 8 inches across the mouth.

(8.) By Rev. WILLIAM R. FRASER, M.A., Minister of Maryton, the Author.

Maryton, Records of the Past; a Lecture delivered in the Public School of Maryton, Montrose. 12mo, pp. 36. 1877.

(9.) By R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Découverte d'un Squellette Humaine de l'Epoque Palæolithique dans les Grottes de Menton, par Emile Rivière. Second edition. Mentone, 1873. 4to.

Biorner, Prodromus Tractatum de Geographia Scandinaviæ Veteri, etc., et Runarum in cippis Helsingicis ac Medelpadicis, etc. Stockholm, 1726. 4to.

(10.) By M. BONFILS, the Author, through R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Récherches sur les Outils en Silex des Trogloodytes, et sur la Manière dont ils les fabriquent, par M. Bonfils. Nice, 1872. 4to.

(11.) By J. SANDS, Esq., Ormiston.

Four Rude Stone Implements and fragments of Pottery from an underground house in St Kilda.

Distaff and Spindle from St Kilda.

Portion of Hair Rope used by the cragsmen of St Kilda.

Sternum of Solan Goose used as a spoon in St Kilda.

[See the subsequent Communication by Mr Sands.]

The following Communications were read:—