

MONDAY, 14th January 1878.

DR JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Before proceeding to the ordinary business of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the loss the Society had sustained in the death of one of its Vice-Presidents, Robert Horn, Esq., Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, who, in various ways, took a lively interest in the prosperity of the Society, and of the collections under its charge.

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

JOHN H. RIVETT-CARNAC, Esq., Bengal Civil Service.
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The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donors, viz. :—

(1.) By WILLIAM WALLACE, Esq., of Newton of Collessie.

Urn of "Drinking Cup" type, finely ornamented, found in the central Cist of a Cairn at Collessie.

Portions of the Unburnt Skeleton found in the Cist.

Bronze Dagger found in a layer of burnt human bones in gravel 4 feet underneath the Cairn.

Gold Mounting of the Hilt of the Bronze Dagger.

Portions of the Sheath of the Bronze Dagger, and of the Hairs of the Hide which covered it.

Portion of the Layer of Burnt Bones found in the gravel, containing parts of a Human Skeleton.

Urn of "Drinking Cup" type, found in fragments, at a depth of 6 feet in the gravel underneath the Cairn.

(See the subsequent Communication on the Excavation of the Collessie Cairn, by Mr Anderson.)

(2.) By SPENCER G. PERCEVAL, Esq.

Two Photographs of Flint Implements collected in the neighbourhood of Beer, Devon, by Mr Perceval. One Photograph contains fifty-six specimens, chiefly Flakes and Scrapers of small size; the other, twelve Implements or Fragments of Worked Flints of larger size. Mr Perceval states that these were collected during four months in 1876, chiefly in ploughed fields in the neighbourhood of Beer.

(3.) By THOMAS S. MUIR, Esq., Leith, Author of "Characteristics of Old Church Architecture in the Mainland and Western Islands of Scotland."

Series of Rubbings of Sepulchral Slabs, chiefly Scottish, comprising:—

1. Rubbing of the Front of a Table-Tomb at Kilmichael-Glassary, Argyllshire, divided into three compartments, with ornamentation of foliage.

2. Rubbing of the Slab forming the Top of the same Tomb, bearing a sword and foliage, and the inscription HIC JACIT DUNCANUS ...OY M'ALLEN.

3. Rubbing of a Slab at Kiel, in the south end of Kintyre, Argyllshire. The upper part contains a galley; beneath it is a sword, with seven-lobed pommel and reversed guard; on its right, near the bottom, a pair of shears; its left filled up with floriated work.

4. Rubbings of the broader Face and the two Edges of the Cross at Kilkieran, Kintyre.

5. Rubbing of a Slab from Hallan, South Uist, covered with floriated ornament, and having a sword in the centre with reversed guard. The sword in this case is represented in interlaced work.

6. Rubbing of a Slab from Kilcalmonell, having a sword with reversed guard in the centre, a floral scroll on its left, and on its right a panel inscribed in modern lettering, RONALD M'ALESTER OF DUNSKEIG.

7. Rubbing of a Slab with a Latin Cross, having a small, equal-armed cross in the centre. The stem of the large cross, which extends the whole length of the slab, is decorated with fret-work. Kilmartin, Argyllshire.

8. Rubbing of part of a Slab at Kilchrenan, Argyllshire, with the figure of a man in armour under a canopy.

9. Rubbing of a Slab from St Vigean, Forfarshire, bearing a Latin Cross, with semi-circular curves at the intersections, and covered with interlaced work and scrolls of divergent spirals.

10. Rubbing of a Slab at Kilbar, Barra, bearing a two-handed sword and ornamentation of foliage.

11. Rubbing of a Slab from Skipness, Argyllshire, bearing the figure of a man in armour, under a canopy, and ornamentation of intertwisted stems and animal forms.

12. Rubbing of a Slab from the Nunnery at Iona, with two female figures, each under a canopy.

13. Rubbing of a Slab from the Nunnery at Iona, covered with floral scrolls.

14. Rubbing of a Slab at Killean, Argyllshire, with tri-cuspidate ending; in the centre a sword; on its right a border of intertwisted stems and foliage; on its left remains of a defaced inscription.

15. Rubbing of a Slab of similar character from Killean, Argyllshire.

16. Rubbing of a Slab from Ratho, Mid-Lothian, bearing an equal-armed cross within a circle, and underneath it a sword with short straight guard, the round pommel being half hidden by the circle containing the cross. The slab is narrow, and a fret runs down each side.

17. Rubbing of a Slab from Rosslyn. A slender-stemmed Calvary Cross, with a circular head, in which is an octagon figure of trefoils, occupies the centre of the slab; on its left is a sword, with oval-pointed pommel and recurved guard; on its right WILHEM DE SHINCLE.

18. Rubbing of a Slab from Culross. In the centre is a Calvary Cross, with a circular head, in which is an octagonal figure of stems and foliage geometrically arranged in overlapping ovals; on its left a sword, with oval-pointed pommel and recurved guard; on its right a blank panel and heater-shaped figure.

19. Rubbing of a Slab from Corstorphine Church. In the centre a Calvary Cross (with crosslets), bearing a circular head with four trefoils

or *fleurs-de-lis*; on its right a sword, with oval-pointed pommel and recurved guard.

20. Rubbing of a Slab from Corstorphine Church. In the centre a chalice, round the border HIC JACIT MAGISTER ROBERTUS HERIOT, BACHILARIUS IN DECRETIS QUONDAM RECTOR ECCLESIE DE GOGAR QUI OBIT XX MA DIE JUNII ANNO DOMINI MCCCCXLIII.

21-30. Rubbings of Ten Slabs from Newcastle, Hexham, Bolam, Cambo, York.

31-45. Rubbings of Fifteen Brasses from Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, &c.

There were also exhibited:—

By JAMES E. ERSKINE, Esq., of Linlathen.

Urn of "Drinking Cup" type, and Bronze Dagger, from a Cist in Cairn Gregg, Linlathen, Forfarshire. (See the subsequent Communication by Mr Anderson.)

The following Communications were read:—