
MONDAY, 13th *January*, 1879.

FRANCIS ABBOTT, Esq., in the Chair.

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

Hon. JOHN ABERCROMBY, 4 Shandwick Place.
ARCHIBALD SHOLTO DOUGLAS, Esq., Crauford Bank, Lasswade.
Major-General ROBERT WARDEN, C.B., 4 Lennox Street.
JAMES BARCLAY MURDOCH, Esq., Langside.

The following gentleman was likewise elected a Corresponding Member:—

M. L'ABBE MAILLARD, Thorigne en Charnie, Mayenne, France.

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

(1.) By Mrs POWLES, 37 Somerset Street, Portman Square, London.
Crescent or flat Penannular Ring of gold, 2 inches by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Penannular Ring of gold formed of a cylindrical bar, less than $\frac{1}{16}$ th of an inch in diameter, bent into a ring 1 inch in diameter, and having the ends slightly thickened.

Smaller Penannular Ring of gold, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter.

All found in Indian graves near Bogota, in Colombia, South America.

(2.) By GEORGE G. CUNNINGHAME, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Helmet made of sheet iron, with face-defence of a single piece, and chin-piece following the curve of the chin and neck, both moving on the same pivots. The crown of the helmet is cut into strips of about an inch and half wide, which are tapered off so that when bent towards a common centre, and the ends riveted to the circumference of an oval plate, 3 inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which forms the top of the helmet, they fit closely together and form a rounded head-piece. The neck-piece is cut out and fitted in the same way, and its upper-ends riveted to the back of the head-piece. The face-piece has two elongated slits for eye-holes, and is pierced with eighteen small circular air-holes. This very peculiar helmet was dug up on the battle-field of Leney, near Ballymoney, in the county of Antrim, Ireland.

(3.) By JAMES CHISHOLM, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Polished Stone Implement, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide, and about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in thickness, having a small hole drilled in the middle of its width near each of its ends. It belongs to the class of stone objects which have been called "bracers," because it is supposed that they may have been worn on the left wrist to protect it from the recoil of the bow-string. It was found in the north of Ireland.

(4.) By CHARLES RAMPINI, Esq., Sheriff-Substitute, Lerwick, F.S.A. Scot., formerly a Judge in Jamaica.

Polished Celt of greenstone, 5 inches long, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the face, tapering to the butt end, and a flattened oval in section, having one of its sides rubbed flat and the other rounded, the cutting edge broken. It was found in a cave in the island of Jamaica.

- (5.) By Mr JAMES MACRAE, Innkeeper, Miabhaig, island of Lewis, through D. Milne Home, Esq., LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Small Sink Stone of granite, quadrangular in shape, with rounded edges and having grooves cut around it longitudinally and transversely. It measures 3 inches in length by 2 inches in breadth, and about 1 inch in thickness. The grooves are cut to about the depth of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. It was found on the hill of Nisvore, near Miabhaig, Lewis, in 1877.

- (6.) By Mr GAVINE, Builder, Inveresk.

Small Globular Vessel of Roman smother-kiln or blackish ware, with painted ornamentation of lines crossing each other in a chevron pattern. It is thin and well baked, and has been blackened in the kiln. It measures $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the mouth. It was recently found three feet under the surface in digging a drain in a field close to the railway station at Inveresk. [See also the subsequent Donation List of the April meeting.]

- (7.) By Mr THOMAS PROUDFOOT, Farmer, Midmains, Inveresk.

Coin of Trajan (second brass), *Obv.* laureated head of the emperor, *Rev.* a standing figure, probably Peace or Felicity. Inscription effaced.

Fragment of an iron spear-head, about 3 inches in length, with part of the socket.

Both recently found in digging in a field in front of Midfield Mains, Inveresk.

- (8.) By CHARLES ROACH SMITH, Esq., Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot., &c., the Author.

Collectanea Antiqua, vol. vii. part i. 8vo, 1878. Printed for the subscribers.

- (9.) By THE MANX SOCIETY.

Records of St Mark's Chapel, in the parish of Malen, Isle of Man. 8vo, 1878.

- (10.) By D. MURRAY LYON, Esq., Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot., the Author.

History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, embracing an Account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland. Edinburgh, 1873.

There were also exhibited :—

- (1.) By Sir GRAHAM G. MONTGOMERY, Bart., M.P., F.S.A. Scot.

Massive Armlet of Bronze, two Bronze Mountings of Harness, and a Roman Patella, found at Stanhope, Peeblesshire.

[See the subsequent communication by Dr John Alex. Smith.]

- (2.) By JOHN STURROCK, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Collection of Flint Arrow-heads, Awls or Piercers, &c., from Patagonia.

[See the subsequent communication by Mr Sturrock.]

- (3.) By JOHN BALFOUR, Esq. of Balbirnie, F.S.A. Scot.

Collection of Cinerary Urns, found in a small cemetery in Drymmie Wood, and a finely-ornamented Bronze Celt, found on the neighbouring farm of Dams, on the Balbirnie estate.

[See the subsequent Communication by Mr Anderson.]

- (4.) By Sir WYNDHAM C. ANSTRUTHER, Bart., M.P.

Collection of Cinerary Urns, found in a small cemetery on the farm of Sheriff-flats, Thankerton, Lanarkshire.

The following Communications were read :—