

MONDAY, 12th January 1880.

REV. THOMAS MACLAUHLAN, LL.D., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

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

JOHN ELLIOT, Esq. of Binks.

JOHN RAMSAY, Esq. of Kildalton, M.P.

GEORGE MILLER SUTHERLAND, Esq., Solicitor, Wick.

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

(1.) By the TRUSTEES of the late DAVID LAING, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Two large Circular Panels of carved oak, 28 inches diameter, from the old Palace at Stirling, supposed to represent James V. and his Queen, Mary of Guise. Each panel contains a bust within an ornamental border, carved in a rude style of art. They formed part of a series, (Nos. 1 and 31), the whole of which are described in the work entitled "Lacunar Strevelinense"; a collection of heads etched and engraved after the carved work which formerly decorated the roof of the King's room in Stirling Castle. Edinburgh, 4to, 1817. They are also described and figured in the Illustrated Catalogue of Antiquities, Works of Art, and Historical Scottish Relics exhibited in the Museum of the Archæological Institute during their meeting in Edinburgh in July 1856.

Vase, with handle, of black Chiusan ware, 8½ inches high, ornamented with figures of chimerae in relief.

Three small Miniatures on paper. One is intended for Queen Mary, the other two are in lockets. On the back of one is the inscription in the style of the last century, "James Stuart, Earl of Murray (Regent of Scotland) *ob.* 1570," and on the back of the other, "James Douglas, Earl of Morton, *ob.* 1581."

Marble Slab inscribed :—

FAVSTILLA FLAVI
 CLEMENTIS. SER.
 PIA. VIX. AN. XX. H. S. E.
 HERMEROS CAESARIS. N. SER
 TABELLAR. CONIVG. PIAE. F.

The reading of the inscription seems to be as follows :—

Faustilla Flavi Clementis serva pia, (quae) vixit annos viginti, hic sepultus est. Hermeros, Caesaris nostri servus tabellarum, conjugi piaefecit (monumentum).

(2.) By CHARLES POYNTZ STEWART, M.A., F.S.A. Scot.

Two Medals in Bronze. Obverse, bust of the Pontiff, and the inscription, "GREGORIUS XIII PONT. MAX. AN. I."; reverse, an Angel with the cross in the left hand and a drawn sword in the right, over a heap of slaughtered Huguenots, and the inscription, "VGONOTTORVM STRAGES 1572."

In a letter accompanying the donation Mr Stewart says :—"I beg to offer for the acceptance of the Society two medals, which I purchased last February in Rome, and which are struck from the die now in the Vatican Mint, where I purchased them. These medals were struck in 1572 by order of Gregory XIII. to perpetuate the memory of the massacre of St Bartholomew's Day; and as the existence of the medal is often strenuously denied, it may be interesting for our Society to possess authentic ones. Perhaps you will have them placed in a case side by side, so as to show both designs."

This medal is described and figured in a work entitled "Numismata Pontificum Romanorum quae a tempore Martini V. usque ad annum MDCXCIX vel autoritate publica vel privato genio in lucem prodire. Explicata a P. Philippo Bonanni Societatis Jesu, Romae MDCXCIX.

(3.) By MR DAVID BENNET, through Alexander Laing, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., Newburgh.

Portion of dress found with human skeletons in a moss near Culrain, Ross-shire.

- (4.) By THOMAS MACKENZIE, Esq., Sheriff-Substitute, Dornoch, F.S.A. Scot.

Two portions of dress, part of a shoe of leather, six human teeth, and portion of hair found at the same time as the preceding donation in a moss at Culrain. Several skeletons were discovered in cutting peats, lying irregularly in the moss, and completely clad. The clothing was taken away in fragments by people who came to see the place, attracted by the rumour of the discovery. The pieces now recovered are three small fragments of cloth of different texture, none of them exceeding 3 inches square. The cloth appears to be woollen and coarse linen, well woven, and not greatly decayed.

- (5.) By Rev. JOHN BROWN, Manse of Kinclaven, Perthshire.

Spindle $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, broken at the end which had the nick for the thread. Three stone whorls, one $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, the other two each 1 inch in diameter. The spindle and whorls belonged to an old woman in the parish of Kinclaven, by whom they were formerly used.

- (6.) By DAVID DOUGLAS, Esq., Treasurer.

Silver-gilt Reliquary in the form of a locket, shaped like a Maltese Cross $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length and ornamented with engraved patterns of trefoils and quatrefoils, found at Threave Castle, in the parish of Balmaghie, Kirkeudbrightshire.

Leaden Communion Token of the church of Whithorn, 1744. It is oblong and quadrangular in shape, and bears on the one side WHIT. 1744, and on the other M. A. A. D.

- (7.) By Professor DUNS, D.D., Vice-President.

Catalogue of the works of art forming the collection of Robert Napier of West Shandon, Dumbartonshire, mainly compiled by J. C. Robinson, F.S.A. London. Privately printed. 8vo. 1865.

(8.) By Miss MARTHA BROWN of Lanfine.

A Broadside Proclamation by King James II. for apprehending several Traitors and Fugitives, dead or alive, viz.—Sir John Cochrane of Ochiltree; Sir Patrick Home of Polwart; Archibald Campbell, son to the Lord Neil Campbell; Charles and John Campbell, sons of Archibald Campbell; — Pringle of Torwoodlie; Sir Duncan Campbell of Auchinbreck, and others concerned in the rising headed by the Earl of Argyle,—given at Edinburgh 24th June 1685.

Also “A Declaration by the King’s Majesty to his subjects of the Kingdoms of Scotland, England, and Ireland” in favour of the Solemn League and Covenant and Work of Reformation. Edinburgh, printed by Evan Tyler, Printer to the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, 1650,—a quarto pamphlet of 14 pages.

(9.) By WILLIAM FORBES of Medwyn, Foreign Secretary.

The Works of Sallust, with Essays on the Life of the Historian. By HENRY STEUART, LL.D. Two vols, 4to.

(10.) By THOMAS ELDER HENRY, Esq., Dalkey.

Æncida. By THOMAS E. HENRY, Vol. II. 8vo. 1878.

(11.) By JAMES MILN, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Archæological Researches at Carnac and the Bosseno. Imp. 8vo. 1877.

(12.) By JAMES BURGESS, Esq., the Editor.

The Indian Antiquary. 4to. Parts 52–96. April 1876 to August 1879.

(13.) By Dr R. ANGUS SMITH, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Loch Etive and the Sons of Uisneach. 8vo. 1879.

(14.) By the ROYAL UNIVERSITY, Christiania.

Foreningen til Norske Mindesmaerkers Bevaring, Aarsberetning for 1875–77. 8vo.

Norske Oldsager i Fremmede Museer, af Ingvald Undset. 4to. 1878.

Den Norske Traeskjaerkunst, af Dietrichsen. 8vo. 1878.

Diplomatarium Norvegicum. Vol. IX. 8vo.

Norske Rigsregistranter, 1631-37. 8vo.

Norske Bygninger fra Fortiden. Anden Raekke, 8th and 9th Hefts.
Folio. 1878.

Runcindskriften paa Ringen i Forsa Kirke. 8vo.