

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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HUNDRED AND FIRST SESSION, 1880-81.

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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, *30th November* 1880.

PROFESSOR DUNS, D.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having taken place, the following Gentlemen were elected FELLOWS of the Society:—

JOHN BORLAND, Etruria Bank, Kilmarnock.  
ALEXANDER BRUCE, Millhill, Mintlaw, Aberdeenshire.  
COLIN DUNLOP DONALD, jun., Writer, Glasgow.  
JAMES DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, 223 West George Street, Glasgow.  
JOHN HOPE FINLAY, W.S., 26 Glencairn Crescent.  
RICHARD S. FERGUSON, F.S.A., Lowther Street, Carlisle.  
SYMINGTON GRIEVE, Salisbury View, Dalkeith Road.  
DANIEL FOWLER HOWORTH, Stamford Terrace, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
GEORGE JAMIESON, Lord Provost of Aberdeen.  
JOHN KENNEDY, M.A., J.P., and Deputy-Lieutenant of Ayrshire,  
Underwood, Kilmarnock.  
ROBERT MACGREGOR (H.M. Exchequer), 58 Grange Loan.  
CHARLES MITCHELL, Kintrockat, Brechin.  
ALEXANDER PATERSON, M.D., Bridge of Allan.

JAMES R. PATTERSON, Ph.D., President of the Agricultural College,  
Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A.  
ADAM B. RICHARDSON, 16 Coates Crescent.  
REV. W. B. ROBERTSON, D.D., Bridge of Allan.  
JAMES ADAMS WENLEY, Treasurer, Bank of Scotland, 5 Drumshough  
Gardens.

The Office-Bearers of the Society for the ensuing year were elected as follows :—

*Patron.*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

*President.*

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, K.T.

*Vice-Presidents.*

Professor JOHN DUNS, D.D.  
Rev. THOMAS MACLAUCHLAN, LL.D.  
R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, LL.D., M.P.

*Councillors.*

JAMES T. GIBSON-CRAIG, } *Representing the Board of Trustees.*  
FRANCIS ABBOTT, }  
W. F. SKENE, LL.D., D.C.L.  
Professor AENEAS J. G. MACKAY, LL.B.  
Professor NORMAN MACPHERSON, LL.D.  
Captain F. W. L. THOMAS, R.N.  
JOHN R. FINDLAY.  
Right Hon. THE EARL OF STAIR.  
Sir J. NOEL PATON, Kt., LL.D.

*Secretaries.*

ARTHUR MITCHELL, M.D., LL.D.  
JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D.  
JOSEPH ANDERSON, *Assistant Secretary.*

*Secretaries for Foreign Correspondence.*

WILLIAM FORBES.

THOMAS DICKSON, H.M. General Register House.

*Treasurer.*

DAVID DOUGLAS, 9 Castle Street.

*Curators of the Museum.*

ROBERT CARFRAE.

WILLIAM FETTES DOUGLAS, R.S.A.

*Curator of Coins.*

GEORGE SIM.

*Librarian.*

JOHN TAYLOR BROWN.

*Auditors.*

ROBERT HUTCHISON.

THOMAS B. JOHNSTON.

*Publisher.*

DAVID DOUGLAS, 9 Castle Street.

The following list of the names of Fellows deceased was read by the Secretary :—

<i>Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected</i>
JAMES W. BAILLIE, of Culterallers, . . . .	1871
Rev. JOHN DUNCAN, D.D., Scoonie, . . . .	1870
WILLIAM MUIR, of Innistrynich, . . . .	1860
ALEXANDER BANNATYNE STEWART, of Ascog, . . . .	1878
JOHN WHITE, of Netherurd, . . . .	1870

The Secretary then read to the Meeting the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees, approved by the Council, and ordered to be transmitted to the Lords of H.M. Treasury as follows :—

“ANNUAL REPORT of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland to the Honourable the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland, for the year ending 30th September 1880.

“During the past year the Museum has been open as formerly, except during the month of November, when it was closed as usual for cleaning and re-arrangement.

“The following table shows the number of visitors for each month during the year, distinguishing between day visitors and visitors on the Saturday evenings, viz. :—

MONTHS.	DAY VISITORS.	SATURDAY EVENINGS.	TOTAL.
October .....	5,370	530	5,900
December.....	4,949	545	5,494
January.....	13,981	934	14,915
February .....	3,332	639	3,971
March.....	4,124	563	4,692
April .....	4,016	469	4,485
May.....	6,895	868	7,763
June.....	10,969	688	11,657
July.....	14,903	1,200	16,103
August.....	12,341	799	13,140
September.....	11,025	1,041	12,066
Total.....	91,905	8,281	100,186
Previous Year....	98,456	8,142	106,598
Decrease.....	6,551		6,412
Increase.....		139	

“During the year 319 articles of antiquity have been presented to the Museum, and the Donations to the Library amount to 159 volumes of books and pamphlets.”

(Signed)

ARTHUR MITCHELL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, 13th December 1880.

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

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

(1.) By Mr JOHN RAE, 16 Hanover Street,  
Aberdeen.

Cast of a finely-worked implement of the type called "Flaking Tools" or Fabricators, of flint,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, found on the Hill of Corrennie, Aberdeenshire. In form and size it greatly resembles a specimen in the Museum from Fordoun, Kincardineshire, figured in the Proceedings, vol. xi. p. 25.

An Implement of Iron fixed in the end of a cylindrical wooden handle; the length of the handle 19 inches, diameter 1 inch; the length of the iron part of the implement 10 inches. It consists of an iron stalk ornamented by four parallel spiral twists, and terminating in an S-shaped knife or chopper blade, 2 inches wide, and  $4\frac{3}{4}$  in greatest length from curve to curve; the cutting edge is on the end of the implement, so that it must be used vertically with a chopping motion. It is called by the donor a "Kail-gully" and is said to be used in Aberdeenshire for chopping cabbages.

A Knife of peculiar form used in Aberdeenshire for splitting fir-wood. It has a stout blade  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by an inch in breadth, firmly



Flint Implement found  
on the Hill of Co-  
rennie, Aberdeenshire  
( $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long).

fixed into a handle of wood, 4 inches long, and with a lead mounting round the end in which the blade is inserted.

Two Bread-spades, being spade-shaped tools of iron used for turning oat-cakes when baked upon the girdle.

Cast of a polished Stone Hammer 4 inches in length, 2 inches in breadth, and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in thickness, the butt end oval and ground flat, the other end wedge-shaped, the part of the body of the hammer through which the hole for the handle is drilled swells out, and the faces for a quarter of an inch round the margin of the hole are ground flat. The precise form is not otherwise known in this country, but one very like it occurs in Denmark. This specimen, however, is supposed to have been found in Aberdeenshire.

Cast of a Stone Ball  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches diameter, with six projecting knobs flattened at the extremities similar to those figured and described by Dr J. A. Smith in the "Proceedings," vol. xi. p. 29.

(2.) By Mr DAVID DOUGLAS, Writer to the Signet.

Small Urn, of the so-called "Incense-cup" type, 2 inches high,  $2\frac{3}{4}$



Urn found at Craigdhu, North Queens-  
ferry (2 inches high).

inches diameter, ornamented externally in the upper part by a triple row of impressions made with a pointed tool; a single line drawn horizontally round the urn divides this punctulated band from the lower part, which is ornamented by two parallel rows of zig-zags and a single row of punctulations round the bottom. The upper edge and the inside of the lip of the urn are also ornamented as shown in the accompanying woodcut. The urn con-

tains a few fragments of burned bones. A notice of its discovery is

given in the "Proceedings," vol. ii. p. 533, and also in the "Historical and Statistical Account of Dunfermline," by Rev. Peter Chalmers, D.D., vol. ii. p. 387, where a figure of the urn is given. It was found in May 1857 in a mound or cairn at Craighdu, North Queensferry, which had long been known by the name of Cromwell's Mount. In clearing away the mound three cists were found, the largest from 5 to 6 feet in length, the second about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length, and the third still smaller, being only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length and about a foot wide. In the largest cist there were found fragments of a large urn which must have been about a foot in diameter, and which had been placed bottom uppermost. Within it was the small cup-shaped urn now presented to the museum. A portion of the larger urn which has been preserved is also presented with it. The fragment is part of the rim of a large and ornate urn showing remains of a raised band of zig-zag ornamentation under the rim, the whole surface being also covered with circular impressions apparently made with the end of a twig. In its general appearance it closely resembles another fragment in the museum from Burreldales, Aberdeenshire.

(3.) By Mr GEORGE M'CRIE, Corquoy, Island of Rousay, Orkney.

Urn of Steatite,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, found in a sepulchral tumulus; one of five recently excavated at Corquoy, Island of Rousay. (See the subsequent communication by Mr M'Crie.)

(4.) By Mrs J. A. CAMPBELL of Inverawe, through Mr DONALD BEITH, W.S., F.S.A. Scot.

Stone Ball  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter, with five large and one smaller disc slightly projecting from the circumference, of the character of the stone balls described and figured in the "Proceedings," vol. xi. p. 29, by Dr John Alexander Smith. One of the discs is ornamented with engraved parallel lines, the rest are plain. The ball is understood to have been found in the neighbourhood of Inverawe.

Portion of a Highland Brooch of Brass, with engraved ornament, found in the same neighbourhood.

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

Celt of mottled greenstone  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in breadth, from Sandalwood Island, Malay Archipelago.

(6.) By Rev. W. MASON INGLIS, Minister of Auchterhouse.

Hammerstone of quartzite, a rounded water-worn pebble 5 inches long by 3 inches broad abraded by use at both ends, from the parish of Auchterhouse.

(7.) By the Rev. ANDREW MELDRUM, Minister of Logierait.

Socket stone of white quartz,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches broad, and 3 inches thick, with hole worn by the spindle of the upper millstone, on both sides, found at Ballinluig near Logierait.

Stone Cup with broken handle, 5 inches diameter, the cavity 3 inches diameter and 2 inches deep, and having a circular hole  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter worn in the bottom, found at Corry Charmaig, in Glenlochay, near Killin.

(8.) By Mr JAMES CHISHOLM, F.S.A. Scot.

Stone Bush for the horizontal axle of a water-wheel;  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, 3 inches broad, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick, the bed of the axle 2 inches deep.

Old Scottish Pistol.

(9.) By Miss MILLER, Home Park, Aberdour.

The Essays, or Morall, Politike, and Millitarie Discourses of Michaell de Montaigne, translated by John Florio, folio, 1603.

(10.) By the Local Authority of the Parish of Glenluce, through the Right Hon. the EARL OF STAIR, F.S.A. Scot.

Sculptured stone, being an oblong boulder of greywacke 5 feet 6 inches in length,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  inches in breadth, and about 5 inches thick, rounded and water-worn on the back, the edges and the front partly dressed, and bearing on its flat face at the top an equal-armed cross, and below it a pattern of interlaced work reaching nearly to the bottom of the stone. It was dug up



in the churchyard of Glenluce many years ago, and for a long time formed a seat at the door of a house in the village.

(11.) By JOHN H. J. STEWART, Esq.,  
F.S.A. Scot.

The Stewarts of Appin. By John H. J. Stewart, F.S.A. Scot., and Lieut.-Colonel Duncan Stewart, late 92d Highlanders. 4to, 1880. Printed for private circulation.

(12.) By JOHN SHEDDEN DOBIE, Esq.,  
F.S.A. Scot.

The Church of Kilbirnie, 4to, 1880. Reprint from the Collections of the Ayrshire and Wigtownshire Archæological Association.

(13.) By the SOCIÉTÉ POLYMATHIQUE  
DE MORBIHAN.

Bulletin de la Société Polymathique de Morbihan. 1878-79. 8vo. Vannes.

(14.) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Calendar of State Papers, Foreign, 1575-1577.

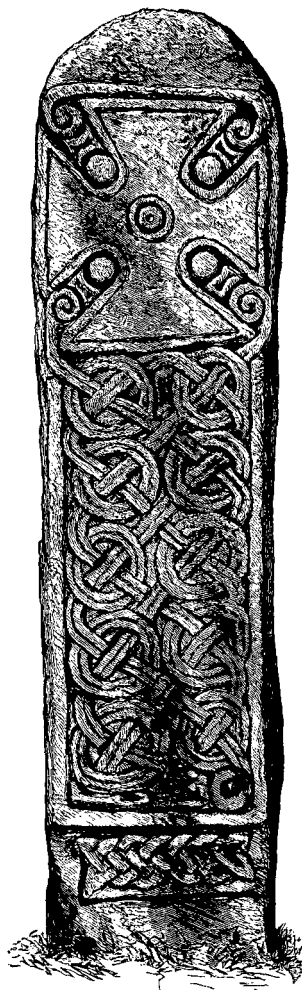
Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic. Henry VIII. Vol. v., 1531-1532.

There were also exhibited :—

(1.) By JOHN STEUART, of Dalguise,  
through CHARLES D. BELL,  
F.S.A. Scot.

The Harp called "Queen Mary's Harp." The Harp called the "Lamont Harp." Two ancient Highland Targets.

(See the subsequent paper by Charles D. Bell, F.S.A. Scot.)



Sculptured Stone from Glenluce  
(5½ feet high).

- (2.) By Mrs GORDON of Cluny, through ALEXANDER ROSS, Architect, Inverness, F.S.A. Scot.

Sculptured Stone, bearing on obverse a Cross of Celtic style, and on reverse an inscription in Scandinavian Runes, from Kilbar, Barra. (See the subsequent paper by Professor George Stephens, F.S.A. Scot.)

- (3.) By LORD DUNGLAS.

Massive Silver Chain of double links, with plain terminal penannular link, found at Hordwell, Berwickshire. (See the subsequent paper by Dr John Alexander Smith.)

- (4.) By Mr JOHN RAE, 16 Hanover Street, Aberdeen.

Two perforated Stone Hammers. Four ornamented Stone Balls. One oblong Stone Implement, with a groove round the middle. One long, finely-worked "Flaking Tool" of Flint. One Flint Saw, serrated on front and back. A Fir-gully.

The following Communications were read :—