

MONDAY, 14th March 1881.

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

The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF TWEEDDALE, a Peer of the Realm, was admitted a Fellow, without ballot.

A Ballot having been taken, the following Gentlemen were duly admitted Fellows.

THE HON. ROBERT BAILLIE HAMILTON, Langton.
 CHAS. HENDERSON, S.S.C., 2 Doune Terrace.
 ROBERT LITTLE, 6 Shandwick Place.
 PROFESSOR T. GRAINGER STEWART, M.D.
 ANDREW SEMPLE, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General, Army
 Medical Department.
 J. OLDRID SCOTT, Architect, Charing Cross, London.

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

(1.) By the Very Rev. J. R. A. CHINNERY-HALDANE of St Bride's and Ardsheallach, Dean of Argyle and the Isles.

Image or Figure of a Female, in Oak, 4 feet 9 inches high, dug up from the bottom of a peat-moss at Ballachulish, Nether Lochaber. (See the subsequent paper by Sir Robert Christison, Bart.)

(2.) By Sir ROBERT CHRISTISON, Bart.

Four Specimens of the Vitriified Stones of the Fort of Dundhairdgal in Glen Nevis.

(3.) By R. VANS AGNEW of Barnbarroch.

Brooch or ornamental Mounting of Bronze, 2 inches in diameter, ornamented with trumpet-shaped spaces, probably filled with enamel, found in Dowalton Loch, Wigtownshire. Mr Vans Agnew gives the following account of the circumstances in which it was discovered:—

“The bronze ornament or brooch was found last summer in the bed of the Loch of Dowalton by Master Alexander Gibson, grandson of Mr Alexander Cumming, the venerable tenant of the farm of Stonehouse on the shore of the lake. It was then seventeen years since the lake was drained. I have not been able to ascertain the exact spot where it was



Bronze Ornament found in Dowalton Loch.

found, but it was not far from the site of some of the crannogs. A younger brother of the finder applied the back of it to the grindstone to remove the dirt which adhered to it. Having heard that something had been found, I went to enquire, and Mr Cumming handed the brooch to me. I accepted it for the Museum, to which I think it should be considered as Mr Cumming's gift.

“When in my possession I took it to a silversmith to have it copied in silver, giving strict orders that it was not to be altered in any way, but I regret to say that before it was returned to me two small holes near the outer rim had been plugged up, and the whole seemed to have been subjected to the action of great heat.”

(4.) By Sir KENNETH MACKENZIE of Gairloch, Bart., M.P.

Penannular Ring of Bronze, with expanded cup-shaped ends. It is formed of a solid cylindrical ring of cast bronze, $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch thick,

slightly flattened in the middle, and expanding to the extremities, which open in cups of circular form 2 inches in diameter. It formed one of a number of bronze objects found in May 1877 in digging peats on the high ground overlooking the river Ewe on the north side, near the public school at Poolewe, Ross-shire, as described by Mr Jolly in the "Proceedings" (New Series), vol. ii. p. 46. This type of penannular ring in bronze is more common in Ireland than in Scotland, this being the only specimen yet known in this country.

(5.) By ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., M.D., F.S.A. Scot., Kilmarnock.

Fragment of Bead of Red and Yellow Vitreous Paste; small fragments of Pottery, Bone, &c.; and of Polished Stone, found on Donald's Isle, Loch Doon, Ayrshire.

(6.) By W. IVISON MACADAM, F.C.S., F.I.C., Lecturer on Chemistry.

Large Spindle and its Whorl; two large Stone Whorls with iron hooks, and one Leaden Whorl, for twisting "imps"; one large Earthenware Whorl. (See the previous communication by Mr W. Ivison Macadam.)

(7.) By Mr GEORGE SINCLAIR, Bualianvole, Swiney, near Lybster, Caithness.

Stone Ball, of fine-grained Sandstone, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, with six circular facets, separated from each other by slight hollows worked in the stone. It was found in a peat moss on the hill of Benicheillt in the parish of Latheron, Caithness, and belongs to the class of stone balls described (with figures) by Dr John Alexander Smith in the "Proceedings," vol. xi. pp. 29 and 313.

(8.) By ROBERT SIM, M.D., through GEORGE SIM, F.S.A. Scot.

Large Globular Vase of Reddish Clay, 9 inches high and $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter at the mouth, with two looped handles; elongated Vase of Reddish Clay 7 inches in length by $1\frac{3}{4}$ in greatest diameter, tapering to the top and bottom; Oval-shaped Vase of Reddish Clay with long narrow neck 6 inches in length and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in greatest diameter; Flat-bottomed

Vase, globular above, with short neck expanding to the mouth, which is $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, and looped handle at one side of the neck. The outside of the vase, which is of reddish clay, is painted black. These four vases were recently dug up at Cumæ, in Italy.

(9.) By W. FETTES DOUGLAS, R.S.A., F.S.A. Scot.

Bronze Arrow-head, socketed, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and Iron Arrow-head with tang, 2 inches in length; from Italy.

(10.) By JOHN E. SIBBALD, F.S.A. Scot.

Iron Head of a socketed Chisel or Wedge, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, having some resemblance in form to a socketed Celt; from Fribourg, Switzerland.

(11.) By THOMAS CHAPMAN, Hanover Street.

Old Scotch Crusie of Iron (under shell only) with twisted hook.

(12.) By THOMAS CHAPMAN, jun., F.S.A. Scot.

Small Brand in Silver, formed of the initials "I. S." divided by a heart, said to have been for marking Slaves; from St George, West Indies.

(13.) By J. R. FINDLAY, F.S.A. Scot.

Corografia, Fisica, Storica, e Statistica dell' Italia e delle sue Isole, &c., di Attilio Zuccagni-Orlandini. 17 Vols. in 12, 8vo, and Atlas of Plates in 5 Vols., large folio. Florence, 1835-1845.

(14.) By the LORD CLERK-REGISTER OF SCOTLAND.

Exchequer Rolls of Scotland. Vol. IV. Edited by George Burnett, Lyon King of Arms, F.S.A. Scot.

(15.) By ROBERT DICKSON, Carnoustie, F.S.A. Scot.

Who was Scotland's first Printer? 8vo; London, 1881, pp. 24.

(16.) By JAMES CRUIKSHANK ROGER, F.S.A. Scot.

Two Lithographic Impressions of Drawings of Stone Monuments at Govan.

Two Lithographic Impressions of Drawings of Crosses, with interlaced work, Isle of Man, and Fragment found at Castlefield, Manchester.

Pencil Drawing of Urn found at Stirling.

Pencil Drawing of Urn, and small Cup-shaped Urn, &c., found at Keir.

(17.) By ALEXANDER NICHOLSON, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Editor.

A Collection of Gaelic Proverbs and Familiar Phrases. 8vo., Edinburgh, 1881.

The following Communications were read :—