

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

HUNDRED AND FOURTH SESSION, 1883-4.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1883.

ARTHUR MITCHELL, M.D., LL.D., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

The Vice-President made the announcement that the Council at their last meeting had unanimously elected Mrs RAMSAY, Kildalton, a Lady Associate of the Society.

On the recommendation of the Council, the Rev. J. COLLINGWOOD BRUCE, LL.D., Newcastle-on-Tyne, was elected an Honorary Member of the Society.

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

STAIR AGNEW, M.A., Advocate, Deputy Clerk-Register.
CHARLES M. ANDERSON, Fir-trees Cottage, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.
THOMAS BOYNTON, Ulrome Grange, Yorkshire.
Rev. G. F. BROWNE, B.D., St Catherine's College, Cambridge.
RICHARD VARY CAMPBELL, Advocate, 37 Moray Place.
WALTER THOMSON CURRIE, Solicitor, Dundee.
WILLIAM GEMMILL, M.B., C.M., Drumore, Stranraer.
JAMES GUTHRIE, Scottish Club, London.
JAMES ISLES, St Ninians, Blairgowrie.
WILLIAM JAPP, Solicitor, Alyth.

JAMES H. LAMB, Viewbank, Brechin.
 EDWIN B. LIVINGSTON, 22 Great St Helens, London.
 ALEXANDER MACBAIN, M.A., Rector of Raining's School, Inverness.
 GEORGE MACGREGOR, 30 Roselea Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow.
 PATRICK MURRAY, W.S., 12 Ann Street.
 JAMES STEWART ROBERTSON of Edradynate.
 GEORGE TAIT, 2 Cumin Place.
 ROBERT CRAWFURD WALKER, Solicitor, Dundee.

The Secretary having read the Minute of the Council relative to the vacancies by rotation in the Council, and also to those caused by the lamented death of the late Dr John Alexander Smith, one of the Secretaries, and by the retirement of Mr David Douglas from the Treasurership, the meeting agreed to record their high appreciation of the valuable services of Mr Douglas in the responsible office of Treasurer for the long period of twelve years, a period of financial prosperity unexampled in the history of the Society.

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

Patron.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President.

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF LOTHIAN, K.T., LL.D.

Vice-Presidents.

The Right Hon. The EARL OF STAIR.

ARTHUR MITCHELL, M.D., LL.D.

The Right Hon. The EARL OF ROSEBERY, LL.D.

Councillors.

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| Sir J. NOEL-PATON, Kt., | } <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i> | JOHN J. REID, B.A. |
| LL.D., R.S.A., | | DAVID DOUGLAS. |
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| ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., M.D. | | STAIR AGNEW, M.A. |

| | Elected |
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| WILLIAM TULLIS, | 1867 |
| ALEXANDER WALKER of Findynate, | 1874 |
| ARCHIBALD WATT of Denmylne, | 1871 |
| The Right Hon. The EARL OF WEMYSS AND MARCH, | 1875 |

The meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society has sustained in the deaths of these members. And with reference to the death of Dr John Alexander Smith, who had been twice Vice-President of the Society, and who had been for twenty-seven years one of its Secretaries, and had also been one of the Editors of its *Proceedings* ever since their commencement in 1851, the meeting specially desire to record their deep sense of the greatness of the loss the Society has sustained, with an expression of their high esteem for his personal qualities, and their appreciation of his numerous and valuable services to Archæology.

The Right Hon. LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE was for upwards of thirty years President of the British Archæological Institute. He presided at the meeting of the Institute, held in Edinburgh in 1856, and it was mainly owing to his influence that many of the objects brought together to the temporary Museum of the Institute were gifted to the Society's Collection, then on the point of being permanently established as the National Museum of Antiquities.

WILLIAM CHAMBERS, LL.D. of Glenormiston, Peeblesshire, survivor of the two brothers who were the original partners of the well-known publishing firm of W. & R. Chambers, was Lord Provost of the city of Edinburgh from 1865 to 1869, and principal promoter of the Improvement Scheme, which has so greatly altered the appearance of the older portions of the city. Though he did not contribute papers to the Society, he was author of a number of interesting sketches of Scottish Family History, and of a *History of Peeblesshire*. The restoration of the Collegiate Church of St Giles, which he had generously undertaken at his own expense, was scarcely finished when he died.

THOMAS COATS of Ferguslie, Paisley, possessed the largest private col-

lection of Scottish coins extant. A detailed catalogue, copiously illustrated (which will practically be a descriptive catalogue of the Scottish coinage), is in preparation by Mr Edward Burns, a Fellow of the Society, and will shortly be published, in accordance with the wishes of Mr Coats.

JOHN MERRY ROSS, LL.D., born at Kilmarnock in 1833, was educated for the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church. In 1866 he became Senior English Master of the High School of Edinburgh, and received his degree from the University of Glasgow in 1874. He edited the *Globe Encyclopædia*, and was author of a posthumous work on *Scottish History and Literature to the Period of the Reformation*.

Dr JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, born in Edinburgh in 1818, educated at the High School and the University, from which he obtained the degree of M.D. in 1840, became a Fellow of the Society in 1849. In 1852 he was appointed one of the Secretaries of the Society in conjunction with Dr Daniel Wilson. On Dr Wilson's removal to Canada in 1853, Dr Smith continued to hold the office of Secretary, first in conjunction with the late Alexander Christie, who succeeded Dr Wilson, and then in conjunction with the late Dr John Stuart, who succeeded Mr Christie, until in 1870 he was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, and was succeeded in the Secretaryship by Dr Arthur Mitchell. Dr Smith was again elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society in 1875. On the death of Dr John Stuart in 1877, he was again appointed to the office of Secretary in conjunction with Dr Mitchell, and continued to hold this office, as the colleague, successively of Dr Mitchell and Mr J. R. Findlay till his decease. For upwards of thirty years he was also a prominent member of the Royal Physical Society, of which he was successively Secretary and President, having held the former office for the long period of twenty-one years. In 1863 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society, and contributed occasional papers to its *Proceedings* and *Transactions*. In 1865 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and on the death of Dr Somerville in

1874 the Fellows of the College chose him as their Treasurer. Although he was an accomplished Physician, circumstances had made it unnecessary for him to press for professional work. His scientific tastes went strongly in directions which took him away from strictly professional studies, and he became thus perhaps more of a naturalist and archæologist than of a medical man. Indeed, he occupied a very distinguished position as a student of natural history and antiquities, and his work in these directions led to large and important additions to knowledge. Even in archæology he showed a special bias for natural history, and his papers on the Ancient Wild Cattle of Scotland and on the extinct *feræ nature* of the country, bear witness to the thoroughness of his work in this direction.

*List of Papers contributed to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
by Dr John Alexander Smith.*

- Notices of various Discoveries of Roman Remains at the Red Abbeystead, near the village of Newstead, Roxburghshire, with an endeavour to localise the Site of the Roman Station of Trimontium, in the neighbourhood of the Eildon Hills. Read 21st May 1850. Printed in *Arch. Scot.*, vol. iv. p. 422.
- Notice of an Inscribed Stone found near Newstead, Roxburghshire, in 1783, with an attempt to trace its existence in one of the Altars now in the Society's Museum. Read 28th May 1851. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. i. p. 30.
- Notice of various Roman Coins found in the Red Abbeystead, and adjoining fields to the east of the village of Newstead, Roxburghshire. Read 12th January 1852. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. i. p. 33.
- Notice of a Roman Bronze Patella, dug up on the Farm of Temple, Roxburghshire. Read 12th April 1852. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. i. p. 69.
- Notice of the Remains of an Ancient Stone Building, discovered near the village of Newstead, Roxburghshire. Read 13th June 1853. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. i. p. 213.
- Notice of an Incised Sepulchral Slab found some years ago near Newstead, Roxburghshire. Read 26th December 1853. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. i. p. 229.

- Notes on Melrose Abbey, especially in reference to Inscriptions on the Wall of the South Transept. Read 14th January 1856. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ii. p. 166; with an additional Note, p. 295.
- Notes on some Sepulchral Cists, and on the Latin Inscription upon one of the Standing Stones near Yarrow Kirk, Selkirkshire. Read 13th July 1857. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ii. p. 484.
- Notice of Bronze Relics, &c., found in the Island of Skye. Read 8th March 1858. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iii. p. 101.
- Notice of an Anglo-Saxon Styca of Osbercht, King of Northumbria. Read 14th June 1859. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iii. p. 300.
- Additional Notes in reference to the Inscribed Stone found near Yarrow Kirk, Selkirkshire. Read 12th May 1862. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iv. p. 524.
- Note of a Peculiar Stone Mould found near Jedburgh. Read 9th February 1863. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. v. p. 53.
- Remarks on a Bronze Implement, and Bones of the Ox and Dog, found in a bed of undisturbed gravel at Kinleith, near Currie, Mid-Lothian. Read 13th April 1863. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. v. p. 84.
- Notice of a Roman Aureus of Nero, found near Newstead, Roxburghshire. Read 13th April 1863. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. v. p. 108.
- Notice of Fragments of Roman Pottery, Lead, Iron, Brass Coins of Hadrian, &c., recently found near Newstead, Roxburghshire. Read 13th June 1864. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. v. p. 360.
- Notice of a long-shaped Cist, with Skeleton, found near Yarrow Kirk, Selkirkshire. Read 31st January 1865. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vi. p. 62.
- On the Use of the Mustard Cap and Bullet in the North of Scotland. Read 12th June 1865. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vi. p. 255.
- Notice of Three small Bronze Blades or Instruments believed to be Razors, and a Bronze Socketed Celt in the Museum of the Society; with Remarks on other small Bronze Blades. Read 12th February 1866. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vi. p. 357.
- Notice of a Bronze Battle Axe found near Bannockburn in 1785, and now in the Museum of the Society. Read 12th February 1866. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vi. p. 372.
- Notice of an Original Letter of King James II. to MacDonald of Keppoch, after the Battle of Killiecrankie; three Letters of General Monck; also some Documents relating to Rob Roy MacGregor, and to Simon Lord Lovat. Read 13th May 1867. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vii. p. 248.

- Notice of a remarkable Bronze Ornament, with Horns, found in Galloway, now at Abbotsford; also of a Bronze Ornament like a Swine's Head, found in Banffshire. Read 9th December 1864. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vii. p. 334.
- Notes on Bronze Sickles, with special reference to those found in Scotland. Read January 1868. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vii. p. 375.
- Notice of a small Bronze Blade found in a Cinerary Urn at Balblair, Sutherlandshire; also two small Bronze Plates in the collection of His Grace the Duke of Sutherland. Read 11th May 1868. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. vii. p. 475.
- Notice of an Under-ground Building formerly discovered in Edinburghshire. Read 14th December 1868. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. viii. p. 27.
- Notice of a Matchlock, with revolving Breech, taken at the capture of Delhi. Read 11th February 1869. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. viii. p. 59.
- Notice of a third Brass of Romulus, son of Maxentius, and other Coins found at Paestum. Read 10th May 1869. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. viii. p. 170.
- Notice of Remains of the Rein Deer (*Cervus tarandus*), found in Ross-shire, Sutherland, and Caithness; with Notes of its Occurrence throughout Scotland. Read 14th June 1869. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. viii. p. 186.
- Notice of a Bronze Harpoon found on the Banks of the Tweed, near Norham. Read 10th January 1870. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. viii. p. 292.
- Notice of Ancient Feeding Bottles for Infants, with Notes of the Discovery of similar Vessels in Gallo-Roman Graves, and instances of their Occurrence in England. Read 13th February 1871. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ix. p. 106.
- Notice of a Cinerary Urn, containing a small-sized Urn (in which were the Bones of a Child), discovered in Fifeshire; with Notes of similar small and cup-like Vessels in the Museum of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Read 10th April 1871. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ix. p. 189.
- Notice of the Shingled Roof of the Canongate Tolbooth. Read 13th March 1871. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ix. p. 162.
- Notice of the supposed "Charter Chest of Johnny Faa," and its contents—probably the Official Box, and Plates with Trade Marks

- of the Incorporation of Pewterers of Edinburgh. Read 12th June 1871. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ix. p. 264.
- Notice of the Discovery of Remains of the Elk (*Cervus alces*, Linn., *Alces malchis*, Gray) in Berwickshire; with Notes of its Occurrence in the British Islands, more particularly in Scotland. Read 12th June 1871. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ix. p. 297.
- Notes of the Ancient Cattle of Scotland. Read 10th June 1872. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ix. p. 587.
- Notes of Rock Sculpturings of Cups and Concentric Rings, and "The Witch's Stone," on Tormain Hill; also of some Early Remains on the Kaimes Hill, near Ratho, Edinburghshire. Read 10th March 1873. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 141.
- Remarks on the Cremation of the Dead, especially as practised in Japan. [Illustrated by the Exhibition of a series of Drawings by Japanese.] Read 12th May 1873. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 246.
- Notice of a Silver Chain or Girdle, the property of Thomas Simson of Blainslie, Berwickshire; another in the possession of the University of Aberdeen, and of other ancient Scottish Silver Chains. Read 9th June 1873. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 321.
- Notice of a small Bronze Blade found in a Sepulchral Tumulus or Cairn at Rogart, Sutherland, and of similar Bronze Implements found in different parts of Scotland. Read 12th January 1874. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 431.
- Note on coarse green Glass Beads found at Kinloch-Rannoch, Perthshire. Read 12th January 1874. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 447.
- Notes respecting a Fragment of an Ancient Sculptured Stone or Anglo-Saxon Cross, found at Gattonside, near Melrose, and a portion of the old Cross of Jedburgh. Read 12th January 1874. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 448.
- Notice of a small Collection of Flint Implements and Arrow-heads, with portion of an ornamented Stone Ball found in Kincardineshire. Read 14th December 1874. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. xi. p. 24.
- Notice of ornamented Stone Balls found in different parts of Scotland; with Remarks on their supposed Age and Use. Read 14th December 1874. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. xi. p. 29.
- Additional Notes on small Ornamented Stone Balls found in different parts of Scotland. Read 14th June 1875. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. xi. p. 313.

- Note of the Discovery of Sepulchral Urns in Fair Isle. Read 8th May 1876. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. xi. p. 530.
- Notice of Oblong and Horse-shoe shaped Flint Implements and Arrow-heads, found recently in Kincardineshire. Read 12th June 1876. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. xi. p. 575.
- Ancient Graves recently discovered on the shores of the Firth of Forth, near Hopetoun, Linlithgowshire. Read 8th January 1877. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. xii. p. 65.
- Notice of the Horns of Cattle (the Horny Sheaths of the Horns), found in Bogs in Roxburghshire and Aberdeenshire. Read 14th January 1878. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. xii. p. 493.
- Notice of the Remains of the Great Auk, or Gare-fowl (*Alca impennis*, Linn.), found in Caithness; with Notes of its Occurrence in Scotland, and of its Early History. Read 13th January 1879. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. i. (New Series), p. 76.
- Notice of the Skull of a large Bear (*Ursus arctos*, Linn.), found in a moss in Dumfriesshire; with Remarks on recorded references to the presence of the Bear in former times in Scotland. Read 9th June 1879. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. i. (New Series), p. 360.
- Notice of a Horn of a Rhinoceros, stated to have been found in a marl-pit in Forfarshire. Read 12th January 1880. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ii. (New Series) p. 98.
- Additional Notes to Notice of the Remains of the Great Auk (*Alca impennis*, Linn.), found in Caithness; with Notes of its Occurrence in Scotland, and of its Early History. Read 14th June 1880. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. ii. (New Series) p. 436.
- Notice of Remains of the Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*, Linn.), found in the bed of an old loch near Dundas Castle, Linlithgowshire; with Notes of Remains of Red Deer found in different Localities in the South of Scotland. Read 13th December 1880. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iii. (New Series) p. 37.
- Notice of the Discovery of a massive Silver Chain of plain double Rings or Links at Hordwell, Berwickshire; with Notes of similar Silver Chains found in Scotland. Read 13th December 1880. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iii. (New Series) p. 64.
- Notice of a massive Bronze "Late Celtic" Armlet, and two small objects of Bronze (Horse-trappings), found with a Roman Bronze Patella, at Stanhope, Peeblesshire, in 1876; with an Account of other Bronze or Brass Armlets found in Scotland. Read 15th June 1881. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iii. (New Series) p. 316.

- Notice of a large Copper-like or Brass Anvil, stated to have been found in the South of Scotland ; also of a small Ancient Bronze Anvil found in Sutherland. Read 12th December 1881. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iv. (New Series) p. 15.
- Notice of a large Cinerary Urn found on the Farm of Quarryford, East Lothian. Read 8th May 1882. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iv. (New Series) p. 297.
- Notice of a Short Cist, containing a Human Skeleton and a "Drinking Cup" Urn, found at Drem, East Lothian. Read 8th May 1882. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iv. (New Series) p. 299.
- Note of a Stone Celt found at Stobshiel, now presented to the Museum ; also of a large Cinerary Urn found at Stobshiel, Haddingtonshire, recently presented to the Museum. Read 14th June 1882. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iv. (New Series) p. 473.
- Notice of two Bronze or Brass Brooches ; also a pointed Implement of Bronze or Brass found in Sutherland. Read 14th June 1882. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. iv. (New Series) p. 492.
- Notice of a massive Bronze Armlet, the property of the Right Hon. the Earl of Strathmore. Read 8th January 1883. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. v. p. 90.
- Notes on some Stone Implements, &c., from Shetland, now presented to the Museum. Read 12th March 1883. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. v. (New Series) p. 291.
- Notice of the Occurrence of the Elk (*Cervus alces*, Linn., *Alces malchis*, Gray), recently found in Wigtownshire. Read 9th April 1883. Printed in the *Proceedings*, vol. v. p. 325.

The Secretary then read 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 1883.

During the 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, . . . | 4,382 | 613 | 4,995 |
| December, . . . | 4,219 | 498 | 4,717 |
| January, . . . | 18,350 | 668 | 19,018 |
| February, . . . | 2,506 | 547 | 3,053 |
| March, . . . | 3,225 | 329 | 3,554 |
| April, . . . | 3,735 | 295 | 4,030 |
| May, . . . | 6,601 | 346 | 6,947 |
| June, . . . | 8,150 | 311 | 8,461 |
| July, . . . | 13,046 | 424 | 13,470 |
| August, . . . | 14,080 | 332 | 14,412 |
| September, . . . | 8,643 | 585 | 9,228 |
| Total, . . . | 86,937 | 4,948 | 91,885 |
| Previous Year, . | 92,163 | 7,513 | 99,676 |
| Decrease, . . . | 5,226 | 2,565 | 7,791 |

During the year 523 objects of antiquity have been presented to the Museum, and 94 volumes of books and pamphlets to the Library.

Among these Donations may be specially mentioned a Collection of Objects obtained by the excavation of a crannog at Buston, Ayrshire. the gift of the Right Hon. the Earl of Eglinton and Winton; the Collection of Articles obtained in the excavation of the ancient fortifications of the Laws Hill, near Dundee, presented by the Representatives of the late James Neish, Esq. of the Laws, F.S.A. Scot.; a series of Casts of Sculptured Monuments in Islay, including a cast of the Kildalton Cross, presented by Mrs Ramsay of Kildalton; and a valuable Collection of Gold and Silver Ornaments found near Largo, in Fife, presented by Robert Dundas, Esq. of Arniston.

During the year 5640 objects of antiquity have also been added to the Museum, and 15 volumes of books to the Library, by purchase.

The new Catalogue of the Museum is now nearly ready for the press.

J. R. FINDLAY, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, 10th December 1883.

JOHN RAMSAY, Esq. of Kildalton, M.P., in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following Gentleman was duly elected a Fellow of the Society :—

WILLIAM WHYTE, Whitehouselee, Merchiston Crescent, Edinburgh.

The following letters, from Mrs Ramsay, Kildalton, and Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, LL.D., were communicated to the meeting :—

KILDALTON, PORT-ELLEN, *via* GREENOCK,
6th December 1883.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 30th ult., in which you inform me, that at a special meeting of the Council of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, held in Edinburgh on that day, I was elected a Lady Associate of the Society, and I have to request that you will do me the favour to express to the Council my sincere thanks and the deep sense I entertain of the high honour they have conferred on me.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient Servant,

LUCY RAMSAY.

To the Secretary of the Society of
Antiquaries of Scotland, Edinburgh.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
5th December 1883.

DEAR DR ANDERSON,—I have to-day received the diploma constituting me an Honorary Member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Will you assure your Council that I feel it to be a very great distinction to be associated in this way with a Society which has done so much and so well to promote the study of Antiquarian Science.—I am, my dear Dr Anderson, yours faithfully,

J. COLLINGWOOD BRUCE.

Joseph Anderson, Esq., LL D., Edinburgh.

The following articles, acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library, during the recess from 18th June to 30th November 1883, were exhibited to the meeting :—

1. A basket-hilted Sword, 38½ inches in length, the blade much worn,

marked in a shallow fluting ANDREA FERARA, followed by a dolphin, the basket small, globular, and clumsily made, with S-shaped side pieces.

Dirk, with wooden handle, rudely carved with a human face on both sides, the blade single-edged, $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length.

Dagger, with double-edged blade 9 inches in length, and sheath of wood carved with interlaced patterns.

2. Carved Staff, 5 feet 5 inches in length.

Polished Celt of flint (Scandinavian), $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.



Fig. 1. Highland Brooch of Brass ($4\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter).

3. Highland Brooch of brass, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, engraved with interlaced work, foliaceous scrolls, and nondescript animals (see fig. 1).

4. Thirty flint Scrapers, Flakes, &c., from Glenluce, Wigtonshire.

5. Bracket of wrought iron for a Baptismal Basin, 31 inches in length, jointed, and ornamented with *fleurs-de-lis*; Spoon Creel of wicker-work; Iron Mounting for an old timber plough; and Iron Crusie, from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.

Flat Celt of bronze, 4 inches in length by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth at the cutting face, narrowing to one inch at the upper end, part of which has been chiselled off, from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.

Polished Celt of greenstone, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth, from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.

Celt of sandstone, $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length by $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in breadth, partly polished, from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.

6. Large Hunting Knife, the blade $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, 2 inches in width, with thick back channelled for 12 inches of its length, and pierced with 11 circular holes $\frac{1}{8}$ inch diameter, which pass from side to side and meet at right angles with 11 other holes drilled in the centre channel of the back. The blade is double-edged, and tapering for $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the point. The grip of the hilt is wanting. The blade has a sheath of tooled leather with copper lining. The sheath has two side-sheaths like those of the ordinary Highland dirk. In one of these is a knife with blade $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by 1 inch in width, of the same form as the larger blade, and similarly channelled and pierced. Its handle is of wood, carved with interlaced patterns like that of the ordinary Highland dirk.

Flat Celt of bronze, $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in width at the cutting edge, with irregular surface, from Renfrewshire.

Flanged Celt, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, with stop-ridge between the flanges, the upper part damaged by hammering, from Renfrewshire.

7. Brass Sporrán Clasp, oblong, with slides, engraved on the back with the initials, D M'K, and the date 1759, the front ornamented with a row of concentric circles.

Brass Sporrán Clasp, pentagonal, ornamented with concentric circles.

8. Flat Highland Powder Horn, 10 inches in length, brass-mounted; one side engraved in panels of interlaced work, and bearing a shield of arms—three dogs' heads—with the initials I. F., and the date 1672 (see fig. 2).

Flat Highland Powder Horn, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, the small end simulating an animals' head, both the flat sides ornamented with engraved patterns of interlaced and geometric work, on one side the initials T B,



Fig. 2. Flat Powder Horn, Brass-Mounted ($6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length).

and the date 1695, on the other the initials I L inlaid in pewter or lead.

Flat Highland Powder Horn, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, pewter mounted at



Fig. 3. Flat Powder Horn, Pewter-Mounted ($8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length).

the small end, one side (see fig. 3) covered with engraved ornamentation in panels, the centres of two of the panels filled with quaintly rendered figures of a lion and unicorn, the panel which has contained two initials

with a heart between them defaced; on the other side the rudely scratched initials w s, and the date 1783.

9. Drinking Cup of horn, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, ornamented with semi-circular lines; Egg-Cup of turned wood; Blade of an old toothed Reaping Hook; Spindle of wood; Yarn-Winder of wood; Door-Key of iron; and Hammer-Stone, from Bonar Bridge, Sutherlandshire.

10. Collection of Flint Arrow-heads, viz.:—Four from Banffshire, one from Whaligo (Caithness), seven from Elginshire, thirteen from Forfarshire, and forty-nine from Aberdeenshire.

11. Stone Whorl, of dark-coloured stone $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter, found at Linlithgow.

Leaden Seal, with the Hamilton Arms in the centre, and round the shield the inscription M. IACOBI . HAMILTOVN, also found at Linlithgow. James Hamilton, M.A., studied and obtained his degree at the University of St Andrews 25th July 1668, and was admitted minister of Borrowstounness in 1677. Two men were scourged for an assault upon him in that year. He died in 1685, in the seventh year of his ministry.

12. Polished Celt of indurated sandstone, 7 inches in length by 3 inches in breadth across the cutting face, the butt and sides rounded, ploughed up at Mersington, Berwickshire.

13. A Scottish Gold coin, the Lion of James II.

14. Square Crusie of wrought iron, with upper and under shells, probably for use as a street lamp.

Small flat Powder Horn, plain.

15. Collection of upwards of a thousand Arrow-heads, Implements of Flint, &c., from the Culbin Sands, Elginshire.

16. The Orkneys and Shetlands: Their Past and Present State. By John R. Tudor. 8vo. London, 1883.

17. Historical Sketches of Scone. By J. D. Urquhart. 12mo. Perth, 1883.

18. Walks along the Northern Roman Wall. By George Waldie. 12mo. Linlithgow, 1883.

19. Cartularium Saxonieum: A collection of Charters relating to Anglo-Saxon History. By W. de Gray Birch. Imp. 8vo. London, 1883.

20. *Corpus Poeticum Boreale*: The Poetry of the Old Northern Tongue, from the Earliest Times to the Thirteenth Century. Edited, Classified, and Translated by Gudbrand Vigfusson and F. York Powell. 2 vols. 8vo. Oxford (Clarendon Press), 1883.

21. Cullen Church and Churchyard. By W. Cramond, M.A. 8vo. Cullen, 1883.

22. *Don John of Austria*. By the late Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Bart. (Library Edition). 2 vols. 8vo. 1883.

23. *Les Petits Bollandistes, Vies des Saints*. Septieme Edition, 17 vols. imp. 8vo. Paris, 1880.

24. *Curious Epitaphs*. By W. Andrews. 12mo. Hull, 1883.

25. *History of Tranent*. By P. M'Neill. 8vo. Edinburgh, 1883.

26. *Derrick's Image of Irelande (1581)*, with the Notes of Sir Walter Scott, Bart. Edited, with Introduction, by John Small, M.A., F.S.A. Scot. 4to. Edinburgh, 1883.

There were exhibited by J. R. FINDLAY, *Secretary* :—

Four small Statuettes of terra-cotta, from Tanagra, in Boeotia.

These exquisitely beautiful *figurinae* had been obtained by Mr Findlay at Naples. They were typical examples of a class of archæological objects of special interest on account of their artistic merits. Popular attention had been first attracted to them by the International Exhibition in the Trocadero at Paris in 1878, but attention had previously been drawn to their exceptional beauty and gracefulness of form, by articles which appeared in the *Gazette de Beaux Arts* and the *Gazette Archeologique* in 1875. Tanagra, the place of their discovery, is a small town in Greece, 20 miles due north of Athens, lying on a spur of the mountains in the eastern part of Boeotia, which separate that province from Attica. That the town was formerly of some importance is shown by the remains of its theatre, &c., but these attracted no attention until the discovery of the *figurinae*. Occasionally labourers in the vineyards had come on tombs containing vases and small terra-cotta figures, but it was only in 1872 that researches began to be conducted with something like system. The tombs were then found to be of two classes—an earlier class, scattered up and down among the fields, which contained vases of the usual character ;

and a later class, formed of great slabs of tufa, the graves being disposed in groups or arranged in regular lines. In these the *figurinae* were found sometimes to the number of three or four placed inside the cists, and sometimes in more numerous groups on the top of the tomb. Many of the figures were ornamented with gilding and colour, but it was only in dry situations that either the colours or the figures themselves were well preserved. As the prices of the best *figurinae* speedily rose to very high figures, the whole population left their vineyards to dig for the statuettes, and between 6000 and 8000 tombs were thus explored. There is nothing in ancient literature to tell us the precise intention of these figures, but they may safely be taken as conveying to us details of the familiar life of the people of this district of Greece somewhere about the commencement of the third century B.C.

The following Communications were read :—