

MONDAY, 14th April 1884.

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

The Right Honourable GAVIN CAMPBELL, EARL OF BREADALBANE AND HOLLAND, &c. &c., was admitted a Fellow of the Society without Ballot.

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

JOHN PROUDFOOT DICK of Killellan, Campbeltown.

JAMES GORDON, ex-Sheriff-Substitute of Banffshire.

JOHN MILLER GRAY, Curator, National Portrait Gallery of Scotland.

REV. ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., B.D., Old Kilpatrick.

ALEXANDER SANDISON, St Fillans.

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

(1) By JAMES HARDY, Secretary of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club.

Polished Celt of felstone,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  by 2 inches, and  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch in greatest thickness, the edges slightly rounded, the butt flattened, and the whole surface finely polished.

Small Socket Stone of chlorite slate,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter, with a socket hole  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch diameter, tapering to a point at about an inch in depth, found at Redhall.

Perforated Pebble of porphyrite,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch diameter, the hole partly natural and partly artificial, found at Old Cambus, East Lothian.

Flat oval Pebble of clay slate,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch, perforated in the middle, found at Ladykirk, East Lothian.

Disc of sandstone,  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches diameter, and somewhat irregularly shaped, perforated by a circular hole  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch diameter, found at Pinkerton, East Lothian.

Whorl of claystone, 2 inches diameter (broken), found at Cockburns-path Tower.

Scraper of whitish flint,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $1\frac{7}{8}$  inches in breadth, finely worked on three sides, found on Gullane Links (see the accompanying woodcut).



Flint Scraper found at Gullane Links ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length).

(2) By the late JOHN M'NEILLIE of H.M. Chancery Office.

Old Scottish Crusie of wrought iron, with upper and under shells.

Old Scottish Flint-Lock Pistol of steel, inlaid with silver, 11 inches in length, with bi-lobed butt, the initials ID inlaid on the stock and IA MK engraved on the lock.

(3) By Rev. J. C. HALDANE, Kingoldrum.

Stone Ball of granite, 3 inches diameter, found at Kingoldrum, Forfarshire.

(4) By Dr G. AUSTIN WALKER, Woodcot, Dollar.

Portion of Lead Piping, 17 inches in length, formed of sheet lead rolled and the edges burned together, from Castle Campbell.

(5) By Dr J. C. RATTRAY, F.S.A. Scot.

Old Brick, from Cluny Castle, Perthshire.

(6) By Col. DAVID BALFOUR of Balfour and Trenaby, F.S.A. Scot.

Flat Slab of sandstone, 15 inches in length by  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches in greatest breadth, and nearly  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness, having indentations of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch in depth, cut across its opposite edges, found in a mound near Stennis, Orkney.

Hammer-Stone or Pounding-Stone of sandstone, being an oblong pebble 4 inches in length and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in greatest diameter, wasted at the ends by use, also from a mound near Stennis, Orkney.

(7) By Sir WALTER ELLIOT of Wolfelee, F.S.A. Scot.

Six Carib Adzes of shell from Barbadoes, from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length. As there is no hard stone in Barbadoes, the ancient inhabitants used implements made of various kinds of marine shells for ordinary purposes, although they seem also to have imported implements of hard stone from other islands, or possibly even from the mainland. The large number of axes and adzes, made usually from the shell of the *Strombus gigas*, that have been discovered under rock shelters and in the gullies of Barbadoes, suggests the existence of a large native population; and as these implements are not found in the other West Indian islands, they seem to have been purely local in their origin.

(8) By JAMES ROBERTSON, 46 Clyde Street, Dumbarton.

Ribbed Bead of steatite,  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch in diameter, found at the foot of the west side of the Castle Rock, Dumbarton.

(9) By J. T. IRVINE, Architect, F.S.A. Scot.

Fragment of Ancient Glass, found in excavating the Roman Bath at Bath.

Brass Latch-mounting of Window Frame, from an old house in Lichfield.

Medal in brass of Philip V. of Spain.

Collection of Documents, Newspapers, &c., relating to Shetland.

- (10) By MRS MARGARET CRAIGIE or HOSEASON, through J. T. IRVINE, F.S.A. Scot.

Carving in Oak, with shield of arms of the Bruces of Cultmalundie, from Muness Castle, Unst, Shetland. [See the *Proceedings*, vol. iii. (New Series), for a notice of the Door Knocker of Muness Castle, bearing the same arms.]

- (11) By the SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

*Archæologia Æliana*, Part 26, Vol. IX.

Views of Old Castles, Priors, and Monasteries in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, drawn and engraved by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck. Reprinted for the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, folio, 1883.

- (12) By the INCORPORATION OF THE SKINNERS OF GLASGOW, through JOHN KIRSOP, F.S.A. Scot.

*Annals of the Skinners' Craft in Glasgow, 1516-1616.* 4to. Glasgow, 1875.

- (13) By the INCORPORATION OF THE MALTSMEN OF GLASGOW, through A. MALLOCH BAYNE, Visitor.

*Chronicles of the Maltmen Craft in Glasgow, 1605-1879.* 4to. 1879.

- (14) By the COLLEGE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW COLLEGE, EDINBURGH. *The College Calendar of the Free Church of Scotland.*

- (15) By ROBERT ATKINSON, M.A., LL.D.

*Old Irish Metric.* An Inaugural Lecture on Celtic Philology, delivered in Trinity College, Dublin.

There were exhibited :—

- (1) By HECTOR CHALMERS, Artist.

A Knife Handle, or handle of some similar implement, of carved

ivory, dug up in a garden at Culross, in the immediate vicinity of the site of the old Cistercian Monastery of Culross. The subject of the carving is the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, treated in the usual manner, but with certain quaint effects in consequence of the form of



Handle of carved Ivory found at Culross (actual size).

the handle. Thus the angel is set upon Abraham's shoulders, and catches the point of the falchion with his left hand, while with the right he points downwards behind Abraham's shoulder to the ram caught in the thicket at his feet.

The following Communications were read:—