

MONDAY, *9th June* 1884.

SIR WILLIAM FETTES DOUGLAS, P.R.S.A., in the Chair.

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

ANGUS J. BEATON, C.E., Bangor, North Wales.

JAMES BETT, Factor to the Earl of Breadalbane, Bolfracks, Aberfeldy.

JAMES ELLIS, 14 Castle Street.

ALEXANDER MACDONALD, 28 Lynedoch Street, Glasgow.

ALEXANDER C. M'INTYRE, 99 Renfield Street, Glasgow.

GEORGE SHAW AITKEN, Architect, Broughty Ferry.

THOMAS L. GALBRAITH, Town-Clerk, Stirling.

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

(1.) By JOHN EVANS, D.C.L., LL.D., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Medal of the Numismatic Society of London, in Bronze.

Anniversary Address to the Numismatic Society of London. 8vo. 1883.

On a Hoard of Bronze Objects found in Wilburton Fen, near Ely. Reprinted from the *Transactions of the Society of Antiquaries*.

(2.) By A. H. MILLAR, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Black Calendar of Scotland. Sm. 4to. 1884.

(3.) By P. H. M'KERLIE, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Earldom of Marr, with Sketch of the Times. 8vo. pp. 68.

(4.) By F. T. BARRETT, Librarian.

Reports of the Mitchell Library, 1874-1883.

(5.) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Matthæi Paris Chronica Majora. Vol. VII.

Registrum Epistolarum J. Peckham Arch. Cantuar. Vol. I.

(6.) By the KENT ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Archæologia Cantiana, Proceedings of the Archæological Society of Kent. Vol. XV. 8vo. 1884.

The following Purchases, acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library, 30th November 1883 to 7th June 1884, were also exhibited :—

1. Collection of flint Implements from Burghead, comprising eleven Arrow-heads, some imperfect; fifty-four Scrapers of various sizes, and one hundred and forty Flakes, worked or unworked.

2. Celt of felstone,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length, 2 inches across the cutting face, the edges planed flat; Celt of felstone, 4 inches in length, 2 inches across the cutting face, oval in the cross section; Celt of felstone, 3 inches in length,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch across the cutting face, oval in the cross section, and tapering to the butt,—all found at Newlands, on the Lyne Water, Peeblesshire.

3. Collection of flint Arrow-heads from Kincardineshire, viz., four with barbs and stems, and four leaf-shaped, from Arbutnot; and two with barbs and stems, and four leaf-shaped, from Glenbervie.

4. Collection of flint Implements from Duffus, Elginshire, viz., three Arrow-heads with barbs and stems; one Arrow-head, leaf-shaped; twenty-three Scrapers of various sizes; and seventy-five Flakes, worked or unworked.

Also an ancient Font of sandstone, 12 inches in diameter and 7 inches in height, the cavity 8 inches diameter and 3 inches in depth.

5. Seven collections of flint Implements, from the Sands at Findhorn, numbering about 840 specimens.

6. Neck Ornament of silver, from Barbadoes, formed of a solid rod, tapering both ways from the centre, and bent to three-quarters of a circle, with recurved ends terminating in knobs, over which is slipped a loop of the length of a quarter of the circle, ornamented with two sixpences of the reign of Queen Victoria, to fasten and complete the necklet. The thicker portion of the necklet is ornamented with patterns of punched lines and dots, and on one of its central panels there is a line of engraved characters, undecipherable.

7. Collection of flint Implements, from the parish of Drainie, Elginshire, consisting of ten Arrow-heads, fifty-five Scrapers of various sizes, and one hundred and ninety Flakes, worked or unworked.

8. Urn, 5 inches high by  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches across the mouth, rudely ornamented with parallel lines and irregular rows of impressions made by a blunt-pointed implement. The urn was found with an unburnt interment in a cist under a cairn on the Milton Hill, about half-way between Tarfside and Invermark, parish of Lochlee, Forfarshire.

9. Perforated Implement of greenstone, 5 inches by 4, with a hole through the centre 2 inches diameter, found near Neidpath; and perforated Stone Hammer of greenstone, with incurved sides,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length by 2 inches in breadth and 1 inch in thickness in the centre, the perforation for the handle  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter, from Harelaw Muir, parish of Currie, Mid-Lothian; Socket Stone for the spindle of the upper millstone of a meal or barley mill, from Glencorse.

10. One-third Sword Dollar of James VI.

11. Eight collections of flint Implements (Arrow-heads, Scrapers, and Flakes, worked or unworked), from the Culbin Sands, amounting to over 1000 specimens.

12. Two wrought iron Door Snecks, with tirling-pins, and piping-iron, with screw for affixing it to the edge of a table.

13. Celt of flinty slate, 5 inches in length by 3 inches across the cutting face, from Mellerstein, Berwickshire; Celt of greenstone, 11 inches in length by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches across the cutting face, from Earlston, Berwickshire; Bronze Palstave,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in greatest breadth across the cutting face, found at Clintshill, near Stow, Selkirkshire.

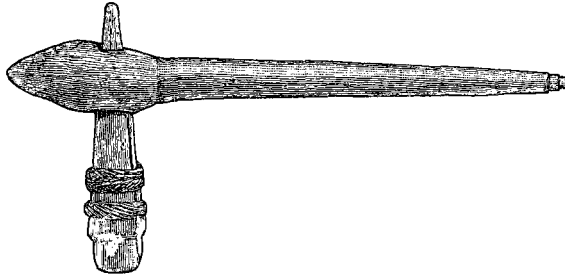


Fig. 1. Axe of diorite in its handle, from New Guinea (19 inches in length).

14. Two Candle-holders of wrought iron, on tripod stands.

15. Highland Pistol of brass, by Murdoch, one of the Doune makers, 12 inches in length, with engraved ornamentation.

16. Polished Celt of greenstone,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length by  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch across the cutting face, from Ratho, Mid-Lothian.

17. Collection of Stone Implements from New Guinea, most of them in the original hafting as used by the natives of that island, viz.:—

Polished Adze-head of diorite, 12 by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches, thin, and finely shaped.

Polished Adze-head of similar form and material,  $5\frac{7}{8}$  by 3 inches.

Axe of diorite, mounted in its handle (fig. 1). The axe-head is inserted in the split end of a round piece of wood and secured by lash-

ings of twisted grass, the butt end of the piece of wood in which the axe is so mounted being tapered off and inserted in a circular hole passing through the thick end of the handle. The wooden mount which carries the axe is 6 inches in length; the axe-head projects 2 inches beyond the end of the mounting, and the handle which carries the mount is 19 inches in length.

Axe-head, in its mounting of wood, secured by a lashing of cords of twisted grass. The mounting is 12 inches long, and tapered at the butt

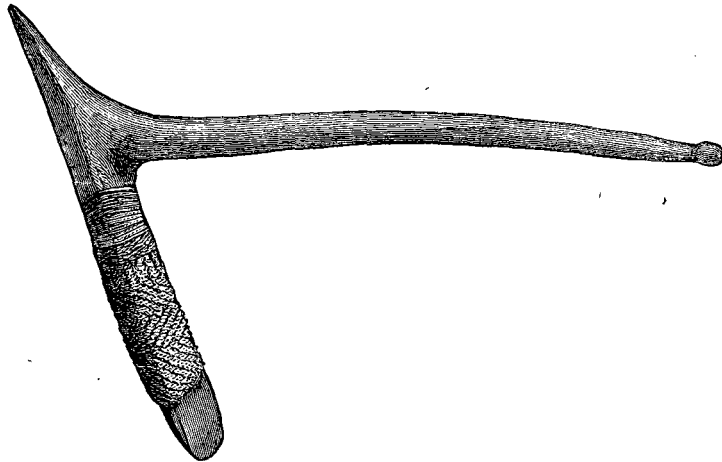


Fig. 2. Adze of diorite in its handle, from New Guinea (22 inches in length).

for insertion in a perforated handle (as in fig. 1). The axe-head projects about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the end of the mount.

Axe-head, similarly mounted, and almost of the same size.

Adze of diorite, in its handle of a single piece, made of a kneed branch, the handle 22 inches in length, the knee carrying the adze-head 14 inches in length, the adze-head projecting from the end of the knee 4 inches.

Adze of diorite, in its handle of one piece, made of a kneed branch (fig. 2), the handle 22 inches in length, the knee which carries the adze-

head 15 inches long; the adze-head projecting from the end of the knee  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and firmly secured in the split by a plaited lashing of cords made of twisted grass.

Adze of diorite, in its handle of one piece, made of a kneed branch similar to the others, the handle 13 inches in length, the knee 5 inches, and the adze-head projecting from the end of the knee  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Carved Handle of a Stone Axe (without the axe-head), 22 inches in length.

Carved Handle of a Stone Adze (without the adze-head), 22 inches in length.

Club or Mace of the Motu tribe (fig. 3) headed with a perforated ball

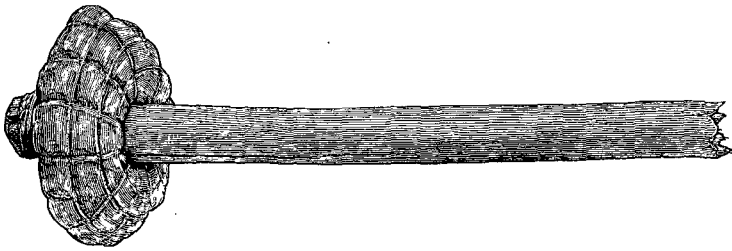


Fig. 3. Stone Mace-head of the Motu Tribe, New Guinea ( $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches diameter).

or thick disc of reddish porphyritic stone  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches in diameter, ornamented with concentric grooves, crossed at right angles by grooves radiating from the centre. The stone mace-head is fixed on the end of a stout handle  $28\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length.

Club or Mace of the Motu tribe, headed with a flat circular water-worn pebble  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter, naturally shaped, and perforated in the centre for insertion of a handle. The handle is 28 inches in length.

Club or Mace of the Motu tribe (fig. 4), headed by a finely shaped and polished disc of granite,  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches diameter, perforated in the centre for insertion of a handle. The handle is 29 inches in length.

18. Polished Celt of felstone, 10 inches in length by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches across the cutting face, from Burnhouse, Wiston, Lanarkshire.

Polished Celt of felstone, 8 inches in length by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches across the cutting face, from Castlehill, Peeblesshire.

19. Door Sneck of wrought iron, with tirling-pin; Candle-holder of wrought iron.

20. Perforated Stone Implement, a water-worn pebble with a hole worked through the centre; Weaver's Fan of Feathers,—both from Perthshire.

21. History of Liddesdale, Ewesdale, Eskdale, Wauchopedale, and the Debateable Land. By Robert Bruce Armstrong. Part I. 4to. 1884.

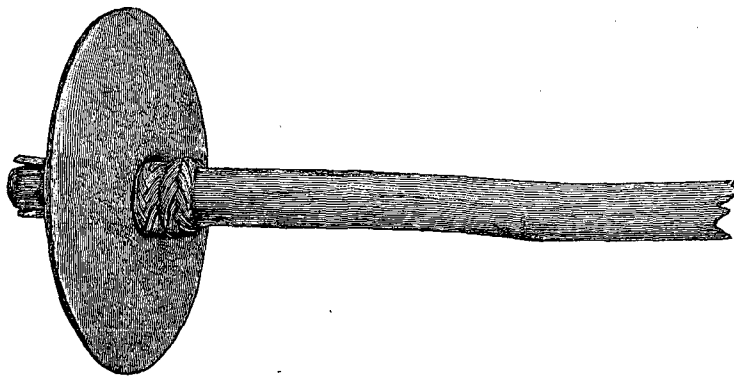


Fig. 4. Club or Mace, with stone head, of the Motu Tribe, New Guinea ( $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches diameter).

22. Collection of Cases relating to Scottish Burghs. 3 vols. 4to.

23. The Philological Society's English Dictionary. Part I. folio. 1884.

24. Collection of Pamphlets relating to the Covenants and Civil War, &c. 2 vols.

25. The Charters of the Priory of Beaulieu, with Notices of the Priors of Pluscardine and Ardochattan, &c. By E. Chisholm Batten. 8vo. 1877.

26. Henderson's Family History of Caithness. 4to. 1884.

27. The Book of the Sword. By R. F. Burton. Imp. 8vo. 1884.

There were also exhibited—

(1) By Rev. R. MITCHELL-INNES, through Mr SMITH, of Messrs  
MARSHALL & SONS, George Street.

Five Communion Flagons and Chalice and Paten of pewter, from Old  
St Paul's Church, Edinburgh.

The following Communications were read :—