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NOTE ON A COLLECTION OF STONE IMPLEMENTS FROM THE RHINS  
OF GALLOWAY. EXHIBITED BY MR JOHN M'MEEKAN, KNOCKNEEN,  
KIRKCOLM, THROUGH THE REV. GEORGE WILSON, GLENLUCE.

Through the kindness of Mr M'Meehan, I exhibit the best specimens in his collection of stone implements. Last summer he presented to the Museum an incised stone cross and some other articles.

1. A claystone Celt, polished, with many chip marks on the hollow face and along the straight side, butt squared 1 inch wide, edge lunate, and most worn next straight side. The edge shape is accidental. Dimensions,  $4\frac{1}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{7}{8}$  inches. Found in a drain on the farm of Ardwell, Kirkcolm.

2. Black Celt or Polisher (?), finely polished except on rounded sides

near the butt, and at the butt, which is squared 1 inch wide. Edge sharp, slanted, bevelled  $\frac{7}{8}$  on the flat face and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch on the rounder face. Dimensions,  $3\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{7}{8} \times \frac{7}{8}$ . Got from a relative, locality unknown. It seems to me to be foreign.

3. Wedge-shaped claystone Celt, the polished surface scaled off the broader end, rounded edge, butt, and sides. Dimensions,  $6\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{5}{8} \times 1\frac{5}{8}$ . This celt was found by Mr M'Meehan along with the flint arrow-head. No. 7, standing in the clay in the bottom of an old peat moss on Knockneen Farm. This makes the find more interesting.

4. Wedge-shaped Celt of coarse grey Silurian sandstone, edge lunate, sides and faces much rounded, butt square,  $1\frac{3}{8} \times 1$  inch. Dimensions,  $7\frac{5}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{8}$  inches. Found on the farm of Float, Stoneykirk.

5. Wedge-shaped Hammer of grey diorite (?),  $11 \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{5}{8}$  inches, with the boring of the half hole only begun on each face, the hollows being  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in depth, their centre  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the rounded butt. From Balgour, Kirkcolm.

6. Celt of brownish yellow flint, wedge-shaped, finely polished, edge lunate, and sharp, sides slightly flattened, one of them nearly straight, faces rounded. This curious celt was found on Wellhouse Farm, Kirkcolm. Mr M'Meehan lost it for several years, and found it again lately in the pocket of an idle boy, who had broken it across.

7. Arrow-head of flint, found with the Celt No. 3. It is a ridged flake worked on the edges, tip broken. Dimensions,  $2\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{7}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$  inches.

8. Hammer Stone of dark grey quartzite, diameter  $2\frac{7}{8}$ , thickness  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches, with the edge roughened all round by use. Both faces are slightly hollow, the diameter of the hollows being 2 and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Found by Mr M'Meehan on Kirkbryde Farm, Kirkcolm.

9. Is a fossil naturally perforated, bead-like,  $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{11}{16} \times \frac{9}{16}$ . Kirkcolm.

Mr M'Meehan has heard that about thirty years ago a man Murphy found, on the farm of Carnside, Kirkcolm, when it was first drained, a bronze sword, which has doubtless gone to the melting-pot long ago.