

MONDAY, 9th February 1885.

PROFESSOR DUNS, D.D., in the Chair.

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

G. BENNET CLARK, W.S., 15 Douglas Crescent.
 Col. CHARLES ELLIOT, C.B., Hazelbank, Murrayfield.
 JAMES TULLOCH GOUDIE, Janefield, Pollokshields.
 JAMES J. MACLEHOSE, M.A., 61 St Vincent Street, Glasgow.
 WILLIAM HUNTER MARSHALL of Callander, W.S., 25 Heriot Row.
 Rev. ALEXANDER D. MURDOCH, Incumbent of All Saints' Church,
 Edinburgh.
 Rev. JOHN WYLIE RODGER, Presbyterian Church, Wolverhampton.

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

(1) By R. B. Æ. MACLEOD of Cadboll, Esq.

A Collection of Drawings, Engravings, &c., Archæological, Topographical, and Heraldic, illustrative of *La Divina Commedia di Dante Alighieri*, collected and arranged by Miss Elizabeth Macleod of Cadboll, in the years 1832–1848 inclusive. The heraldic and other illustrations, taken from the antique works in the private library of the late Grand Duke of Tuscany, in the Pitti Palace, Florence, from the Laurentian and Magliabecchian public, and other private libraries; as also from the walls of ancient palaces in various parts of Italy. Arranged in 5 vols.

(2) By JOHN RAE, Aberdeen, through Dr ARTHUR MITCHELL, Vice-President.

A series of Casts, coloured in facsimile, of Stone Implements, &c., in his collection, comprising—

Cast of Stone Cup, 4 inches diameter, with perforated handle, and ornamented with a triple band of zig-zags below the rim, found at Methlick, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Cup, 4 inches diameter, with perforated handle, and ornamented with a band of herring-bone pattern under the rim, found in levelling a cairn at Knockwhan, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Cup, 4 inches diameter, with perforated handle, and ornamented with two incised lines parallel to the brim, found in removing a cairn at Cromar, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Cup, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, imperfect, rudely ornamented with incised lines, the handle partially perforated, found in a garden in Aberdeen.

Cast of a Stone Cup, rudely formed from a triangularly-shaped stone, ploughed up in a field at Alford, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of a Stone Cup, $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches diameter, imperfect, with handle, ploughed up at Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Cup, $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches diameter, imperfect, the handle partially perforated, found at Pitcaple, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Cup, oblong, $4\frac{1}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches, and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in depth, found at Rhynie, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Cup, 5 inches diameter, without handle, found at Cowie, Kincardineshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter, with six projecting circular discs, found at Leslie, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches diameter, with six circular projecting discs, found in the Red Moss, Belhelvie, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, with six circular projecting discs, found at Kinellar, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, with six circular projecting discs, found at Methlick, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter, with six circular projecting discs, found at Fyvie, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, slightly ovoid, $3\frac{1}{8}$ by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches, with five circular projecting facets or discs, found at Newhills, Aberdeenshire.

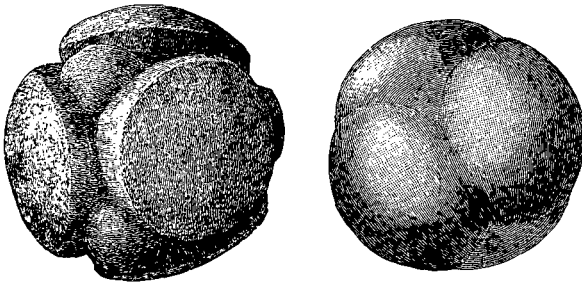
Cast of Stone Ball, $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches diameter, with four small and four

large circular projecting discs placed round the circumference unsymmetrically, found at Methlick. (See fig. 1.)

Cast of Stone Ball, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter, with four circular convex facets or discs, placed unsymmetrically round the circumference, found at Dyce, Aberdeenshire. (See fig. 2.)

Cast of Stone Ball, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, the whole circumference covered with small projecting knobs, found at Countesswells, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches diameter, covered with small projecting knobs, found at Rhynie, Aberdeenshire.



Figs. 1, 2. Stone Balls found at Methlick and Dyce, Aberdeenshire ($3\frac{1}{8}$ and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter).

Cast of Stone Ball, 3 inches diameter, one side of which is ornamented with six small projecting circular knobs, the rest of the surface plain and apparently unfinished, found at Inch, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Ball, 3 inches diameter, with six projecting circular discs, found in Morayshire.

Cast of Stone Implement, apparently an oblong water-worn pebble of quartzite, flattened on one end, and with a slight groove round the middle, found in Strathdon, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Implement, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, apparently an oblong water-worn pebble of quartzite, flattened at both ends, and having a slight groove worked round the middle.

Cast of Stone Implement, 4 inches by 3 inches, being an oblong, rounded,

water-worn pebble, with slight longitudinal grooves passing round the circumference and crossing each other at the ends, and a transverse groove crossing those in the middle, found at Murtle, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of Stone Implement, 3 inches by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch, being a circular, flattened, water-worn pebble, with grooves passing round the circumference and crossing each other at right angles in the centre, found on Deeside, Aberdeenshire.

Cast of a perforated Axe-head of dark-coloured stone, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the cutting face, tapering to a conically pointed butt, and pierced in the middle of its length by a shaft hole, 1 inch in diameter, found at Rhynie, Aberdeenshire.

(3) By the late Mr THOMAS MACKENZIE, Applecross, through Mr JOHN CAY, W.S.

Socketed Celt of bronze, $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the cutting face, with side-loop and oval-shaped socket, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch diameter, found in the parish of Strath, Skye. This is a good typical example of the variety of socketed axe-head which is of most frequent occurrence in Scotland. They are often found singly, but not unfrequently they form portions of hoards or deposits, consisting of numbers of articles of various descriptions. A socketed axe-head of this special variety formed part of a hoard of bronze implements, found in digging a drain on the Castle Hill of Forfar, presented to the Museum by

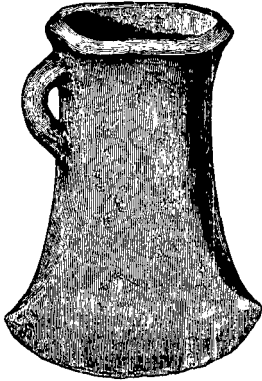


Fig. 1. Bronze socketed Celt, found at Strath, Skye ($3\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length).

the late Mr A. Jervise, F.S.A. Scot., in 1855. The hoard consisted of a spear-head, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, ornamented by two bands of parallel lines round the socket, and four socketed axe-heads, of which three are shown in fig. 2. The longest of the three, which is more chisel-shaped than the others, measures $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length by $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch across the cutting face; the socket is circular, the upper part

or neck of the blade is twelve-sided externally, and ornamented above the loop by a band of four parallel lines passing round the neck. The other two specimens exhibit the common variety of short-necked axe with oblong socket, corresponding to the example found at Strath.



Fig. 2. Three socketed Axes of Bronze, part of a hoard found at Forfar.

A collection of about ninety Coins, Tokens, Medals, &c., chiefly in Copper.

(4) By Dr W. IRVINE, F.S.A. Scot., Pitlochry.

Stone formerly used as a curing-stone, and latterly for pounding salt, from Ballintruim, Strath Tummel. It is a circular, flattened water-worn pebble of a bluish colour, about 4 inches in diameter, by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in greatest thickness. Dr Irvine, in a note accompanying the donation, says:—"This stone was found on the farm of Ballintruim, Strath Tummel. The farmer's mother, an old woman of ninety years of age, told me that she remembered it as long as she remembered anything, and that it had been considered as an heir-loom from the time she first

recollected it. The stone had always been regarded as a family possession, and the tradition relating to it is that it was possessed of healing virtues. Though the present tenants of the farm do not share that belief, the stone has long lain in the large wooden salt-box in the ingle-neuk, and has been used for the purpose of pounding the salt when it caked. The family, however, still continue to set a high value on the stone, and gave it to me as a very great favour."

(5) By Mr A. LUMSDEN, Addiewell Chemical Works.

Large wedge-shaped Stone Hammer of whinstone, perforated for the shaft, and measuring $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, 4 inches in greatest width, and 3 inches in thickness, imperfect at the pointed end, found in West Calder.

(6) By Mrs COVENTRY of Shanwell.

Cinerary Urn, 14 inches high, from a Bronze Age Cemetery at Shanwell, Milnathort, Kinross-shire. [See the subsequent communication by Dr Joseph Anderson.]

(7) By Mr R. C. SANDERSON, through Dr JAMES SANDERSON, F.S.A. Scot.

Two Masks of bronze, dug up at Canajore, Mudgere *taluk*, Mysore, India. [See the subsequent communication by Sir Walter Elliot.]

(8) By JAMES BURGESS, LL.D., Archæological Surveyor and Reporter to Government for Western India.

Two Indian Weapons—a Khuttar and Nepaulese Knife.

(9) By EDMUND GOLDSMID, F.S.A. Scot.

Medal in Bronze :—*Obv.* Napoleon Emp. et Roi ; *Rev.* Descente en Angleterre ; *Ex.* Frappe à Londres en 1804.

- (10) By GEORGE A. PANTON, F.S.A. Scot, and GEORGE LORIMER, F.S.A. Scot.

Leaves from The Buik of the West Kirk—MS., with Photographic Facsimiles.

- (11) By the KIRK-SESSION OF THE WEST KIRK, through GEORGE LORIMER, F.S.A. Scot.

Information for the Poor of the West Kirk against Henry Nisbet, jun., of Dean, 1681 (Duplicate). [See the subsequent communication by Mr Lorimer.]

- (12) By Mr J. MILNE, Photographer, St Ruth's, Arbroath.

Photograph of Card with Medal worn by the men in the work-yard of the Bell Rock Lighthouse, to prevent their being seized by the Press-gang. The medal, which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter, bears on obverse a Lighthouse with a Buoy and Beacon, and the inscription IN SOLUTEM OMNIUM, NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSES; on reverse an inscription only:—MEDAL REFERRING TO ADMIRALTY PROTECTION, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON BY THE ENGINEER. The card, in one corner of which the medal is fastened by loops, has on one side the written inscription:—

James Dryden to be employed in the craft at the Bell Rock. The signature of the Engineer's Clerk.
LACHLAN KENNEDY.

On the other side is the following inscription, also in writing:—

BELL ROCK WORK-YARD,
Arbroath, 2nd May 1809.

James Dryden, seaman in the service of the Hon. The Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses—aged twenty-six years—six feet high—black complexion—marked with the small pox.

ROBERT STEVENSON,
Engineer for Northern Lights.

On the card there is also a docquet:—

Edinburgh, 25th November 1815.—This ticket and medal of protection presented to Mr Kennedy by R. S.

(13) By the PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL SCOTTISH ACADEMY.

Annual Report of the Royal Scottish Academy.

(14) By THE BOARD OF MANUFACTURES.

Scottish National Portraits, Catalogue of Loan Exhibition. Presentation Edition. 4to. 1884.

The following Communications were read :—