
MONDAY, 12th April 1886.

SIR W. FETTES DOUGLAS, Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

JOHN HENRY DIXON, Inveran, Poolewe.

DAVID MASSON, M.A., LL.D., Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in the University of Edinburgh.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, Alt-na-coille, Dunfermline.

Col. R. MURDOCH SMITH, R.E., Director of the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art.

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

(1) By Mr ROBERT ROBERTSON, Strathyre, through Mr JAMES MACDONALD, 1 West Montgomery Place.

Small Whetsone of quartzite, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, quadrangular, and tapering to both ends, which are slightly rounded off, found in a mole-hill in Glentarkin, Lochearnside, Perthshire.

(2) By Mr JAMES WILLIAMSON, Kirkwall.

Beggar's Badge in lead, 2 inches diameter, stamped with the arms of the burgh, a ship in full sail, and the number 28 incised below it, issued by the Town Council of Kirkwall, in accordance with the following minute :—

Kirkwall, 26th June 1674.

The quhilk day, forasmeikle as it is complained upon and regrated by divers and sundrie inhabitants within this Incorporation, that there are many vagabonds and beggars increasing in the said place both from the landwart parrochs and Isles, as also from other countries, quhairby the place is mightilie oppressed: Therefore, and in remeid thereof, the said magistrates and counsellors present hath ordained ane roll of the touns poore to be taken up and ane badge grantit thame of lead, stamped with the touns arms, which is ane shipp with the touns motto, and none to be allowed or tollerated to remain or reside within the said toun except those quha shall have the said badge, and for the better obtempering hereof it is appointit that James Laughton, bellman, goe through the toun and putt out all these quha not have the said badge.

(3) By A. B. RICHARDSON, F.S.A. Scot.

James VI. Sword and Sceptre Piece (Gold), 1604; and Scottish Sixpence.

(4) By Rev. W. MASON INGLIS, Minister of Auchterhouse.

Worm of a Smuggler's Still, apparently a piece of gaspipe, formerly used in Angus.

(5) By THOMAS BONNAR, F.S.A. Scot.

Small Scottish Pistol, $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, made by Alexander Martin, Paisley.

(6) By Miss WALKER, 47 Northumberland Street, through Rev. J. H. POLLEXFEN.

Roman Inscription in Marble, 6 by 3 inches—"LAELIA D L SOPPIA P FLAVI MENAE COIVGL."

(7) By D. S. LITTLEJOHN, F.S.A. Scot.

Seven Arrow-heads, and three worked Flakes of Chert, from Barry County, South-Western Missouri, U.S.A.

(8) By Lt.-Col. W. ST GEORGE BURKE, R.E., Auberries, Sudbury.

Volume of Drawings of Antiquities in Orkney and Shetland, made whilst employed on the Ordnance Survey, with Descriptions. The Drawings are —

(1) Map of Maeshowe and Neighbourhood; (2) External View of Maeshowe; (3) Plan and Section of Mound of Maeshowe; (4) Plan of Structure of Maeshowe; (5) Section of Structure of Maeshowe; (6) Interior of Chamber of Maeshowe; (7) Dragon and Wormknot carved on Wall of Chamber of Maeshowe; (8) Stones of Stennis; (9) Standing Stone at Causeway, Stennis; (10) Great Stone Circle of Brogar, Stennis; (11) Standing Stone opposite the entrance to Maeshowe; (12) Plan and Section of Circle at Brogar, with elevations of the Stones; (13) Plan of St Magnus Church, Egilsay; (14) View of the Broch of Clickamin, Lerwick; (15) Plan of Broch at Gulberwick, Shetland; (16, 17) Views of Broch at Gulberwick; (18) View of Broch of Mousa; (19) Plan of Broch of Mousa; (20) Fireplace in Earl's Castle, Kirkwall; (21) St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall (vignette); (22) Entrance Passage of a Broch in Orkney; (23) The Dwarfie Stone, Hoy; (24) View of ruined Broch near Kirkwall; (25) Old Man of Hoy.

(9) By D. S. LITTLEJOHN, F.S.A. Scot.

A Visit to Olympia. 4to, 12 pp. Printed for private circulation. Dundee, 1883.

(10) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Syemon of Durham's Chronicle, Vol. II.; Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, 1658-59; Chronicles of Stephen, Henry II., and Richard I. Vol. II.; Chartulary of St Mary's Abbey, Dublin, Vol. II.

(11) By the SOCIETY OF NORTHERN ANTIQUARIES, COPENHAGEN.

Gravestene i Roskilde Kjobstad ved J. B. Loffler. Folio, 33 plates.

(12) By the DEPUTY CLERK-REGISTER OF SCOTLAND.

The Register of the Great Seal of Scotland. Vol. IV.

(13) By DAVID DOUGLAS, F.S.A. Scot., the Publisher.

Scotland in Pagan Times—The Bronze and Stone Ages: The Rhind Lectures for 1882. By Joseph Anderson, LL.D., 8vo. 1886.

There were also Exhibited:—

By ALEXANDER SHANNAN STEVENSON, F.S.A. Scot.

Highland Brooch of Silver, $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, the opening in the centre $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, and the band forming the annular body of the brooch $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches in width, ornamented with a pattern in niello of four circles, with anchor-shaped figures between and the interspaces filled with chased and engraved work. This brooch differs from the

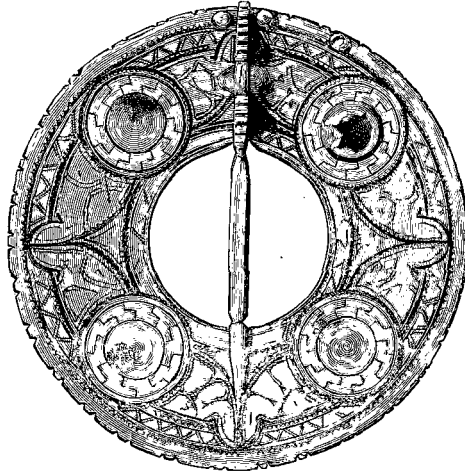


Fig. 1. Silver Brooch, with Niello work and Sockets for settings of Stones ($3\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter).

common variety of silver brooch of this form with patterns in niello, inasmuch as it has been also ornamented with settings of stones of which the sockets, or traces of them, still remain in the centres of the four circles. It bears on the back the initials D. M'K. and E. M'D., and the date 1733.

Highland Brooch of Silver, $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter, ornamented with the common pattern of circles and anchor-shaped figures between, the date on the back 1773.

The following Communications were read :—