

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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HUNDRED AND EIGHTH SESSION, 1887-8.

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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, *30th November* 1887.

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

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

The Right Hon. VISCOUNT MELVILLE.  
PETER BURGESS, Banker, Glen Urquhart.  
GEORGE SMITH DUNCAN, Accountant, Blairgowrie.  
DAVID DUNLOP, Solicitor, Ayr.  
JOHN FOSTER, M.A., Rector of the Academy, Beith.  
JAMES FOULIS, M.D., 34 Heriot Row.  
JOHN C. REID, Banker, Dundee.  
JOHN PARRY SCOTLAND, C.E., Calcutta.  
WILLIAM YEATS of Anquharney, Aberdeen.

The Office-Bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows :—

*Patron.*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

*President.*

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF LOTHIAN, K.T., LL.D.

*Vice-Presidents.*

PROFESSOR NORMAN MACPHERSON, LL.D., Sheriff of Dumfries, &c.  
 RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF STAIR, K.T., LL.D.  
 ROBERT HERDMAN, R.S.A.

*Councillors.*

Sir J. NOEL-PATON, Kt., LL.D., R.S.A.,	} <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i>	Sir H. E. MAXWELL, Bart., M.P.
FRANCIS ABBOTT,		Professor D. MASSON, LL.D.
Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D.	}	THOMAS GRAVES LAW.
DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D.		Sir W. FETTES DOUGLAS, LL.D., P.R.S.A.
		Prof. Sir W. TURNER, M.B., LL.D.

*Secretaries.*

JOHN RITCHIE FINDLAY.  
 R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, LL.D.  
 JOSEPH ANDERSON, LL.D., *Assistant Secretary.*  
 WILLIAM FORBES, } *Secretaries for Foreign*  
 THOMAS DICKSON, LL.D., Register House, } *Correspondence.*

*Treasurer.*

GILBERT GOUDIE, 39 Northumberland Street.

*Curators of the Museum.*

ROBERT CARFRAE.  
 JOHN J. REID, B.A.

*Curator of Coins.*

ADAM B. RICHARDSON.

*Librarian.*

JOHN TAYLOR BROWN.

The following list of the names of Honorary Members and Fellows deceased, since the date of the last Annual Meeting, was read by the Secretary :—

HONORARY MEMBERS.	Elected
M. FRANCISQUE MICHEL, . . . . .	1869
A. J. BERESFORD HOPE, D.C.L., LL.D., M.P., . . . . .	1864

#### FELLOWS.

DAVID BALFOUR of Balfour and Trenaby, . . . . .	1838
Rev. DAVID BERRY, late of Airdrie, . . . . .	1879
Dr WILLIAM BROWN, Dublin Street, . . . . .	1865
P. F. CONNAL ROWAN of Meiklewood, Stirling, . . . . .	1885
Sir WALTER ELLIOT, K.C.S.L., of Wolfelee, . . . . .	1862
ALEXANDER GIBSON, Advocate, . . . . .	1876
ROBERT GRAY, Bank of Scotland, . . . . .	1877
ANDREW KERR, Architect, Findhorn Place, . . . . .	1848
Rev. EDWARD KING, B.A., Werrington, Launceston, . . . . .	1874
GEORGE SIM, <i>Curator of Coins</i> , Lauriston Lane, . . . . .	1860
THOMAS STEVENSON, C.E., Heriot Row, . . . . .	1855
Dr WILLIAM TRAILL, St Andrews, . . . . .	1885
EDWARD WISHART, Burntisland, . . . . .	1863

DAVID BALFOUR of Balfour and Trenaby, Orkney, a Fellow of the Society for half a century, has always taken a deep interest in its objects, especially in connection with the Antiquities of Orkney. Everything of interest that was found on his estates was at once sent to the Museum; and when the Kirkwall Museum was dispersed by public sale in 1862, he purchased the Archæological portion, and presented it to the Museum of the Society. When the great Chambered Tumulus of Maeshowe had been explored by Mr Farrer, with the sanction and encouragement of the proprietor, Mr Balfour, he roofed it over and placed a door upon it for its preservation, and appointed a neighbouring crofter as its custodier, so that the public might have access to it when desired. He edited and presented to the Maitland and Abbotsford Clubs a volume of documents illustrative of the Oppressions of Orkney and Shetland in the sixteenth century, which he afterwards published separately, under the title of *Odal Rights and*

*Feudal Wrongs*. He also issued a collection of Orcadian Songs and Ballads, with the music.

Rev. DAVID BERRY, F. C. minister, Airdrie, retired from the ministry in 1886, and died in London. In 1880 he published a translation from the Danish of Professor Schiern's *Life of Bothwell*.

Dr WILLIAM BROWN was a regular attender of the afternoon meetings, and at one time took much interest in the subject of the Stone Circles of Kincardineshire and Aberdeenshire, of which he obtained a series of ground plans, which he communicated to the Society.

Sir WALTER ELLIOT of Wolfelee had long taken an active interest in the affairs and objects of the Society, contributing papers, and making donations to the Museum. In 1875 he was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, and was a member of the Council till 1881. Even after he was stricken with blindness he took pleasure in attending the meetings when he had opportunity.

ALEXANDER GIBSON, Advocate, Secretary to the Educational Commission, was a diligent student of Old Northern Literature and Antiquities; and although he never contributed papers, he was a frequent attender of evening meetings of the Society.

ROBERT GRAY, better known as a Naturalist than in connection with Archæology, took much interest in the Society, and was a frequent attender of the meetings.

ANDREW KERR, an old and valued member, contributed several papers of lasting interest in connection with the Antiquities of Edinburgh and its neighbourhood. He also wrote the descriptive notices for Drummond's *Old Edinburgh*, published by Messrs Waterston & Sons.

Rev. EDWARD KING, B.A., Vicar of Werrington, South Devonshire, from his connection with an old Aberdeenshire family, took much interest in the Society's *Proceedings*, and possessed an extensive knowledge of Scottish genealogy and heraldry.

GEORGE SIM, the Society's Curator of Coins since 1860, not only did much good service in that capacity, but frequently contributed papers to the *Proceedings*, in which are detailed many important results of his examination of the hoards of coins discovered from time to time in different parts of Scotland, and submitted to his investigation by the Exchequer. For some time previous to his death he had been engaged in completing the printing of an important work on *The Coinage of Scotland*, from materials left, partly in proof and partly in manuscript, by the late Mr Edward Burns, F.S.A. Scot. The work has since been published by Messrs A. and C. Black, for the late Mr Thomas Coats of Ferguslie, Paisley.

THOMAS STEVENSON, C.E., at one time a frequent attender of the Society's meetings, occasionally contributed donations of objects to the Museum as opportunity occurred for obtaining them in his visits to the remotest districts of the North and West coasts.

Dr WILLIAM TRAILL of Woodwick, Orkney, long an active Corresponding Member of the Society, and a Fellow since 1885, was a special benefactor to the Museum. In 1868 he presented a collection of prehistoric relics, over 100 in number, from Skaill, Orkney, and contributed a paper on "Prehistoric Dwellings." In 1870 and 1871 he excavated the Broch of Burrian, on his own property, in the island of North Ronaldsay, and in 1872 he communicated an account of it to the Society, which was published in the *Archæologia Scotica*. The interesting collection of objects obtained during the excavation he gave to the Museum, the Society paying from the Rhind Bequest the actual cost of the excavations. In 1884 he excavated two other mounds in North Ronaldsay, of which an account with plans was printed in the *Proceedings*, and the objects found were similarly acquired for the Museum.

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The Treasurer submitted the Audited Accounts, with a general Abstract of the Society's Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the Fellows.

The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Society to the Board of Trustees, approved by the Council, and ordered to be transmitted to the Lords of H.M. Treasury, as follows:—

ANNUAL REPORT of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, to the Honourable the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland, for the year ending 30th September 1887:—

During the year the Museum has been open as formerly, except during the month of November, when it was closed as usual for cleaning and rearrangement.

The following table shows the number of visitors for each month during the year, distinguishing between day visitors and visitors on the Saturday evenings, viz.:—

MONTHS.	DAY VISITORS.	SATURDAY EVENINGS.	TOTAL.
October, . . .	11,647	416	12,063
December, . . .	3,446	234	3,680
January, . . .	6,764	230	6,994
February, . . .	2,468	240	2,708
March, . . .	2,592	216	2,808
April, . . .	3,186	322	3,508
May, . . .	4,368	222	4,590
June, . . .	4,263	288	4,551
July, . . .	8,847	421	9,268
August, . . .	9,507	369	9,876
September, . . .	6,777	438	7,215
Total, . . .	63,865	3,396	67,261
Previous Year, .	97,913	5,280	103,193
Decrease, . . .	34,048	1,884	35,932

During the year there have been presented to the Museum 156 articles of antiquity, and the Donations to the Library amount to 97 volumes of books and pamphlets.

During the year 2089 articles of antiquity have also been added to the Museum, and 64 volumes of books to the Library, by purchase.

J. R. FINDLAY, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, 12th December 1887.

ROBERT HERDMAN, R.S.A., Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

Rev. W. MASON INGLIS, M.A., Minister of Auchterhouse.  
R. N. H. NEWTON, Esq. of Castlandhill.

The following articles, acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library, during the recess from 13th June to 30th November 1887, were exhibited :—

1. Lion-shaped Ewer of brass, 10 inches high and 10 inches in length, from Nuremberg. It is No. 5 of the series of Lion-shaped



Fig. 1. Lion Ewer of Brass from Nuremberg (10 inches in height).

Ewers described in the *Proceedings*, vol. i., New Series, p. 56. The woodcut there given is here reproduced.

2. Iron Axe in its handle, with ornaments of Copper Rings, from West Coast of Africa.

3. Axe-Head of iron, found in Berwickshire.

4. Collection of Stone Implements, chiefly hammer stones, and one finely polished Celt of serpentine,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches across the cutting face, oval in the cross section, and having both ends alike, found in Sanday.

5. Polished Celt of claystone,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $2\frac{7}{8}$  inches across the cutting face, oval in the cross section, and very light, found on Convil Hill, near Dufftown, Banffshire.

6. Octagonal Brooch of brass, found in Dunnaholla, North Uist.

7. Medal in Silver of George IV.'s Visit to Edinburgh 1822, bust of the King with wreath of Thistles; *reverse*, View of Holyrood.

8. Embroidered oval Box, and Knife with handle of rock crystal.

9. Old Purse of Leather, from New Machar; Carved Powder Horn; small Luckenbooth Brooch, set with stones; three pairs of old Spectacles, found under the floor of Chapelshade Church, Dundee.

10. Stone Axe of Ceremony, from Mangaia; Mere-Mere, from New Zealand; Obsidian Arrow-Heads, Flakes, and Cores, from Mexico; Collection of Mexican Pottery, Whorls, &c.; Four Scottish Snuff Boxes; Stone Celt, from Roxburghshire; Collection of Savage Weapons, Clubs, Spears, &c., from South Sea Islands.

11. Three Bone Pins, from North Uist.

12. Sun-Dial of marble,  $2\frac{2}{3}$  inches diameter, from Assynt, Sutherlandshire.

13. Small Whetstone of quartzite, found in digging a grave at Coupar-Angus. This implement, which is of prehistoric type, belongs to a series of small whetstones which seem to be mostly of the Bronze Age, and are usually perforated at one end for suspension, as in the case of the one here shown from Lismore, Argyllshire (fig. 2); the

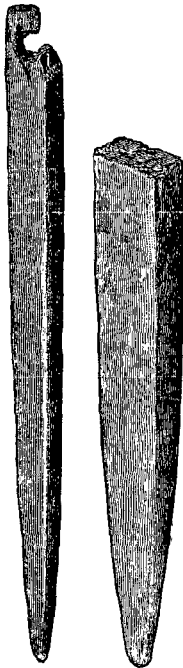


Fig. 2. Whetstones found at Lismore and Coupar-Angus.



Coupar-Angus one is broken at the butt end, and now measures only  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length.

14. Axe of claystone,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  by  $2\frac{3}{8}$  inches, broken Axe, and Whorl, from West Kilbride, Ayrshire.

15. Polished Celt of flint,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length by  $2\frac{3}{8}$  across the cutting face, with sharp edges, both ends alike, and nowhere exceeding half an inch in thickness, from Biggar; Spear-Head of bronze,  $4\frac{1}{8}$  inches in length, with loops, from Strathaven; Mere-Mere, from New Zealand; and a polished Stone Adze, from the South Pacific.

16. Collections of Flint Implements, &c., from Golspie, Sutherlandshire, and Tannadice, Forfarshire.

17. Large Luckenbooth Brooch (fig. 3),  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches, engraved, and set with stones.

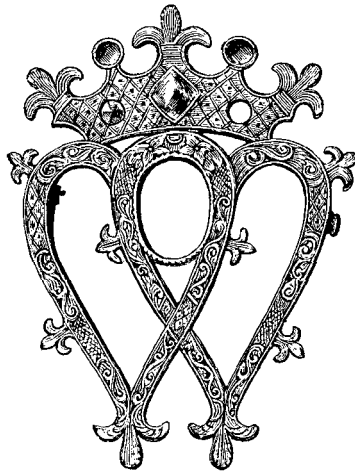


Fig. 3. Luckenbooth Brooch.

18. Collection of Savage Weapons, chiefly from the Solomon Islands.

19. Two Collections of Flint Implements, from Glenluce.

20. Twelve Collections of Flint Implements, from Culbin Sands—about 750 specimens.

21. D'Agincourt's History of Art by its Monuments. Lond. 1847. Folio.
22. The Red Book of Grantully. By William Fraser. Edin. 1868. 2 vols. 4to.—The Stirlings of Keir, and their Family Papers. By William Fraser. Edin. 1858. 4to.—The Chiefs of Colquhoun and their Country. By William Fraser. 1869. 2 vols. 4to.
23. Lexicon totius Latinitatis, Facciolati et Forcellini. Pataviæ, 1827–31. 4 vols. 4to.
24. Marmora Felsinea a Carolo Cæsare Mulvasia, Bononiæ, 1690, folio; and Inscriptiones Regiæ Dissertationibus illustratæ, Neapoli, 1770, 4to.

The following Communications were read :—