

MONDAY, 9th January 1888.

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

A Ballot having been taken, M. EMMANUEL DELORME, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Toulouse, was elected a Corresponding Member, and the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows :—

T. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL, yr. of Skirling.
 WILLIAM COWAN, 2 Montpellier.
 JAMES DONALDSON, Merchant, Formby.
 Major GEORGE HENDERSON, Sunridge, Kent.
 J. M. MACKINLAY, 4 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow.
 Rev. JOHN MACKINNON, Free Church Manse, Nigg.
 Rev. T. H. TURNBULL, Minister of Lesmahagow.

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

(1) By JAMES MACKINTOSH GOW, F.S.A. Scot.

Flint Knife, found on the Farm of North Pet, Tarland, Aberdeenshire.
 [See the previous communication by Mr Gow.]

(2) By THOMAS BONNER, F.S.A. Scot.

Water Jar of black ware, with long narrow neck, probably from South America.

(3) By MASTER CLIVE WALKER, East Merchiston, through Captain GORDON, 5 Clarendon Crescent.

Bronze socketed Celt or Axe-Head, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches across the cutting face, the socket nearly round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches in diameter. A raised line surrounds the neck of the celt, half an inch below the rim of the socket, and there is a loop on one side just below the raised line. The whole surface is covered with a beautiful green patina.

(4) By ROBERT CARFRAE, F.S.A. Scot.

Small Celt of Lydian stone, somewhat triangular in shape, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, 1 inch across the cutting face, and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in greatest thickness, the side edges flattened, and the butt slightly rounded, from Athens.

Small Celt of porphyritic stone, and of similar triangular shape, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches in width across the cutting face, and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in greatest thickness, from Athens.

Celt of veined slate, $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width across the cutting face, and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in greatest thickness, the butt and sides rounded and rough, the flat faces polished, from Athens.

Celt of greenstone, $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width across the cutting face, and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in greatest thickness, the butt and sides slightly rounded, from the island of Melos.

Two Javanese Swords and Scabbards.

(5) By WILLIAM STEVENSON, Prestwick.

Knocking-Stone or Mortar, for husking barley, from the farm of Nolt Mire, near Ayr. Its last use was that of a drinking trough for poultry. It measures 16 inches in height and 18 inches in diameter, the cavity being 12 inches diameter and 9 inches in depth in the centre, the bottom slightly concave, and the sides nearly perpendicular.

(6) By CHARLES BROWNING, Arran View, Prestwick, through
WILLIAM STEVENSON, Prestwick.

Lower Stone of a Pot-Quern of sandstone, 6 inches in height and 13 inches in diameter, the basin on its upper surface being $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in depth. It is peculiar in having a raised circular projection of the stone in the centre of the basin, as a pivot for the upper stone. The stone on the under side is roughly fashioned as having three feet. A small hole on one side discharges the contents of the basin.

(7) By JAMES CHISHOLM, F.S.A. Scot.

Casts in plaster of two halves of a Stone Mould for casting bronze

socketed celts, found at Rosskeen, Ross-shire. There is a mould for a small chisel-like implement at one side of the principal mould.

(8) By A. W. FRANKS, Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Silver Soup Ladle, 16 inches in length, with the stamps INS (Inverness), C. J. and R. A., the terminal portion of the handle engraved with the initials Mr G. W., A. M.

(9) By Dr DAVID R. PEARSON, 23 Upper Phillimore Place, London.

Autotype Copy of the National Covenant of 1638; Perthshire Signatures, as noticed in the *Proceedings* (First Series), vol. xii. p. 216.

(10) By GEORGE HAMILTON, F.S.A. Scot.

Valuation Rolls of Kirkcudbrightshire for 1871-72 and 1881-82.

(11) By Sir HERBERT MAXWELL, Bart., M.P., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Studies in the Topography of Galloway. 8vo. Edinburgh, 1887.

(12) By the COUNCIL OF THE STIRLING NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Transactions of the Natural History and Archæological Society of Stirling.

(13) By JAMES MACDONALD, The Farm, Huntly, the Author.

Local Place-Names, with Topographical and Historical Notes. With Notes on the Vitrified Fort of the Tap-o'-Noth. Huntly Field Club, 12mo, pp. 48, with Ground Plan of Tap-o'-Noth.

There were also Exhibited:—

(1) By H. D. ERSKINE of Cardross.

Bronze Caldron, found in a so-called Roman Camp on the estate of Cardross. [See the subsequent communication by Dr Joseph Anderson.]
Tobacco Pipe made of iron, found at Ballibeg, on the same estate.

(2) By Mr CHARLES BROWNING, Merchant, Ayr, through Mr
WILLIAM STEVENSON, Prestwick.

Bronze Spear-Head, $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length, the loops broken off.
Small Phial of glass, of antique shape, found in Ayr.

The following Communications were read :—