

MONDAY, 27th February 1888.

GILBERT GOUDIE, Treasurer, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the Rev. THOMAS NICHOLSON WANNOP, M.A., Canon of St Mary's, and Incumbent of Holy Trinity, Haddington, was duly elected a Fellow of the Society.

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

(1) By Professor A. H. WRIGHT, Codrington College, through Professor DUNS, D.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Eight Implements, Hatchet-Heads or Chisels of shell, from Barbadoes. [See the subsequent communication by Professor Duns.]

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

Arrow-Head of chert and two Stone Axes, from North America.

(3) By J. W. SMALL, F.S.A. Scot., Stirling.

Old Scottish Crusie of triangular form, and with a hole in the upper part of the upright back, for hanging on a nail or pin in the wall, from Alyth.

(4) By WILLIAM PENNYCOOK, Dalmeny, through ROBERT ROBERTSON, F.S.A. Scot.

Old Hammer for forging horse shoes.

(5) By Sir HENRY DRYDEN, Bart., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Langford, Oxfordshire; Notes on the Parish, the Church, and the Sculptures.

(6) By the DEPUTY CLERK REGISTER.

Register of the Privy Council of Scotland. Edited and abridged by Prof. Masson, LL.D. Vol. VIII.

Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, London. Edited by Joseph Bain, F.S.A. Scot. Vol. III.

(7) By the MUSEUM at Bergen.

Bergen's Museum's Aarsberetning for 1886.

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

Annual Report of the Royal Scottish Academy.

(9) By T. J. MARTIN, F.S.A. Scot.

Robert Ferguson the Plotter, or the Secret of the Rye House Conspiracy; and the Story of a Strange Career. By James Ferguson, Advocate. Edinburgh, 1887. 8vo.

(10) By the REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LATE THOMAS COATS of Ferguslie.

The Coinage of Scotland. Illustrated from the Cabinet of Thomas Coats, Esq. of Ferguslie, and other Collections. By Edward Burns, F.S.A. Scot. In three Volumes. Edinburgh: A. & C. Black. 4to, 1887.

There were also Exhibited:—

(1) By JAMES T. IRVINE, F.S.A. Scot., Peterborough.

Tracings of interlaced patterns from Flooring Tiles, found at the Churches of Abbey Milton and Fordington, Dorsetshire. [See the subsequent Communication by Mr Irvine.]

(2) By ALEXANDER CURLE, F.S.A. Scot., Melrose.

Flooring Tile with Fleur-de-lis pattern, and portions of others, found at Melrose Abbey.

Mr Curle sends the following account of the circumstances in which the tiles were found:—

The encaustic tile (fig. 1) with a fleur-de-lis, yellow upon a light olive ground, was found by my gardener when planting a tree in the lower park of my grounds (formerly part of the Abbey grounds), about 60 yards from the churchyard and 2 feet from the surface. Along with it were found several parts of other tiles, a part of a red deer's horn, and a small part of a mediæval brass cooking-pot. I send for your inspection three pieces of the tile with a brown glaze and two pieces with a black, and one much thicker than the others, with remains of brown glaze upon it; also the part of the deer's horn and of the brass pot. The part of the ground in which these were found seems to have been used for depositing rubbish upon, and is very full of stones and tiles of different kinds, and at one place of bones, principally I believe of domestic animals, and I think also of deer and other game. I am not aware of any other encaustic tiles having been found there, and I think it not at all improbable that those now found may have been taken from the Abbey after one or other of the occasions on which it was partially destroyed.

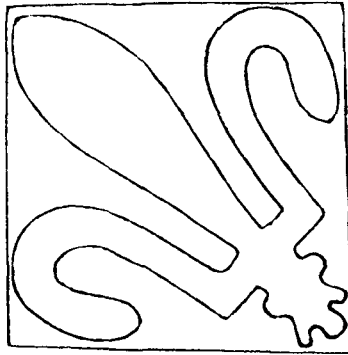


Fig. 1. Encaustic Tile, from Melrose Abbey (length of side, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches).

(3) By GILBERT GOUDIE, *Treasurer* S.A. Scot.

Long stone Implement, cylindrical, club-shaped, with handle, found in Shetland. [See List of Purchases at Meeting of April 23.]

(4) By KIRKMAN FINLAY, F.S.A. Scot.

Stone Ball, with six projecting discs, found on the farm of Keills, island of Islay.

(5) By ADAM SKIRVING of Croys, F.S.A. Scot.

Brass three-legged Pot, Stone Hammer, two large Whorls of stone, and a Whorl of green glass, found on the farm of Walton Park, on the banks of the Urr, 9 miles from Dalbeattie.

The following Communications were read :—