
MONDAY, 10th *March* 1890.

J. R. FINDLAY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The election by the Council of Mrs MORRISON DUNCAN of Naughton and Mrs PATRICK HENDERSON CHALMERS of Avochie, to be Lady Associates of the Society, was intimated by the Secretary.

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

WILLIAM BANNERMAN, M.A., M.D., 10 Ardmillan Terrace.

P. MACGREGOR CHALMERS, Architect, Glasgow.

A. W. DAVIDSON, Eden Grove, Newbattle Terrace.

F. T. GARDEN, Advocate, 4 Rubislaw Terrace, Aberdeen.

ALEXANDER MACPHERSON, Solicitor, Kingussie.

Rev. A. J. MILNE, LL.D., Minister of Fyvie.

WILLIAM MUNRO, Mathematical and Science Master, Collegiate School,
Newport, Monmouth.

THOMAS H. SMITH, Corrie Lodge, Inverness.

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

(1) By HUGH W. YOUNG of Burghead, F.S.A. Scot.

Two Beads of blue glass, with spiral ornamentation in yellow—from Burghead.

Spear-head of bronze, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, point wanting, and slightly imperfect at mouth of socket, with rivet-hole—found at Burghead.

Iron Axe-head—found at Burghead.

(2) By REV. ALEXANDER STEWART, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., Nether Lochaber.

Polished Axe of veined slate, 4 inches in length by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth, slightly fractured at the butt end, and also at the cutting edge—found at Onich, Nether Lochaber, Argyleshire, under the following circumstances, as stated by Dr Stewart :—

“About the year 1750, while yet the people of Onich cultivated their land in common on the ‘runrig’ system, they removed a large cairn situated about the centre of the present crofts, half-way between the present road and the sea. In this cairn the celt was found. It was picked up by a Donald M’Kenzie, who had been at Culloden, and was lame from a wound received there. The celt was viewed with a certain degree of superstition, and was placed by M’Kenzie’s mother in a hole prepared for it above the entrance door of their cottage ‘for good luck,’ and as a bond of friendship with the fairy tribe; and there it remained till, in 1860, it was given to me by the late Colin M’Kenzie, boat-carpenter, Onich, the great-grandson of the Culloden M’Kenzie, who still occupied the 1750 cottage, as do his widow and sons now. This Colin M’Kenzie was a very respectable man, an elder in the Free Church; and as he could not believe that there was any good in the celt, he handed it over to me. It was perfect when it came into my possession. It was my son Kenneth, when a boy, who, getting hold of it one day when I was from home, used it rather roughly.”

- (3) By JAMES BRODIE, Huntsville, Alabama, through the Very Rev. R. J. MAPLETON, Dean of Argyll and the Isles, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

A very fine and extensive collection of implements of flint, chert, &c., from Alabama, numbering upwards of 600 specimens, and including many rare varieties of Arrow-heads, Knives, Borers, &c. [For a description of this collection, which has now been arranged and exhibited as "The Brodie Collection," see the subsequent paper by Mr George F. Black, the Assistant in the Museum.]

- (4) By Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., *Vice-President.*

Cast in plaster of the Sculptured Symbol Stone recently discovered at Inverallan, Strathspey. [See the previous Communication by Sir Arthur Mitchell in the *Proceedings*, vol. xi. p. 88.]

- (5) By Mrs LEITH, Canaan Lodge.

Seven Sulphur Casts of Seals; a small Unguent Vase of glass; and a Polygonal Vessel of bronze, with a bottle-shaped neck.

- (6) By F. W. M'KEE, Attorney-at-law, Pittsburg.

United States One Dollar Bill (1886), with portrait of Mrs Washington.

- (7) By THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

Corpus Inscriptionum Indicarum. Vol. III. By John Faithful Fleet, C.I.E. Folio, Calcutta, 1888.

- (8) By the AUTHOR.

Clavers, the Despot's Champion: a Scots Biography. By a Southron. 8vo, Lond. 1889.

(9) By Professor CHILD, the Editor.

English and Scottish Popular Ballads. Edited by Francis James Child. Part VI.

(10) By THE ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF NORWAY.

Caspari Anecdota I.; Daae om Johan Lauremberg.

(11) By Rev. CHARLES ROGERS, D.D., LL.D., the Author.

The Book of Robert Burns. Vols. I. and II. Grampian Club, 4to, 1889.

(12) By the NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF STIRLING.

Transactions of the Stirling Natural History and Archæological Society, 1888-89.

(13) By Miss SWANN, Walton Manor, Oxford, the Author.

On Fonts of unusual Shape, with Appendages. Reprint from Report of Oxford Architectural and Historical Society.

There were also Exhibited :—

(1) By JAMES CURLE, Jun., F.S.A. Scot.

Torc-shaped Finger Ring of Gold, two Horse-head Brooches of Bronze, one Circular Box-shaped Brooch of Bronze with ornamentation in relief, one Penannular Armlet of Bronze, Four Penannular Brooches of Bronze terminating in knobs, and two Pins of Bronze with oval ornamented heads from the Island of Gothland, Sweden.

(2) By DONALD MACKAY, Tongue, through J. H. N. LAING, M.A., B.Sc., F.S.A. Scot.

Small Whetstone of Quartzite, from Sutherlandshire.

(3) By J. H. W. LAING, M.A., B.Sc., F.S.A. Scot.

Small Whetstone of Quartzite, perforated at one end, from Tents Muir, Fife.

Small Whetstone of Micaceous Sandstone, from Tents Muir.

Flint Knife, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, from Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

The following Communications were read :--