

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH SESSION, 1890-91.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 1st *December* 1890.

JOHN RITCHIE FINDLAY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, St Leonard's Hill, Dunfermline.
Rev. W. H. R. BRICKMANN, Roadhill Vicarage, Bath.
CHARLES BUTLER, 3 Connaught Place, London.
RICHARD CAMERON, 3 West Stanhope Place.
JAMES LENNOX CAMPBELL, Broughty Ferry.
Dr JOHN CRAVEN, J.P., Thurso.
PETER DUGUID, of Easter Skene.
Rev. JOHN FERGUSON, B.D., Manse of Aberdalgie, Perthshire.
HENRY FORRESTER, Kinnaird, Larbert, Stirlingshire.
Rev. ARTHUR GORDON, Minister of St Andrew's Parish, 2 Lennox Street.
Rev. THOMAS NAIRNE IMRIE, The Parsonage, Dunfermline.
LEONARD C. C. LINDSAY, Deer Park, Honiton, Devon.
JAMES MACDONALD, The Farm, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.
JOHN MATHESON MACDONALD, 95 Harley Street, London.
WILLIAM RAE MACDONALD, 1 Forres Street.
JAMES MACKAY, Trowle, Trowbridge.
Colonel ALEXANDER MONCRIEFF, C.B., 15 Vicarage Gate, London.

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

Patron.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President.

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

Vice-Presidents.

JOHN RITCHIE FINDLAY.

The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF BUTE, K.T., LL.D.

SIR HERBERT EUSTACE MAXWELL, Bart., M.P.

Councillors.

Sir J. NOEL PATON, LL.D., R.S.A.,	} <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i>	R. ROWAND ANDERSON, LL.D.
Sir W. FETTES DOUGLAS, LL.D., P.R.S.A.		T. DAWSON BRODIE, W.S.
Prof. Sir W. TURNER, M.B., LL.D.		ÆNEAS J. G. MACKAY, M.A., LL.D.
R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, LL.D.		REGINALD MACLEOD. JAMES MACDONALD, LL.D.

Secretaries.

DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D.

ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., M.D.

JOSEPH ANDERSON, LL.D., *Assistant Secretary.*

THOMAS DICKSON, LL.D., Register House,	} <i>Secretaries for Foreign Correspondence.</i>
SIR ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D.,	

Treasurer.

GILBERT GOUDIE, 39 Northumberland Street.

Curators of the Museum.

ROBERT CARFRAE.

Professor DUNS, D.D.

Curator of Coins.

ADAM B. RICHARDSON.

Librarian.

JOHN TAYLOR BROWN.

The following list of the names of members deceased, since the date of the last Annual Meeting, was read by the Secretary :—

<i>Honorary Member.</i>	Elected
Col. Sir HENRY YULE, K.C.S.I., LL.D., Royal Engineers,	1881

Fellows.

A. J. DENNISTOUN BROWN, Balloch Castle, Dumbarton,	1849
GEORGE BURNETT, LL.D., Advocate, Lyon King of Arms,	1863
Sir EDWARD COLEBROOKE, Bart.,	1879
ROBERT DONALD, Provost of Dunfermline,	1886
JAMES MATTHEWS DUNCAN, M.D., LL.D., London,	1850
PATRICK ALLAN FRASER, of Hospitalfield,	1857
GEORGE H. B. HAY, Hayfield, Lerwick,	1880
Right Hon. The Earl of GLASGOW, Lord Clerk Register of Scotland,	1870
EDWARD HAILSTONE, of Walton Hall,	1846
DAVID MILNE HOME, LL.D., of Milngraden,	1860
Colonel WILLIAM ROSS KING, of Tertowie,	1861
WILLIAM M'COMBIE, of Easter Skene,	1872
Major COLIN MACKENZIE, London,	1877
F. A. MACKAY, 3 Buckingham Terrace,	1872
REV. CHARLES ROGERS, D.D., LL.D.,	1850
JOHN REID, J.P., ex-Provost of Montrose,	1889
Right Hon. The Earl of ROSSLYN,	1869
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL SWINTON, of Kimmerghame,	1851
JOHN SHIELDS, Melville Street, Perth,	1873
JAMES TAYLOR, Starley Hall,	1860
General ROBERT WARDEN, C.B.,	1879
TITUS HIBBERT WARE, Bowdon, Lancashire,	1849
ERNEST A. WILLIAMS, Architect, London,	1888

The meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society had sustained in the deaths of these members.

The Treasurer read the Audited Abstract of the Society's funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members.

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 1890:—

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 re-arrangement.

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, . . .	3,974	260	4,234
December, . . .	3,051	272	3,323
January, . . .	8,995	192	9,187
February, . . .	2,159	199	2,358
March, . . .	2,712	281	2,993
April, . . .	3,539	273	3,812
May, . . .	5,023	258	5,281
June, . . .	7,459	448	7,907
July, . . .	15,589	688	16,277
August, . . .	17,742	1,177	18,919
September, . . .	8,831	475	9,306
Total, . . .	79,074	4,523	83,597
Previous Year, .	64,647	3,998	68,645
Increase, . . .	14,427	525	14,952
Decrease,

During the year there have been presented to the Museum 788 articles of antiquity, and the Donations to the Library amount to 85 volumes of books and pamphlets.

During the year 1083 articles of antiquity have also been added to the Museum, and 33 volumes of books to the Library, by purchase.

D. CHRISTISON, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, 8th December 1890.

THE MOST HONOURABLE THE MARQUESS OF BUTE, K.T., LL.D.,
Vice-President, in the chair.

The Chairman said that before opening the proceedings he knew he was only expressing what were their wishes by calling attention to the fact that this was the first Ordinary Meeting of the Society which had been held in the National Portrait Gallery Buildings, and by once more expressing the Society's appreciation of the noble generosity of the donor. In setting apart for the purposes of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland a portion of the monumental building which he had offered to his country, he had recognised the fact that although archæology was the examination and study of the dead past, it was not the mere indulgence of an idle, though intelligent, curiosity. As was anatomy to physiology and to medicine, so was archæology to the history and the life of the present and the future. They would meet his wishes best, not by complimentary speeches, but by doing good work. These words were few, and they would pass away almost with the breath which was uttering them; but the gratitude of the Society would remain, and if they did good work there it would remain, and these walls would remain, they knew not for how many generations, to attest Mr Findlay's munificence and patriotism.

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

JOHN CHRISTISON, W.S., 40 Moray Place.
 SYDNEY MITCHELL, Architect, 13 Young Street.
 HENRY J. NISBET-HAMILTON OGLVY, Biel, Prestonkirk.
 JAMES REID, Auchterarder House, Perthshire.
 ARCHIBALD STIRLING, of Keir and Cawdor, Dunblane.
 DR. LAWSON TAIT, Birmingham.

The following articles, acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library during the recess, 12th May to 30th November 1890, were exhibited :—

1. A small collection of Flint Implements including several arrow-heads, but chiefly scrapers and flakes—from Tannadice, Forfarshire.
2. Enamelled Gold Finger-ring, said to have been found at Melrose, and of the same type as a ring found at Broughty Ferry in 1881, and described and figured by Mr A. Hutcheson in the *Proceedings*, vol. xix. p. 156.
3. Fragments of two cinerary urns found in excavating for the foundations of a house in Shandon Crescent. They are of the common cinerary form, with heavy overhanging rims ornamented with indentations at intervals.
4. Polished Celt—from Campbelton, Argyllshire.
5. Polished Celt—from Brechin, and another locality unknown.
6. Pewter Wine Jug of the Wine Company of Scotland.
7. Six Stone Implements and a Brass Lamp—from Hanover.
8. Ornamented Stone Ball with projecting circular facets, carved Powder Horn, Highland Brooch of Brass, and fourteen Arrow-heads of Flint—from Banffshire.
9. Bronze Socketed Axe and Ornamented Bronze Palstave—from France.
10. Four Bronze Penannular Brooches with turned-up ends—from Spain.
11. Two Ornamented Stone Balls with projecting circular facets, a small Highland Brooch, and six Arrow-heads of Flint—from Aberdeenshire.
12. Bronze leaf-shaped sword (fig 1), 25 inches in length, a small part of the point wanting—found at Leadburn, Peeblesshire. The hilt and pommel are hollow, retaining the core over which the casting was made. The grip of the hilt measures 4 inches in extreme length from the flattened under surface of the pommel to the junction with the blade. The grip swells slightly in the middle of its length, and there is the usual lunation on either side at the junction with the blade in the middle of its width. The pommel, which is slightly ovate, is flattish on the under-surface, elliptically convex on the upper surface, and measures 3 inches in its longest and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in its shortest diameter on the under side, the apex of the convexity rising to about $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch above the under

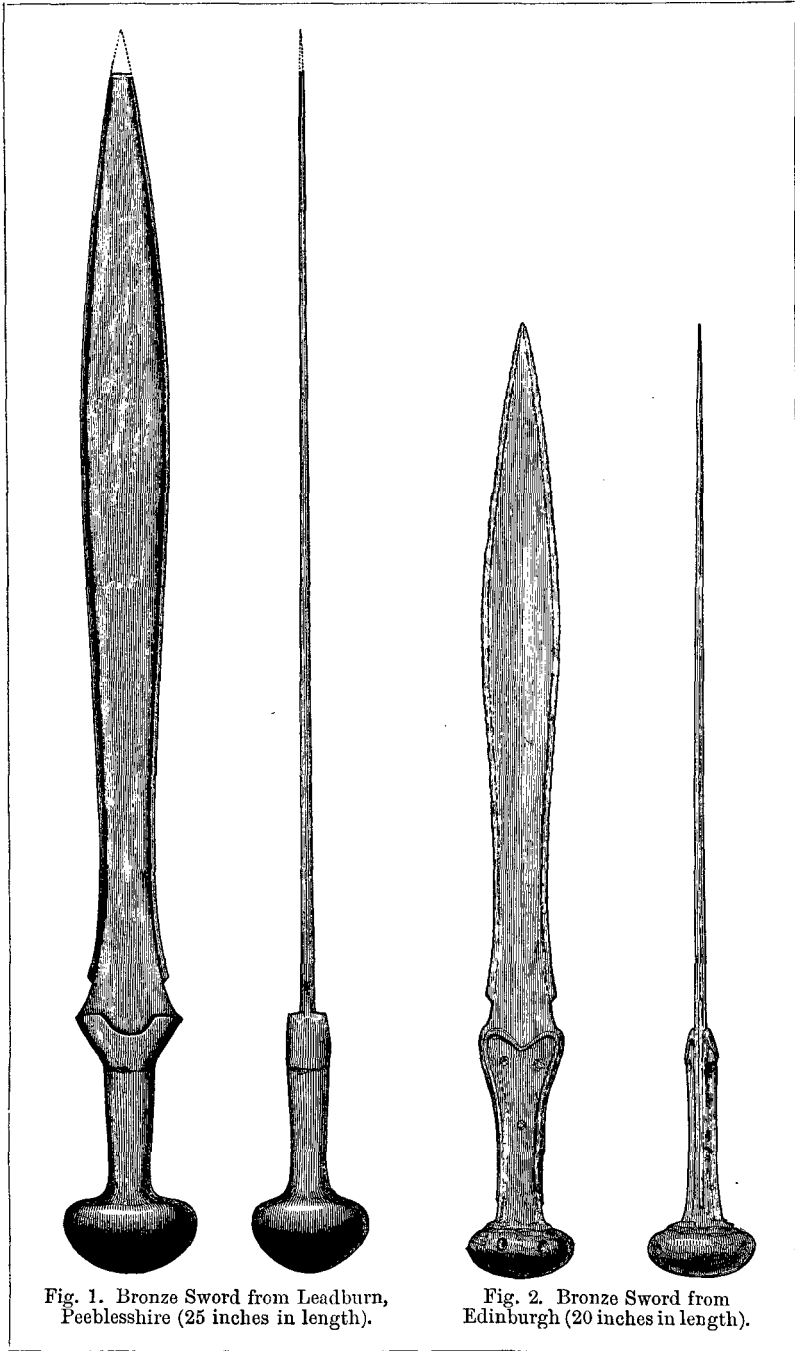


Fig. 1. Bronze Sword from Leadburn, Peeblesshire (25 inches in length).

Fig. 2. Bronze Sword from Edinburgh (20 inches in length).

surface. This sword greatly resembles a sword (fig. 2), with a similarly formed grip and pommel, belonging to Dr Paterson, Bridge of Allan, which was found with a number of others in digging the foundations of a house in Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, as described in the *Proceedings*, vol. xiii. p. 321. They are both here figured to a scale of one-fourth.

13. Bronze Socketted Axe—found at Croy, parish of Cumbernauld, Dumbartonshire.

14. Twenty-seven Arrow-heads of Flint and Chert—from Peru.

15. Four Communion Cups, two Flagons, and one Plate of Pewter, and Collection of Savage Weapons, consisting of three Bows, Sixteen Arrows, and five Spears.

16. Two Ornamented Stone Balls with projecting discs from Aberdeen ; one similar Ball from Caithness ; one Triangular Bead with yellow spirals, from Aberdeenshire.

17. Ornamented Bullet Mould of Stone, four Whorls, four Arrow-heads, one round Bead with yellow spirals, and two Luckenbooth Brooches—from Banffshire.

18. Chromo-lithographic reproduction of the Cross of Cong, actual size, by Henry O'Neill.

19. Two Ornamented Stone Balls with circular projecting discs—from Deeside.

20. Copper Finger-Ring, found at Illeray, North Uist.

21. Ornamented Stone Ball with six circular projecting discs—from Mugdrum Island, near Abernethy, Perthshire.

22. Three Norwegian Powder Horns.

23. Mackenzie Walcot's Scoti-Monasticon ; Extracts from the Burgh Records of Stirling, 1667–1752 ; Index to the Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs ; Catalogue of Book-bindings in German Museums ; Lives of the Saints from the Book of Lismore, translated by Whitley Stokes ; Life of George Buchanan, by P. Hume Brown ; Horstmann's Old English Legends ; Warrender's Illustrations of Scottish History ; Stodart's Browns of Fordel ; Law's Jesuits and Seculars in the reign of Queen Elizabeth ; Die Goldfund von Szilagy-Somylo ; Undset's Iron Age in Europe ; Hampel's Bronze Age in Hungary.

The following Communications were read : —