

MONDAY, 9th February.

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

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

THOMAS BAYNE, Headmaster, Larchfield Academy, Helensburgh.
 JAMES BRAND, C.E., 10 Marchmont Terrace, Glasgow.
 JAMES HAMILTON, Town Clerk, Kilmarnock.
 Rev. JAMES HUNTER, Fala Manse, Blackshiels.
 WELLWOOD MAXWELL of Kirkennan, Dalbeattie.
 HENRY HAY NORIE, W.S., The Hall, Murrayfield.

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

(1) By SURGEON-GENERAL G. BIDIE.

Six Vessels of Clay, two with marks scratched on one side—from Tumuli in the Madras Presidency, India.

(2) By the REPRESENTATIVES of the late Dr MENZIES, Invercargill, New Zealand, through W. F. SKENE, W.S., D.C.L., LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Maori Adze of Jade, broad and thin, with rounded top ; Adze of Lava, nearly square in the transverse section, with tang at the butt end for insertion in the handle, Chisel of Lava, and small Chisel of Jade—all from New Zealand.

(3) By P. M. C. KERMODE, F.S.A. Scot.

Cast of a portion of a Sculptured Stone, with an inscription in Bind-Runes—from Kirk Andreas, Isle of Man.

(4) By SIR HENRY DRYDEN, Bart., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Cast of a Fragment of a Sculptured Slab in the Isle of Man, with representation of the Crucifixion.

- (5) By D. W. KEMP, Ivy Cottage, Trinity.
Casts of two Fragments of Sculptured Stones—found at St Vigean.
- (6) By SIR HERBERT EUSTACE MAXWELL, Bart., M.P., *Vice-President*.
Implement for stripping the ends of flax, called The Clove—from Gass, Kirkcowan, Wigtownshire.
- (7) By HENRY HAY NORIE, W.S., Murrayfield.
James Norie, Painter, 1684–1757. 8vo. Privately printed, 1890.
- (8) By the PUBLISHERS, through Messrs T. & A. CONSTABLE, University Press.
Scottish National Memorials. Glasgow, 1890. Large paper copy.
- (9) By W. M'COMBIE SMITH, the Author, through GEORGE H. M. THOMS, Sheriff of Orkney and Caithness, F.S.A. Scot.
Memoirs of the Families of M'Combie and Thoms, originally M'Intosh and M'Thomas. New Edition, 8vo. 1890.
- (10) By H.M. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA. Edited by JAMES BURGESS, LL.D. Part IV.
Epigraphia Indica, and Record of the Archæological Survey of India.
- (11) By Dr C. R. MACDONALD, the Author.
St Kilda: its Inhabitants, and the Diseases peculiar to them. Reprint from *British Medical Journal*. Pp. 16.
- (12) By ALEXANDER FRASER, F.S.A. Scot.
Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh—General Index to the first thirty-four volumes. 4to. 1890.
- (13) By the SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, London.
Archæologia—Index to the first fifty volumes. 4to. 1889.

(14) By the SOCIETY OF WRITERS TO HER MAJESTY'S SIGNET.

History of the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet, with a List of the Members of the Society from 1594 to 1890, and an Abstract of the Minutes. 4to. 1890. Printed for the Society.

There were also Exhibited :—

(1) By the Right Hon. the EARL OF ABERDEEN, through GEORGE MUIRHEAD, F.S.A. Scot.

Three pairs of penannular Bronze Bracelets; a penannular Neck-ring of Bronze, with two rings of 1 inch diameter in the extremities and seventeen rings of half an inch diameter suspended at equal distances round its outer circumference; two penannular Neck-rings of Bronze, each with two rings of 1 inch diameter in the extremities (one ring wanting); three Bronze Rings of $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter, fastened together with thin flat strips of bronze; and a thin flat oval blade of Bronze, $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, bifid at the one extremity and having a tang $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in length at the other—found at the Braes of Gight, Aberdeenshire. (See the subsequent Communication by Mr George Muirhead, F.S.A. Scot.)

(2) By SIR HERBERT EUSTACE MAXWELL, Baronet, M.P., *Vice-President*.

Hammer-stone of quartz, a water-rolled pebble $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, abraded by use at both ends—from Blairbuy, Wigtownshire.

Hammer-stone of coarse-grained sandstone, a water-rolled pebble $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, abraded by use at one end—from the Airlour, Wigtownshire.

Hammer-stone of fine-grained sandstone, cylindrical in shape, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in diameter, with indented hollows on opposite faces in the middle of its length—from Barlauchlan, Wigtownshire.

Portion of a Stone Implement with a constriction round the middle, from High Creoch, Girthon, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Axe-head of sandstone, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the cutting face, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in greatest thickness, oval in the cross-section, with bluntly rounded butt—from Moormains, Wigtownshire.

Axe-head of porphyritic stone, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, by $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the cutting face, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in greatest thickness, oval in the cross-section, and tapering to an obliquely flattened butt—from Kilmabreck, Wigtownshire.

Hammer-head, apparently made of the solid part of an ox-horn, $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in greatest breadth, and 1 inch in thickness, slightly curved and pierced in the centre by an oval-shaped shaft-hole $\frac{7}{8} \times \frac{5}{8}$ inch—from a peat-moss in Glenruther, Wigtownshire.

Hammer-head of Sandstone, rounded in the upper, wedge shaped in the lower part, 11 inches in length and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth and $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in thickness, with a shaft-hole $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter—from Drumfad, Wigtownshire.

Barnacle-case of wood shaped like a small book, $4 \times 2 \times \frac{5}{8}$ inches, dated 1759; and Anastatic Plate of a similar case with the Barnacles, found in a peat-moss at Miningaff, and a wooden purse also in the shape of a small book—from Norway.

The following Communications were read :—