
MONDAY, 13th *April* 1891.

PROFESSOR DUNS, D.D., in the Chair.

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

WILLIAM GARSON, W.S., 5 Albyn Place.
WILLIAM D. HERRIES, Yr. of Spottes, Spottes Hall, Dalbeattie.
WILLIAM BIRNIE RHIND, Sculptor, St Helen's, Cambridge Street.
CECIL R. GILLIES SMITH, 35 Drumsheugh Gardens.
WILLIAM M'COMBIE SMITH, Persie, Blairgowrie.
J. A. MACONOCHIE WELLWOOD, of Meadowbank, Kirknewton.

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

(1) By PATRICK DUDGEON of Cargen, F.S.A. Scot.

Axe of Greenstone with groove round the upper part; two large arrow-heads of Chert, and one of Quartzite—from Martin County, Minnesota.

(2) By Dr ALLAN MACNAUGHTON, Taynult, F.S.A. Scot.

Two Socket Stones found in Muckairn Burying-ground, and two from Bal-an-deoir, Parish of Muckairn.

(3) By Dr ROBERT DE BRUS TROTTER, Perth.

Wooden Machine used in last century for weaving fringes—from Cowdenbeath, Fifeshire.

(4) By Miss BROWN of Lanfine, Ayrshire.

Mould of Serpentine, for casting implements of unknown use—found at Trochrig, Ayrshire. This mould, which measures $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth, and about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in thickness, has on one side five different hollows for casting objects, the precise purpose of which is uncertain, while on the other side is a large oval hollow apparently for a similar purpose. The mould was found in 1857, in draining, about 600 yards south-west of the old Castle of Trochrig, at a depth of 3 feet underground. It was exhibited to the Society 9th February 1852 [see *Proceedings*, vol. i. p. 45], and until now has been represented in the Museum by a cast.

(5) By Rev. Dr GRIGOR, Pitsligo.

Highland Brooch of Brass, $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches diameter, with engraved orna-



Fig. 1. Highland Brooch of Brass from Pitsligo.

mentation on one side only. The front of the brooch is divided into four equal spaces by circles, and in each quadrant is placed alternately a crouching beast and a triplet of leafage. The pin has apparently been renewed, though not at a recent period, and a portion of some older mounting of brass has been riveted on to the brooch to hold the pin, in default of the usual tongue in the middle of the slit, which seems to have got worn or broken. Nothing is known of the history of the brooch, except that it has been long known in the parish.

(6) By the KEEPER OF THE RECORDS OF SCOTLAND.

Registrum Magni Sigilli Regum Scotorum, 1593-1608.

(7) By the AYRSHIRE AND GALLOWAY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

Muniments of the Royal Burgh of Irvine. Vol. I.

(8) By the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, Washington.

Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, Vol. XXVI.; Smithsonian Reports, 1887 and 1888; Reports of the United States National Museum for 1887 and 1888.

(9) By the BUREAU OF ETHNOLOGY, Washington, U.S.

Fifth and Sixth Annual Reports of the Bureau of Ethnology, Washington.

(10) By the MINISTER FOR MINES, Sydney.

Memoirs of the Geological Survey of New South Wales, Nos. 4-7; Records of the Geological Survey of New South Wales, Vol. II., Parts I. and II.

(11) By JAMES CURLE, Jr., F.S.A. Scot.

Catalogue of the National Historical Museum, Stockholm. By Dr Oscar Montelius. Translated by Chas. H. Derby, B.A. 8vo. 1890.

(12) By GENERAL PITT RIVERS, F.S.A. Scot.

King John's House, Tolland Royal, Wilts. 4to. 1890. Privately printed.

- (13) By the EXECUTORS of the late Rev. Dr ROGERS, F.S.A. Scot.

Wallace Monument Reports, 2 vols., and Monumental Reports, 1 vol.

- (14) By Sir JAMES D. MARWICK, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

List of Markets and Fairs as now and formerly held in Scotland.

- (15) By WILLIAM BAIRD, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The F.C. Congregation of Portobello, including a Sketch of the Origin and Rise of the Town.

- (16) By the HONYMAN GILLESPIE TRUSTEES, through JAS. URQUHART, F.S.A. Scot.

The Argument *a priori* for the Being of the Absolute One, &c. By William Honyman Gillespie, of Torebanehill. 8vo.

- (17) By W. RAE MACDONALD, F.S.A. Scot.

The Construction of the Canon of Logarithms. By Napier of Merchiston. And a Catalogue of the Various Editions of his Works.

- (18) By the SOCIETY OF WRITERS TO THE SIGNET.

Catalogue of the Signet Library, Part III., with Supplement and Index.

- (19) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Flores Historiarum, Vols. I. and III.; Calendars of State Papers, Domestic, 1644-45; Ireland, 1592-96; Acts of Privy Council of England, New Series, Vol. II.; Catalogue of Ancient Deeds in the Record Office, Vol. I.; Letters and Papers, Henry VIII., Vol. XII., Part. I.; Calendar of Committee for Compounding, Part II.

The following Communications were read :—