

MONDAY, 8th May 1893.

R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, LL.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

(1) By JAMES A. FORSYTH of Quinish.

Urn of Food-vessel type (fig. 1), with ornamentation of double horizontal bands of impressed markings resembling those of a twisted cord, and extending to the whole exterior surface of the urn from lip to bottom, those above the shoulder and those under the shoulder being, however, slightly different in size, and the everted lip being ornamented on the inside with a boldly impressed zigzag pattern. The urn stands $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, is $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter at the bottom. It was found in the year 1891 in a cist at Quinish, in the island of Mull.

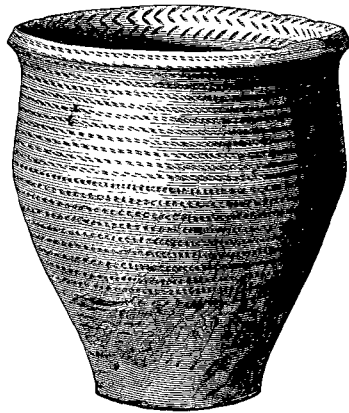


Fig. 1. Urn found at Quinish, Island of Mull.

(2) By Rev. J. K. HEWISON,
F.S.A. Scot., Rothesay.

Beggar's Badge in pewter, circular, — inches diameter, and painted red, inscribed round the outer margin ROTHSA Y PARISH * 1827 * . In the centre, No. 89.

Six Communion tokens of the Parish of Campbeltown, viz. (1 and 2) of tin, stamped with a cross ; (3) of lead, small square, obverse K, reverse blank ; (4) of lead, small square, obverse C.P. 1735, reverse blank ; (5) of pewter, square, CAMPBELTOWN PARISH 1823 ; (6) of pewter, oblong, PARISH OF CAMPBELTOWN 1870—FIRST CHARGE.

Polished Axe of diorite, $10\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length, $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches in greatest width, and 2 inches in greatest thickness, oval in the cross section, and tapering to both ends, the width across the cutting-face being $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and at the butt end 1 inch. It was found on Ambrisbeg Hill, in the

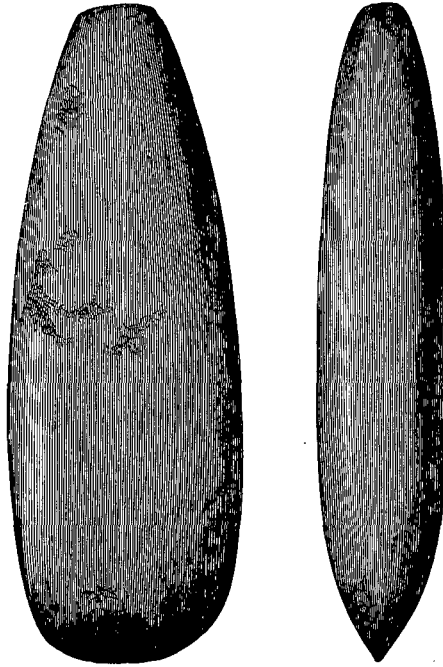


Fig. 2. Stone Axe found on Ambrisbeg Hill, Bute.

island of Bute, in 1870, and is now the property of Mrs Wm. Hunter, London. The woodcut has been lent by Rev. Mr Hewison.

(3) By the KIRK-SESSION OF KEITH, through Dr JAMES CRAMOND, Cullen, F.S.A. Scot.

Beggar's Badge of lead, of the Parish of Keith, oblong, with rounded top, inscribed E CRUICKSANK, and in the centre the word KEITH, and No. —, within a circle. In each lower corner is the outline of a heart.

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

Collection of articles obtained in excavating the South Fort Luing, Argyllshire :—

Four Hammer-stones of quartzite and mica schist, being water-rolled pebbles from 5 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, abraded at the end by use.

Oval Pebble of quartzite, $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in breadth, and 1 inch in thickness, having a narrow groove formed along its major axis on both sides, shallower towards the ends than in the middle, as if made by use as a point-sharpener. These pebbles of quartzite, with grooves of this nature, often placed at a considerable obliquity to the major axis, have in some cases been considered to be strike-lights for producing sparks by the attrition along the groove of a piece of flint with considerable pressure, but this seems much more unlikely. They are, however, rather rare in Scotland. Two found in the Broch of Kintradwell, Sutherlandshire, and Lingrow, Orkney, are figured in the *Proceedings*, vol. ix. p. 358.

Small Quern of slate, upper and lower stones, 5 inches in diameter. These small querns have been occasionally styled snuff or mustard querns, but in either case the use of them for this purpose would be comparatively modern.

Part of an iron blade, probably a knife or dirk, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length.

Two pieces of iron slag, one of them magnetic.

Portion of a small rod or pin of brass or bronze, not unlike the slender handle of a mediæval spoon, having at one end a piece of thinner metal attached.

Borer, of bone, being a splinter of the long bone of an ox (?) trimmed to a point.

(5) By R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, LL.D., *Vice-President*.

Gold Torc, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, formed of a thin flat band nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, twisted like a corkscrew, and terminating at the ends in solid recurved hooks, one of which is wanting; found at Belhelvie, Aberdeenshire, in 1871.

Gold Ring of penannular form, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, with spiral

ornamentation on the middle portion, and tapering towards both ends, which are plain, found in the neighbourhood of Glasgow in 1873.

Small gold Ring, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in diameter, formed of a cylindrical rod, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter, bent into a penannular form ; from Ireland.

Small penannular gold Ornament, a ring bent into an oval shape, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in its longest diameter, ornamented with longitudinal flutings on the back, and terminating in thin, flat, oval expansions, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch by $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, set on the extremities at a considerable angle ; from Ireland.

Small nugget of native Scottish gold.

(6) By the EXECUTORS of the late Mrs ROBERTSON of Struan.

Silver-handled Knife and Fork, which belonged to "the Poet Chief," Alexander Robertson of Struan. On the knife handle is engraved ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, 1717 ; and the butt end of the handle is formed into a seal, having the arms of the Robertsons of Struan—three wolves' heads erased, armed and langued, with a man in chains lying under the escutcheon, and over the shield the initials A*R, with a star between. The fork-handle also ends in an oval seal, showing within a bordure of a wreath a monogram-like figure, similar to those known as merchants' marks, consisting of the figure 4, with the cross-stroke prolonged and ending in a cross ; the vertical line of the figure bifurcates towards the base, and is crossed by a V-shaped figure. On either side of the monogram the initials A R have been engraved in a style much inferior to that of the original work. Both handles bear the maker's mark, I B.

Pocket-case of leather, containing Knife, Fork, and Spoon, each made to fold up, and fitted to a tortoise-shell handle, like a clasp-knife. The spoon has a rat-tailed bowl, and is marked with the maker's initials, D K and the figure of an animal, perhaps a bear *passant*, for Berne.

(7) By HAROLD GOLDSMID, 10 Fettes Row.

Skull from a stone-lined grave in the Links, near the Targets, Dunbar.

(8) By JOHN CHRISTIE, Bolfracks Cottage, the Author.

The Lairds and Lands of Loch Tayside. 8vo, Aberfeldy, 1892.

- (9) By ARCHDEACON AGLEN, M.A., Rector of Alyth, the Author.
The Sculptured Stones at Meigle. Guide-book. 8vo, 18 pp., 1893.
- (10) By J. G. Low, the Author, through Rev. T. BURNS, F.S.A.
Scot.
Notes on the Coutts Family. 4to, 46 pp., Montrose, 1892.
- (11) By the ROYAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN ANTIQUARIES.
Nordiske Fortidsminder udgivne af det Kongelige Nordiske Old-
skriftselskab, 2nd Hefte. 4to, Copenhagen, 1893.
- (12) By the GESELLSCHAFT FÜR NUTZLICHE FORSCHUNGEN, Trier.
Die Römischen Steindenkmaler des Provinzial Museums zu Trier,
von Prof. Dr Felix Hettner. 8vo, Trier, 1893.
- (13) By the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, Washington.
Bibliography of the Athapascan Languages: Annual Report of the
Bureau of Ethnology, 1885-86; United States Survey of the Rocky
Mountains—Contributions to North American Ethnology, Vol. VII.

The following articles acquired by the Purchase Committee for the
Museum and Library during the Session, 30th September 1892 to 8th
May 1893, were Exhibited:—

Brass Sporrán-clasp, from Dores, Inverness-shire.

Small Bronze-Age Whetstone of reddish quartzite, $2\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{5}{16} \times \frac{1}{2}$ inch,
from Tories, Oyne, Aberdeenshire.

Bronze Palstave, $4\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, with slight flanges and stop-ridge,
the flanges ornamented with rope-moulding, and one face with lines of
punctures; and an Ingot or Casting of bronze, in the shape of a rude,
flat axe; both found near Perth.

Eighteen Discs of shale, various sizes; found in the old churchyard of
Portpatrick, Wigtownshire.

Iron Cruisie, with lid, and hanging Candlestick of wrought-iron, with
twisted shank; from Blair Athole.

Small Bronze-Age Whetstone of grey quartzite, tinged with red, $3\frac{7}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$ inch, found at Glendhu, near Bonar Bridge, Sutherlandshire.

Three Collections of Flint Implements from Culbin Sands, and one from Glenluce Sands.

The Scottish Antiquary, Vols. I.—III.; Celtic Ornaments, from the Book of Kells, Parts I.—III.; Le Blant's Les Sarcophages Chretiens de la Gaule.

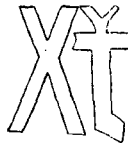
There were also Exhibited :—

- (1) By His Grace the DUKE OF ARGYLL, through Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., *Foreign Secretary*.

Human Skull, and an Urn of Food-vessel type, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, and 6 inches diameter at the mouth, ornamented on the sloping part with circular impressions about $\frac{3}{16}$ inch in diameter, and on the upright part above the shoulder with similar impressions and scored lines arranged in triangular patterns; from a cist in Mull.

- (2) By Dr WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Dundonald, through R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, LL.D., *Vice-President*.

Bell, measuring $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches in extreme height, and 16 inches in diameter at the mouth, bearing the monogram here shown, and round the upper part, under a band of *fleur-de-lis* ornament, the inscription—*Sancte Egidie ora pro nobis anno dni m^occcc^o lxxxix^o bto*. It is not known when this bell came to the parish of Dundonald. A bell with the same monogram or founder's mark is at Broxburn. The date of the Broxburn bell is 1503, and it bears a dedicatory inscription to St Nicholas.



- (3) By A. MAIR, Dumbarton, through Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL.

Urn of Food-vessel type, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height, much broken, ornamented with impressions of a comb-like implement arranged in zigzags all over the surface; from a cist at Ross of Mull.

(4) By the QUEEN'S REMEMBRANCER.

Urn of cinerary type, $6 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, rudely ornamented, found at Dornoch, Crieff; portion of Bronze Sword, found at Aird Dell, Ness, Lewis.

(5) By WALTER J. KAYE, Jun., F.S.A. Scot.

Rubbings of five Brasses at Otley, Rowmarsh, Owston, Rotherham, and Sprotborough.