

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH SESSION, 1893-94.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1893.

JOHN RITCHIE FINDLAY in the Chair.

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

C. HOWARD CUNNINGTON, Devizes.
A. D. WELD-FRENCH, Boston, U.S.A.
Rev. JAMES FLEMING, M.A., Minister of Kettins.
WILLIAM FYFE MACKINTOSH, Solicitor, Arbroath.
GEORGE GOOD, Braefoot, Liberton.
THOMAS HARRIS, Clayton, Bridge of Earn.
FRANCIS LYNN, Livingstone Terrace, Galashiels.
DAVID MACBRAYNE, of Ballimore, Argyllshire.
FRANK PEEL, Walkley Cottage, Heckmondwike.
CHARLES HERCULES READ, British Museum.
DAVID ROBERTSON, 12 Windsor Circus, Glasgow.
GEORGE SMITH, S.S.C., 21 St Andrew Square.
ALEXANDER STUART of Feddal, Perthshire.
WILLIAM WATSON, Dep. Surgeon-General, Waverley House, Slateford.

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.

R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, B.A., LL.D.

R. ROWAND ANDERSON, LL.D.

REGINALD MACLEOD.

Councillors.

Sir GEORGE REID, LL.D., P.R.S.A.,	} <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i>	J. BALFOUR PAUL.
JOHN RITCHIE FIND- LAY,		Maj.-Gen. Sir R. MURDOCH SMITH, K.C.M.G., R.E.
JAMES MACDONALD, LL.D.		The Hon. HEW DALRYMPLE.
GILBERT GOUDIE.		JAMES CURLE, JUN. ALEXANDER J. S. BROOK.

Secretaries.

DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D.

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

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

Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., } *Secretaries for Foreign*
THOMAS GRAVES LAW, } *Correspondence.*

Treasurer.

JAMES HENRY CUNNINGHAM, 4 Magdala Crescent.

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 Members.</i>	Elected
Dr LUDWIG LINDENSCHMIDT, Mayence,	1881
Professor J. A. WESTWOOD, Oxford,	1885

Fellows.

FRANCIS ABBOTT, 25 Moray Place,	1853
R. VANS AGNEW of Barnbarroch,	1881
JOHN M. BALFOUR-MELVILLE of Strathkiness,	1863
THOMAS J. CARLYLE of Templehill, Ecclefechan,	1867
JAMES CRICHTON, 16 Palmerston Place,	1876
DAVID CROLE, Solicitor to Inland Revenue,	1882
JAMES ELLIS, 15 Dowgate Hill, London,	1884
JOHN FREER, Solicitor, Melrose,	1882
ROBERT HISLOP, Solicitor, Auchterarder,	1886
W. S. IRVINE, M.D., Craigatin, Pitlochry,	1887
GEORGE JAMIESON, 19 Queen's Road, Aberdeen,	1880
MORRIS CHARLES JONES, Gungrog Hall, Welshpool,	1884
ALEXANDER LAING, LL.D., Newburgh, Fife,	1856
JOHN M'LACHLAN, Architect, Edinburgh,	1890
Sir WILLIAM MACKINNON, Bart., of Ballinakill, Argyll- shire,	1893
DAVID COWAN MUDIE, 10 Dalrymple Crescent,	1883
ALEXANDER NICOLSON, LL.D., 14 Warriston Crescent,	1875
GEORGE A. PANTON, 12 Osborne Terrace,	1880
GEORGE A. PATERSON, M.D., 4 Coates Crescent,	1862
JOHN PATON, late of H.M. General Register House,	1859
JAMES SPENCE, Banker, Dundee,	1892
JAMES S. TRAINER, Treasurer, Royal Infirmary,	1891
WILLIAM URQUHART, Evantown, Ross-shire,	1889
GEORGE WILSON, S.S.C., 16 Minto Street,	1872
JAMES CLERK WILSON, 66 Gilmore Place,	1892
ALEXANDER YOUNG, 9 Lynedoch Place,	1881

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

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

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees, approved by the Council, and ordered to be forwarded to the Board for transmission to the Lords of H.M. Treasury, as follows :—

ANNUAL REPORT to the Honourable the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland, by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, with reference to the Scottish National Museum of Antiquities under their charge, for the year ending 30th September 1893 :—

During the past year the Museum has been open to the public as formerly, and has been visited by 23,549 persons, of whom 22,153 were visitors on free days, and 1,396 on pay days. The number of objects of antiquity added to the Museum during the year has been 218 by donation, and 401 by purchase; while 129 volumes of books and pamphlets have been added to the Library by donation, and 12 by purchase. The more important purchases were obtained at the sales of the Bateman Collection and the Collection of the late Mr John Rae of Aberdeen. The fund from which the Museum has been enabled to purchase such objects as it has been considered desirable to add to the National Collection, and which has sufficed for this purpose during the past twelve years, is now exhausted.

D. CHRISTISON, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, 11th December 1893.

J. BALFOUR PAUL, Lyon King of Arms, in the Chair.

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

ALFRED W. COX, Westwood, Perthshire.

JOHN N. MACLEOD of Kintarbert, Glensaddell.

JAMES SORLEY, 18 Magdala Crescent.

The following articles, acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library during the recess, 8th May 1892 to 30th November 1893, were exhibited, viz. :—

Highland Target of wood and leather, 19 inches in diameter, with silver studs and bosses, and highly ornamented with patterns of interlaced work, scrolls, and figures of animals impressed in the leather, very similar to the target from Dunollie Castle figured in the *Proceedings*, vol. iii., Third Series, p. 34, except that the Dunollie target has a series of four animals three times repeated round the marginal row of patterns, while this one has a series of six animals twice repeated, the other patterns being nearly similar in both. This fine target comes from St Martins, Perthshire. It has engraved on the central boss the initials Æ. M'D., and the date August 16, 1715.

Selection of articles from the Bateman Sale, consisting of :—

1. Small Cup of steatite, of rectangular form, 4 inches by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches, with projecting handle, imperfect on one side—from Unst, Shetland.
2. Circular Cup of steatite, 5 inches in diameter, with cavity $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep, said to have been found containing bones and ashes—from Unst, Shetland.
3. Cup of granite of irregular form, 6 by 5 inches, with a cavity $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches—found in Shetland.
4. Three Spindle Whorls of earthenware, and two of steatite, one of

which, conical in form, is ornamented with incised lines—from Unst, Shetland.

5. Knife of porphyritic stone, $4\frac{7}{8}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, brought to an edge on one of the two longest sides—found in Unst, Shetland.

6. Two Stone Axes from Unst, Shetland: (1) of serpentine, $11\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length by $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches broad, finely polished and oval in section, found at Haroldswick; (2) of porphyritic stone, 4 by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches, polished, rudely formed, with broad truncated butt—found at Clibberswick.

7. Oval bowl-shaped Brooch (minus pin) of bronze or brass, ornamented with the figure of a human head in relief on each side; small hemispherical Vessel or Cup of bronze; small oval Button of serpentine, with two perforations—all found in a Viking grave in Unst, Shetland, in 1861.

8. Leaf-shaped Sword of bronze, the point imperfect, 24 inches in present length, the handle riveted on, the pommel disc-shaped and terminating in a knob-like projection, ornamented with incised scrolls and lines, finely patinated—found in Transylvania.

Axe of weathered felstone, $5\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches, with the point of the butt broken off—found at Clubbiedean reservoir, Pentland Hills.

Axe of greenstone, $9\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with smoothed surface, sides sharp, butt imperfect—found in the river Esk, near Roslin.

Distaff, $30\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, carved with interlaced work, &c., and ornamented Spindle of unusual form (fig. 1), both from Ceanamonic, Lochalsh, Ross-shire. Carved Distaffs are not uncommon in Scotland, although but little attention has been paid to them. They are often very characteristic, both in form and ornament, and in the Highlands were not unfrequently carved with interlaced work, as well as with the linear ornamentation used in the Lowlands, examples of which are shown in figs. 2 and 3.

Nineteen Discs of shale, from $1\frac{5}{8}$ to $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter, and three portions of Rings—all found in digging in the churchyard at Portpatrick, Wigtownshire.

Two oblong Communion Tokens of the Parish Church of Portpatrick: (1) marked in relief P.P. 1794; (2) marked in relief PORTPATRICK. 1706, *rev.* M. R. B.

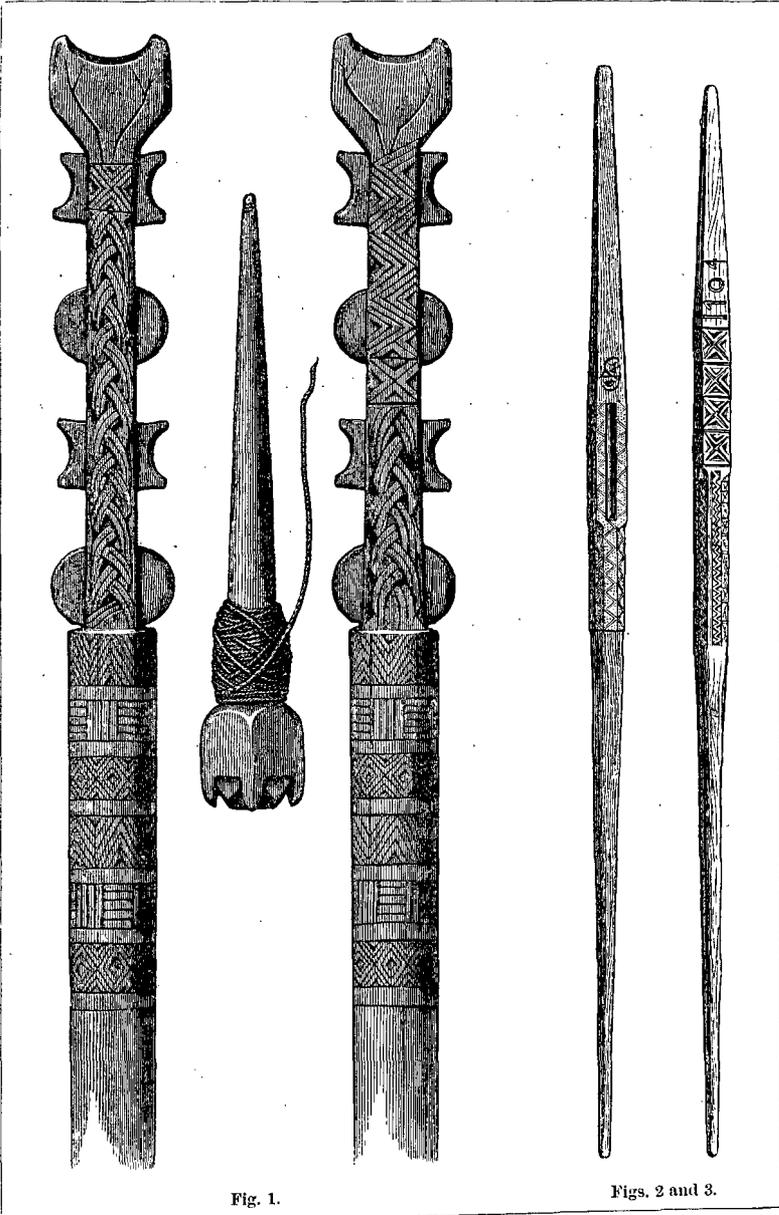


Fig. 1.

Figs. 2 and 3.

Fig. 1.—Ornamented Distaff (Highland) and its Spindle, from Lochalsh.
 Figs. 2 and 3.—Ornamented Distaffs (Lowland) of last century.

Irregular-shaped Pebble of micaceous sandstone, $8\frac{1}{2}$ by 6 inches, with a cup-shaped depression on one face, found at Aberfeldy.

Two Collections of Flint Implements from the Culbin Sands, Elginshire.

Two Collections of Flint Implements, and articles of bronze, beads, &c., from Glenluce Sands, Wigtownshire.

Collection of Flint Implements and Pottery from Lossiemouth Links.

Collection of Flint Implements gathered in fields at Tannadice, Forfarshire.

Agnew's Hereditary Sheriffs of Galloway. 2 vols. 8vo, 1893.

Zannoni's Arcaiche Abitazioni di Bologna. Folio, Text and Plates. Bologna, 1893.

Kraus, Die Christlichen Inschriften der Rheinlande. Part II., 4to. Freiburg, 1892.

Veitch's History and Poetry of the Scottish Border. 8vo, 2 vols. Edinburgh, 1893.

There were also exhibited :—

- (1) By H. HEWAT CRAW, F.S.A. Scot., West Foulden, Berwickshire.

Polished Stone Axe, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, found in West Foulden Moor, 1870. Whorl of Gneissose Stone, found in Brownsland's Field, West Foulden, 1893. Whorl of Claystone, ornamented with obliquely-placed radial lines, found on Rawburn Farm, in Cranshaws Parish, 1886. Whorl of Shale, broken, found in Hinds Acres Field, on West Foulden, 1893. Broken portion of a Polished Axe of Felstone, found in West Foulden Moor, 1875. Concretionary Nodule, in shape of a stone axe, 6 inches in length, found in West Foulden Moor, 1887.

- (2) By A. C. BALSILLIE, Dykegatehead, Whitsome, Berwickshire.

Axe of micaceous sandstone, 5 inches in length, found near Pistol Plantation, on the farm of Dykegatehead. Concretionary Nodule, in shape of stone axe, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, found on Dykegatehead Farm.

(3) By BALFOUR BALSILLIE, Dykegatehead, Whitsome, Berwickshire.

Stone Hammer, $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, the haft-hole only partially perforated by picking, found on the farm of Dykegatehead.

The following Communications were read :--