
MONDAY, 9th April 1894.

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

A Ballot having been taken, the following Gentleman was duly elected a Fellow of the Society, viz. :—

EDWARD DOUGLAS THOMSON, Chief Clerk, General Post-Office.

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

(1) By Miss AMY FRANCES YULE, Tarradale, Ross-shire.

Marble Statuette, a female figure, $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, the right arm gone, the left hand applied to the ear as if listening; and a small painted Amphora, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, from Candia.

(2) By W. J. KNOWLES, through Dr ROBERT MUNRO, *Secretary*.

Two Hollow Saws of Flint, from Antrim, Ireland.

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

Hollow Scraper of Flint, large Arrow-head of White Flint, oblong Bead of Steatite, small Whetstone, perforated at one end, and Bracer of Slaty Stone, perforated at both ends, all from Antrim, Ireland; oval, shuttle-shaped Implement of Quartz, with groove for suspension,

used in the Early Iron Age for striking fire with a Flint Scraper, from Scandinavia; small Whorl from Birkhill, Ladyland; and Whorl of Shale, from Camphill Reservoir, Kilbirnie, Ayrshire.

(4) By JOHN FINDLAY, F.S.A. Scot.

Collection of Flint Implements, &c., 100 in number, including Cores, Scrapers, Borers, and Worked Flints of discoidal and triangular forms, Flake-knives and Saws, and two tanged Javelin-heads of Bronze, from the neighbourhood of Luxor, Egypt. [See the subsequent communication by Mr Findlay.]

(5) By JOHN HAXTON, Markinch.

Large Two-handled Jar with greenish-yellow glaze, and irregular zigzag ornamentation on the upper part, dug up many years ago at Quarry-Park Wood, Balgonie, Fife.

(6) By JAMES DALGARNO, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Two Iron Bread-Spades, silver-mounted Snuff-Box of Horn, and a polished Axe of Granitic Stone, from Aberdeenshire.

(7) By ADAM B. RICHARDSON, *Curator of Coins*.

Penny of Alexander II., Roxburgh Mint; Half-Groat of David II., Edinburgh; Groat and Half-Groat of Robert II., Perth; Bawbee of James V.

(8) By ALEXANDER CURLE, F.S.A. Scot.

Mug of Steatite, the handle broken off, said to be from Perthshire.

(9) By Rev. J. E. FRASER, Dores.

Candlestick of Brass, from Dores, Inverness-shire.

(10) By Rev. ARCHIBALD PATERSON.

Casts in Plaster of an Orante, and of an Inscription (A.D. 238), from the Catacombs at Rome.

(11) By J. DOVE WILSON, Aberdeen.

One Guinea Note of Inglis, Borthwick, Gilchrist, & Co., Edinburgh,

1809; and a Two Franc Note of the Roman Republic, 1849, with Mazzini's Signature.

(12) By Rev. WM. TEMPLE, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Thanage of Fermartyn, including the District commonly called Formartine, its Proprietors, with Genealogical Deductions; its Parishes, Ministers, Churches, Churchyards, Antiquities, &c. 4to., Aberdeen, 1894.

(13) By G. S. DUNCAN, F.S.A. Scot.

Spectacle de la Nature, or Nature Displayed. Second Edition. London, 1736-48. Seven vols., 8vo.

(14) By THOMAS CHAPMAN, 11 Hanover Street.

Catalogues of Famous Sales. Thirteen vols., half bound in morocco.

(15) By Rev. JOHN DICKSON, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Ruined Castles of Midlothian. 8vo., 1894.

(16) By Sir HERBERT MAXWELL, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Scottish Land Names, being the Rhind Lectures for 1893. 8vo., 1894.

(17) By W. J. LINCOLN & SON, 69 New Oxford Street, London.

Catalogue of Papal Medals, Bullæ, and Medals of Cardinals, &c.

(18) By General J. G. ROCHE FORLONG, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Two Stages in Buddha's Teaching. 8vo, pp. 8. Reprint from *Imperial and Asiatic Quarterly Review*.

(19) By Miss BROWN of Lanfine.

Thirty-eight Documents, chiefly Burgess Tickets in favour of members of the family of Bogle and Brown of Lanfine.

(20) By JOHN CHRISTIE, Bolfracks Cottage, Aberfeldy.

Witchcraft in Kenmore, 1730-57. Extracts from the Session Records of the Parish. 8vo., Aberfeldy, 1893.

(21) By the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Eighth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, 1886-7.

(22) By the HON. LEONARD A. MORRISON.

Among the Scotch-Irish, and a Tour in Seven Counties. 8vo., Boston, Mass., 1891.

History and Proceedings of the Celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Settlement of Windham, New Hampshire. 8vo., 1892.

History of the Alison Family. 8vo., 1892.

(23) By A. D. WELD FRENCH, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Notes on the Surnames of Frances, Franceis, French, &c., in Scotland, with an Account of the Frenches of Thornydykes. MSS. 4to, pp. 177.

Notes on the Surnames of Frances, &c., in Scotland. 8vo., 1893, Boston, Mass. Privately printed.

(24) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Calendar of State Papers, Spanish, 1568-79, Vol. II; Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, 1675-76, and Addenda, 1574-1674; Calendar of Border Papers, Vol. I, 1560-94.

(25) By the NEW SPALDING CLUB.

Officers and Graduates of King's College, Aberdeen. Edited by P. J. Anderson, M.A.; LL.B. 4to., 1893.

There were also Exhibited :—

(1) By the Most Hon. the MARQUIS OF BUTE.

Image of the Virgin and Child (fig. 1), carved in oak, and somewhat

mutilated, but still sufficiently entire to show the original form of the group, the Virgin seated on a throne, with the child in the attitude of benediction, on her knee. It was given to the Marquis of Bute by Mr Rowland Kennedy of Bennane, who had inherited it from his grandfather, in whose time it is said to have been dug up in the peat-moss, near Crossraguel Abbey. It exhibits faint traces of having been at one time covered with gesso and ornamented with gold leaf. From the style of the drapery and other characteristics it can hardly be earlier than 13th century, and may, in all probability, have formed part of the furnishings of the Abbey Church of Crossraguel, cast out at the period of the Reformation.

(2) By Rev. H. CHRISTIAN,
Peel, Isle of Man.

A small brass Cup, with circular foot, footstalk, and knob, resembling an old-fashioned wine-glass, and supposed from its form, and the circumstances in which it was found, to have been a small chalice, such as were used for the secret celebration of the Roman Catholic service by travelling priests in the 17th century. It was found, with another exactly like it, walled up in a niche, in an old house in Musselburgh. Brass, however, was a material not sanctioned for chalices.



Fig. 1. Image in Oak of the Virgin and Child (25 inches in length).

(3) By the Hon. JOHN ABERCROMBY, F.S.A. Scot.

Plaster cast of a fragment of a sculptured stone found on Walton Farm, of the Crawford Priory estate, near Cupar, Fife. Mr Abercromby supplies the following description of the cast:—The original is the fragment of a slab of red sandstone, such as is found in a quarry on the farm, about 1 foot long and wide, and 4 or 5 inches thick. It is now preserved at Crawford Priory. The plaster cast does not accurately represent the fracture of the slab, as it is made from a blotting-paper cast which did not quite cover the edges of the stone, but the sculptured portion is faithfully rendered. In the left hand upper corner is incised a firm and well-drawn head of an eagle or bird of prey. Below it, but in relief, is a short stem terminating in a half-moon shaped expansion, the horns of which are prolonged and recurved inwards near the top of the stem. This ornament or symbol is surrounded by a circular band about an inch wide, the surface of which has been partially lowered about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch by means of a pointed tool. Except that the terminal of the stem is circular instead of pointed, it resembles a mark or symbol incised on the walls of Jonathan's Cave, East Wemyss, and figured in Stuart's *Sculptured Stones of Scotland*, Vol. II. Pl. 31, fig. 3. Birds appear on several of the stones of Scotland at Tyrie, Aberdeenshire (*op. cit.*, Vol. I. Pl. 13), Inveravon (Pl. 15), Birnie (Pl. 17), Nigg (Pl. 29), Dingwall (Pl. 108), Tillytarmont (Pl. 109).

The following Communications were read:—