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MONDAY, 11th February 1895.

GILBERT GOUDIE in the Chair.

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

THOMAS MARTIN CAPPON, Architect, Dundee.  
Rev. J. W. JACKSON, M.A., F.C. Minister, Cromdale.  
Captain JAMES F. MACPHERSON, United Service Club, Edinburgh.  
JOHN HORNE STEVENSON, M.A., Advocate, 10 Albyn Place.  
Rev. GEORGE WILLIAMS, Minister of Norrieston Free Church, Thornhill,  
Stirling.

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

(1) By the SCHOOL OF ANTHROPOLOGY, Paris.

Five Spindle Whorls of terra-cotta, glazed and painted with floral patterns, from the Pyrenees of the French side, where they are still made and used.

(2) By Rev. Dr GRIGOR, Pitsligo.

Two Butter-Weights of stone, from the parish of Keith, Aberdeenshire. The larger of these is a natural water-rounded pebble of quartzite,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter. One end has been abraded, so that it would be certainly taken for a prehistoric hammer-stone used at the one end only. This abrasion, Dr Grigor states, was done by knocking it with another pebble in order to reduce it to the proper weight. Its weight

is that of the old Aberdeenshire "lang pund," or 24 oz. avoirdupois, equal to a pound and a half imperial.

The other stone Weight is a roughly angular pebble of mica schist, with a flat under-side. It has also been slightly reduced by knocking it with another stone to bring it to the proper weight of half a "lang pund," or 12 ounces imperial. Dr Grigor knows that both were used for weighing butter till quite recently.

Axe of indurated micaceous claystone,  $11\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in breadth across the cutting face, slightly oval in the cross section, and tapering to a rather slender conical butt, from Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire.

Small Axe of indurated micaceous sandstone,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length by 2 inches in breadth across the cutting face, oval in the cross section, and tapering to a roughly conical butt, from Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire.

Socket-Stone of quartzite, 6 inches diameter.

Stone Lid, nearly rectangular, with knob in the middle; and a small Whorl of micaceous stone; both from Pitsligo.

Iron Crawl, from Roseheart; and Wool Comb of iron, with wooden handle, from Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire.

Cross, made of rowan-tree twigs, bound with red thread, as a charm against witchcraft.

A model set of the old Horse Harness used in Aberdeenshire.

Herd's Club, as used in the district, marked with a cabalistic score, and a copy of the traditional verses giving directions how to make the score, from Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire.

(3) By Mr CHRISTIE, Teacher, Dollar, through ROBERT ROBERTSON, F.S.A. Scot.

Cinerary Urn,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  inches in height by  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter across the mouth, with a heavy overhanging rim, ornamented by oblique rows of circular impressions, as if done with the end of a stick about the thickness of a pencil. It was found at the Cuninghar, Tillicoultry, on the site of a stone circle, and alongside of the site of one of the stones of the circle. [See the subsequent Communication by Robert Robertson, F.S.A. Scot.]

(4) By ADOLPHE MEGRET, the Author.

Etude de Mensuration sur l'Homme Prehistorique. 8vo, Nice, 1894, 16 pp.

(5) By EDOUARD PIETTE, the Author.

L'Epoque Eburneenne et les Races Humaines de la periode glyptique. 8vo, Saint Quentin, 1894, 27 pp.

(6) By JOHN BEDDOE, M.D., LL.D., the Author.

The Anthropological History of Europe, being the Rhind Lectures for 1891. Reprint from the *Scottish Review*.

(7) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Icelandic Sagas, Vols. III. and IV. Translations of the Orkneyinga Saga, and Hacon's Saga, by Sir George Webbe Dasent, D.C.L., &c. (*Rolls Series*.)

(8) By B. H. CUNNINGTON, F.S.A. Scot.

Notes on the Discovery of Romano-British Kilns, &c., at Pewsey. Reprint from the *Proceedings of the Wiltshire Archæological Society*. 8vo, 8 pp., 1894.

(9) By the WILTSHIRE ARCHEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Catalogue of the Library of the Wiltshire Archæological and Natural History Society's Museum at Devizes.

(10) By FRANCIS J. CHILD, the Editor, through W. MACMATH, F.S.A. Scot.

The English and Scottish Popular Ballads. Part IX.

(11) By MRS C. M. LITTLE, the Author.

History of the Clan Macfarlane. Privately printed. 8vo, Totten-ville, Staten Island, New York.

There were also Exhibited :—

(1) By Major R. G. WARDLAW RAMSAY of Tillicoultry.

Urn of Food-vessel type, with pierced ears below the rim, and finely ornamented, from a cist at the Cuninghar, near Tillicoultry House. [See the subsequent Communication by Mr Robertson and Mr Black.]

(2) By the MANAGERS OF THE DOLLAR INSTITUTION, through Rev. ROBERT PAUL, F.S.A. Scot.

Urn of Food-vessel type,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in height by 5 inches diameter at the mouth, narrowing to 3 inches diameter at the bottom, the whole exterior surface covered with rows of impressed ornamentation, as of a tool notched like the teeth of a comb, less than a quarter of an inch in length, and having six or seven notches. These rows are arranged in zigzag lines vertically from top to bottom, and there are two rows of irregularly impressed markings of the same kind round the interior of the lip. The Urn was found at Harvieston about the year 1804, in making the west approach to the house. It was in a cist, and with it was found a small oval flint knife,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by 1 inch in breadth, formed of a flake, with the whitish chalk surface still covering one side, the other showing the bulb of percussion, and the edges worked sharp all round from the inner side of the flake only.

(3) By THOMAS WALLACE, F.S.A. Scot., Inverness.

Curious Stone Implement (?) of mica schist, 11 inches in length, and formed in shape of a dagger, from North Uist.

The following Communications were read :—