

MONDAY, *8th March* 1897.

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

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

Captain J. H. ANDERSON, 2nd East Lancashire Regiment, Aldershot.
RICHARD BELL of Castle O'er, Dumfriesshire.
RICHARD BROWN, C.A., 22 Chester Street, Edinburgh.
Rev. JOHN MACKENZIE GIBSON, M.A., 22 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh.

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

(1) By MACLEOD of Macleod.

Collection of Stone Implements and Pottery, &c., obtained from an
ancient structure in St Kilda by Mr John Young, consisting of :—

Large Spear-head of iron (fig. 1), 14 inches in length; the blade,
which is leaf-shaped, measures 5 inches in length and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in
width across the widest part; the socket is 11 inches in length and 1
inch in diameter at the butt, tapering to less than $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch at the neck,
where it merges on the blade, and having an opening down one side for
about 4 inches.

Conical Stone, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter at the base,
much cracked all over the surface.

Conical Stone, $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter at the
base, with a cup-shaped depression in the middle of the base, and a
shallow groove hollowed round the circumference of the lower part.
Like the other, it is much cracked all over the surface.

Two naturally-shaped, oblong, oval Pebbles, $5\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in
length, that have been used as hammer-stones.

Sharpening Stone of triangular section, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, one face
polished smooth.

Sharpening or Grinding Stone of white sandstone, irregularly shaped, $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by 7 inches in breadth and 3 inches in thickness, hollowed on one side as if by grinding, and presenting a number of oblong, shallow groovings, as if made by point-sharpening.



Fig. 1. Iron Spear-head, from St Kilda. ($\frac{1}{2}$)

Three rude Implements of greenstone, 7 inches to 11 inches in length and 4 to 5 inches in breadth, with flattish faces and rounded backs, thinning to both ends, and slightly striated, as if by use.

Oval Pebble of sandstone, 4 inches in length by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth and about 1 inch in thickness, narrowing to one end, and having a hollow in its upper face $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in depth, with a flattish bottom. The form is suggestive of its use as a lamp.

Triangular fragment of red sandstone, 6 inches in length by 5 inches in breadth and 4 inches in thickness, measuring to the apex of the triangle, having on its base a cup-shaped hollow $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in depth in the centre, very roughly formed.

Several thin, flat splinters of large, rounded, water-worn pebbles of hard greenstone, each splinter having a thick back, and thinning to a sharp, irregular, but rounded edge, capable of being used as a rough substitute for a knife.

Half of the lower part of a Rubbing-Stone or Saddle Quern, 2 feet in length by 9 inches in breadth and 8 inches in thickness, hollowed out by use, and fractured lengthwise along the middle.

About twenty pieces of exceedingly coarse pottery, consisting of fragments of vessels of considerable size, and varying in thickness from less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches, some showing flat bottoms and others parts of rims, with scarcely any attempt at ornamentation beyond a rude scoring in one or two instances, and all encrusted in the interior with a blackish deposit, which cracks and scales off when dry.

A few teeth and bones of sheep of small size, and probably also a small ox, and sea-fowl.

The ancient structure in which these objects were found is situated at the back of the village, and is believed to be the same as that opened and examined in 1876 by Mr J. Sands, who has given a description of it in the *Proceedings*, vol. xii. p. 186.

(2) By A. A. GORDON, C.A., F.S.A. Scot.

Polished Adze of mottled serpentine $7\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the cutting face, from New Zealand.

(3) By the PEABODY MUSEUM.

Report of Explorations in the Prehistoric Ruins of Copan, Honduras. 4to; 1896.

(4) By J. T. IRVINE, F.S.A. Scot.

Portions of several Wedge-bricks from Peterborough Cathedral. Attempt to recover the first design of the West Front of Peterborough. 8vo; 1882. An Edinburgh Contract in 1754. By T. M. Rickman. 8vo.

(5) By G. T. CLARK, 44 Berkeley Square, London.

The Origin, Increase, Branches, and Alliances of the Family of Erskine of that Ilk (on large sheets).

(6) By A. D. WELD FRENCH, F.S.A. Scot.

County Records of the Surname French. Boston, 1896; 8vo.

(7) By DONALD CURRIE & Co.

Tantallon Castle: the Story of the Castle and the Ship. By E. R. Pennell. 1895; 4to.

(8) By the CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS.

Handbook of Co-operative Congress at Woolwich, 1896. London, 1896; 8vo.

(9) By the SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, London.

Archæologia, vol. lv. part i. Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London, vol. xvi. No. 2.

(10) By JAMES CECIL MACDONALD, F.S.A. Scot.

Chronologies and Calendars. 8vo ; London, 1897.

There was also Exhibited :—

(1) By Rev. CATHEL KERR, F.S.A. Scot.

Polished Stone Axe of limestone, $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, with a small circular perforation through the butt, found near the F.C. Mause of Melness, Sutherlandshire, forty-one years ago.

The following Communications were read :—