
MONDAY, 14th March 1898.

THE HON. JOHN ABERCROMBY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

JAMES GOURLIE, Oakburn, Helensburgh.
WILLIAM TOUGH, M.A., 94 Polwarth Gardens.

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

(1) By JAMES ADAMS, Comely Park, Dunfermline.

Polished Axe of greenish quartz (broken), found at Pitreavie near Dunfermline. This fine axe, which is beautifully formed and highly polished, is made of a material which has been called a greenish quartz, but has a very close resemblance to jadeite. It measures $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, and must originally have been about $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, part of the butt end having been broken off and lost. The width across the cutting face is $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and the greatest thickness $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch. In shape it thus resembles those thin triangular axe-heads of which a considerable number have been found in Scotland varying from $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$

inches in length, and all made of the same or a very similar variety of greenish stone, excessively hard and highly polished. A few specimens have been found in England, and a considerable number in Brittany and various parts of Germany, as described by Sir John Evans in his work

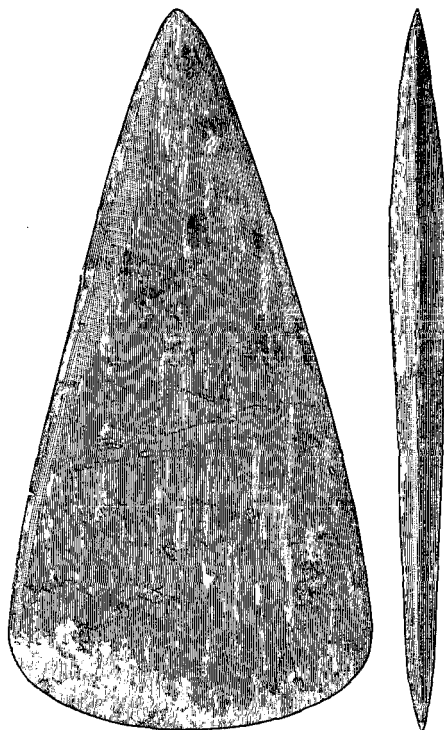


Fig. 1. Axe of Aventurine Quartz, found at Cunzierton, Jedburgh, $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. in length.

on the *Ancient Stone Implements of Great Britain and Ireland* (2nd edition), p. 109. The Scottish specimen which this Pitreavie axe most resembles is that found at Cunzierton, Jedburgh, a figure of which is appended (fig. 1) from the *Proceedings*, vol. xvii. p. 383. Others are figured from Rattray, Perthshire (vol. xvii. p. 383), from Drummond

Hill, Perthshire (vol. xxiii. p. 272), and from Berwickshire (vol. xxviii. p. 322).

(2) By JOHN M'LEAN, Kentra, Bruichladdich, Islay.

Crusie of wrought-iron, with Wick of rushes, from Islay.

(3) By W. ROBERTSON, 83 Harcourt Terrace, South Kensington.

Sheep's-horn Snuff Mull which belonged to the Etrick Shepherd.

(4) By H. G. REID, Caermarthen, through J. R. FINDLAY,
F.S.A. Scot.

Portion of edging of double silk, embroidered with gold thread, said to be part of Queen Mary's Coronation Robe, given to Lady Elizabeth Murray by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex.

(5) By JOHN MUNRO, F.S.A. Scot., Oban.

Implement of bone, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, from a kitchen-midden in Uist.

(6) By Rev. D. G. BARRON, minister of Dunottar.

Basin of bronze or brass, found in a moss in Kincardineshire.

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

Fragments of Roman Pottery, Glass, etc., from London and Bath; Portions of Medieval Stained Glass and Coloured Tiles, from Dorset; Lock, with decorated brass plate, and Steel Key, from London; Pendant of jade, flat, thin, and chisel-edged, from New Zealand; Ornamental Hinge of wrought-iron, from Dorset; Flat, oval Pebble, perforated at one end, called a "Viegle," for tying between the horns of a cow to prevent her from running away, from South Yell, Shetland; Etched Copper-Plates of the Rounds of Tivla and Monument in the Churchyard of Sandwick, Shetland; Two Sketch Books of J. D. Wyatt, Architect; Latin Bible (1631), with English Version of the Psalms by Sternhold and Hopkins, in stamped leather binding; Sixty-two Rubbings from Brasses and other Monuments, from various places in England.

(8) By W. BRUCE BANNERMAN, F.S.A. Scot.

Forged One Pound Note of the Bank of England, 1819, and Five Coins, various.

(9) By ROBERT LAWSON, 3 Chambers Street.

Two Old Notes of the Virginia (James River) Bank, for twenty shillings and eight pounds, dated 1773.

(10) By DAVID MACRITCHIE, F.S.A. Scot.

Diary of a Tour through Great Britain in 1795. By Rev. W. Macritchie. 1897; 8vo.

(11) By J. O. MITCHELL, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Burns and his Times, as gathered from his Poems. 1897; 8vo.

(12) By the Most Hon. THE MARQUIS OF BUTE, K.T., LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

The Arms of the Royal and Parliamentary Burghs of Scotland. By JOHN, MARQUESS OF BUTE, K.T.; J. R. N. MACPHAIL; and H. W. LONSDALE, Edinburgh. 1897; 4to.

(13) By JOHAN ADOLF BRUUN, Ph.D., Stockholm, the Author.

The Illuminated Manuscripts of the Middle Ages. Part 1.—Celtic Manuscripts. 1897.

(14) By DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D., Sec. S.A. Scot., the Author.

Early Fortifications in Scotland. The Rhind Lectures for 1894. 1898; 4to.

There were Exhibited :—

(1) By WM. CRAMOND, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

A Collection of Impressions of Postal Stamps from Old Letters, etc., chiefly of the last Century. [See the subsequent Communication by Dr Cramond.]

The following Communications were read :—