

MONDAY, 11th *February* 1901.

SIR THOMAS GIBSON CARMICHAEL, BART.,
Vice-President, in the Chair.

Before proceeding to the ordinary business of the meeting, the Chairman proposed the adoption of an Address to His Majesty the King, expressing their sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss which His Majesty and the whole nation and empire had sustained in the lamented decease of his beloved mother, their most gracious Sovereign and Patron, Queen Victoria; and offering their loyal and dutiful congratulations on His Majesty's accession to the throne.

The Address, a copy of which follows, was unanimously adopted:—

UNTO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the President and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, incorporated by Royal Charter, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our sincere sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss which Your Majesty, your Royal House, and the whole Nation and Empire have sustained in the lamented decease of your beloved Mother, our most gracious Sovereign and Patron, Queen Victoria. Her illustrious reign will be always remembered for the unparalleled advancement of the social, industrial, and commercial progress of the Empire, and for the concurrent development of Literature, Science, and Art attained and fostered by the favouring conditions of her beneficent rule; and her memory will be ever cherished in the loving remembrance of her grateful people for her unceasing devotion to the interest and welfare of all classes and conditions of her subjects.

We desire also to offer to Your Majesty our loyal and dutiful congratulations on Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, and to tender to Your Majesty the sincere expression of our loyal attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Throne; and our earnest prayer is that Your Majesty may be long spared in a happy and prosperous reign to maintain and advance the best interests of this great Empire.

Signed in the name and by the authority of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in general meeting assembled, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Incorporation, this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

HERBERT EUSTACE MAXWELL, President.

THOMAS GIBSON CARMICHAEL, Vice-President.

DAVID CHRISTISON, Secretary.

The following reply to the Address was received from the Secretary of State for Scotland :—

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL, 27th March 1901.

SIR,

I am commanded by the King to convey to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, His Majesty's thanks for the expressions of sympathy with His Majesty and the Royal Family on the occasion of the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and also for the loyal and dutiful assurances on the occasion of His Majesty's accession to the Throne contained in their Address, which I have had the honour to lay before His Majesty.

I am, etc.

BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH.

The Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, Bart., M.P.

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

His Grace the DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.T., LL.D.

His Grace the DUKE OF PORTLAND, K.G.

His Grace the DUKE OF SUTHERLAND.

The Most Hon. the MARQUIS OF BUTE.

The Right Hon. the EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, K.G.

The Right Hon. the EARL OF LEVEN AND MELVILLE.

The Right Hon. the EARL OF MANSFIELD.

The Right Hon. EARL CAWDOR.

The Right Hon. LORD HAMILTON of Dalzell.

The Right Hon. LORD HERRIES.

The Right Hon. LORD TWEEDMOUTH.

Sir MARK J. M'TAGGART STEWART, Bart., M.P.

JOHN HENRY GILCHRIST CLARK, of Speddoch.

MATTHEW LIVINGSTONE, Deputy Keeper of the Records, 32 Hermitage Gardens.

ALAN REID, F.E.I.S., 4 Harrison Road.

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

(1) By H. W. SETON KARR.

Sixty-two rude Flint Implements from the East Desert, Egypt. These implements are from the flint mines discovered by the donor in the eastern desert, some at a distance of thirty miles from the Nile, some nearer in the Wady-el-Sheik district, the workings being in some cases

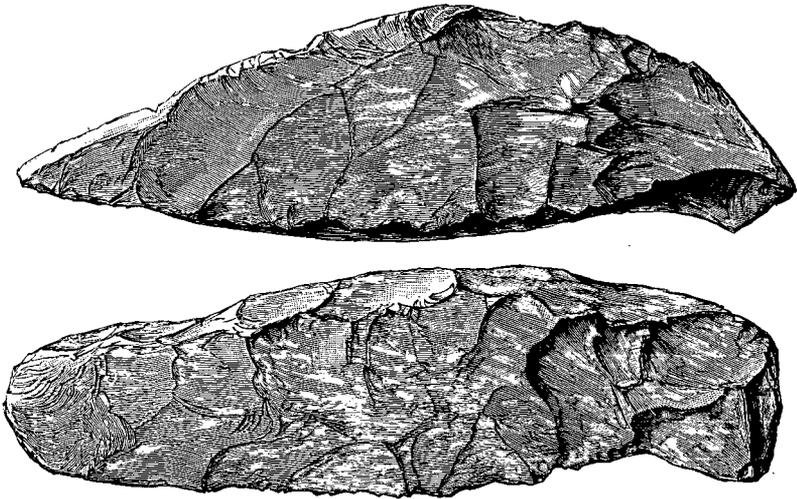


Fig. 1. Base and side view of core-like Implement of Flint from Eastern Desert, Egypt. ($\frac{1}{2}$.)

along ledges on the faces of cliffs, in other cases on level ground on the plateaus which descend step-like from the high table-topped mountains to the dry sandy bed of the Wady-el-Sheik. The bulk of Mr Seton Karr's collection went to the Liverpool Museum, and a detailed description of them has been published by Dr H. O. Forbes in the *Bulletin of the Liverpool Museum*, vol. ii. Nos. 3 and 4. Those now presented to this Museum consist for the most part of four varieties.

A core-like variety (fig. 1) roughly triangular in section, tapering to one

end and having at the other end a projection from the flat side, as shown in the accompanying figure. They vary in size from $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by 2 inches in width of the side to about 7 inches in length.

A triangular variety worked along the sides and with the shortest side or base of the triangle worked to a roughly rounded edge, resembling a very roughly-made flat axe of stone. They also vary in size from about 9 inches in length by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in greatest breadth near the base, and 1 inch in thickness, to about 7 inches in length.

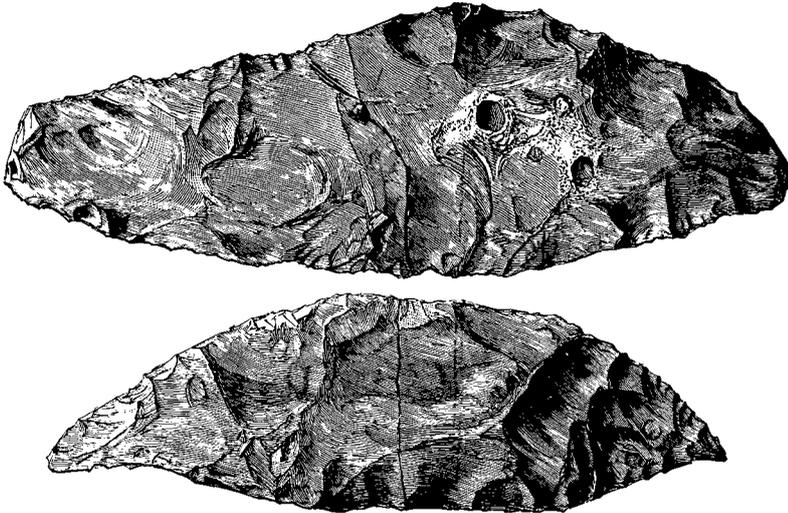


Fig. 2. Two Flint Implements from the Eastern Desert, Egypt. ($\frac{1}{2}$.)

A double triangular variety, having its greatest breadth in the middle of its length and tapering thence to both ends. They vary in size also from about 9 inches in length by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in greatest breadth, but most of the smaller sizes are only fragments.

A variety with a slightly curved edge on one side and a crescentic back, sometimes inclining to be angular, also varying in size from 9 inches in length by 3 inches in greatest breadth, to less than 7 inches in length. Two of them are shown in the accompanying woodcut (fig. 2).

Twenty-four portions of vessels of coarse pottery found in or around the flint mines where the implements occurred. Some of the vessels are straight-sided and have loop handles.

Fifty-five Palæolithic Implements of Flint from Somaliland.

These implements are for the most part identical in form with implements of palæolithic type found in the drift gravels of Europe. They are much whitened and superficially decomposed by exposure, having been washed out of sandy or loamy deposits by the action of rain and exposed on the surface.

(2) By Rev. J. E. FRASER, DORES.

Small fragment of a Sculptured Stone, with a fretwork pattern, found on the shore of Loch Ness, near Dore.



Fig. 3. Fragment of Sculptured Slab found near Dore. ($\frac{1}{2}$.)

The fragment measures $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in thickness, but the back shows the natural lamination of the stone as if it had split off from a slab of greater thickness. Judging from the large scale of the pattern and the boldness of the incised sculpture it must have formed part of a monument, probably a cross-slab, of considerable size. The pattern is part of a design in fretwork not un-

common on the cross-slabs of the period of the Celtic Church, but apparently differing in its details from most of them, and therefore of special interest. The fragment is also interesting as indicating that a monument of this class and period must have stood somewhere in the neighbourhood, though no record of it exists.

(3) By ANDREW W. LYONS, Architect, Edinburgh.

Pencil Drawing to scale of the Painted Ceiling in the Montgomery Aisle, Old Church of Largs, Ayrshire, framed and glazed. [See the subsequent Communication by Mr A. W. Lyons.]

(4) By Mrs CARFRAE, Montraive Villa, Murrayfield.

Manuscript Book of Accounts of Maries Chapell (Burgh of Barony of Portsburgh, Edinburgh), 1725-26.

Thirty Finger Rings of Bronze, Greek, Roman, and Mediaeval.

(5) By ALEX. J. S. BROOK, F.S.A. Scot.

Facsimile of the Seal of the Burgh of Barony of Portsburgh, Edinburgh.

(6) By Sir JAMES BALFOUR PAUL, Lord Lyon King-of-Arms, the Author.

Heraldry in relation to Scottish History and Art. The Rhind Lectures for 1898. 8vo; 1900.

(7) By RALPH RICHARDSON, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Coutts & Co., Bankers, Edinburgh and London. 8vo; 1900.

River Terminology (extract from *Scottish Geographical Magazine*), pp. 7.

(8) By T. WATSON GREIG, of Glencarse, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Ladies' Dress Shoes of the Nineteenth Century. Folio; 1900.

(9) By DAVID BRYCE & SON, Publishers, Glasgow.

M'Ian's Costumes of the Clans of Scotland. 8vo ; 1899.

M'Ian's Highlanders at Home. 8vo ; 1900.

(10) By ALEX. INGLIS, Photographer, Rock House, Calton Hill.

Album of Photographs of Old Chairs, etc., in the Collection of the late Sir William Fraser, K.C.B., LL.D.

(11) By C. W. DYMOND, Hon. F.S.A. Scot.

The Amra Choluim Chilli of Dallan Forgaill. Printed from the original Irish, and Translated by J. O'Beirne Crowe. 8vo ; Dublin, 1871.

(12) By GEORGE F. BLACK, Public Library, New York.

A Selected Biography of the Anthropology and Ethnology of Europe. By Wm. Z. Ripley.

The Directories for Worship and Form of Church Government of the Church of Scotland. Printed by Benjamin Franklin, 1745. (Reprint.)

(13) By the TRUSTEES of the late Mr JOHN HAXTON, Markinch.

First Edition of the Bishops' Bible. Folio ; 1568. (Completing the Haxton Bequest of Bibles printed in English.)

The following Communications were read :—