

MONDAY, 14th April 1902.

ROBERT MUNRO, M.D., LL.D., in the Chair.

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

Major ROBERT DOUGLAS ANDERSON, *Ingleneuk, Paignton, Devon.*  
 CHARLES BROWN, *Dundas Lodge, Kerse, Falkirk.*  
 W. C. SMITH, M.A., LL.B., *Advocate, 6 Darnaway Street.*

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

(1) By Mrs EMILY STUART.

An Arrow-head of light brown flint, with barbs and stem, measuring  $2\frac{1}{16}$  inches in length by  $1\frac{1}{16}$  inch in breadth, found at Lassodie, Fife.

(2) By Rev. JAMES AIKMAN PATON, M.A., B.Sc., Minister of Inch, through the Hon. HEW DALRYMPLE, F.S.A. Scot.

Bronze Matrix of the Seal of the Priory of Whithorn, found in the garden of the manse at Soulseat, in the parish of Inch, Wigtownshire, by John Paton, of H.M. Register House, Edinburgh, the father of the donor, when on a visit to his son, the minister of the parish, in August 1891.

The Seal (fig. 1) is oval in shape, 2 inches in length by  $1\frac{3}{16}$  inch in greatest breadth, and has a projection on the back near one end, through which there is a hole for suspension by means of a cord. The charge in the centre of the Seal is the Agnus Dei, with head reverted, the right fore-foot up-lifting the banner of the cross, on either side of the cross the sun and moon, the sun figured as a six-rayed orb, the rays curving swastika-like, and the moon as a slender crescent; on the ground in front of the Lamb is placed a chalice receiving the blood, which pours from a wound in the breast; in the field underneath is a fleur-de-lis, over the

junction of two crossed olive branches, each terminating with a triplet of leaves. The legend is—

S' : CONVENTVS : CANDIDE : CASE.

The Seal has been described and figured in the *Archæological and Historical Collections relating to Ayrshire and Galloway*, vol. vii. p. 53 (1894), and the Society is indebted to the Ayrshire and Galloway Association for the use of the blocks here reproduced.



Fig. 1. Seal of the Priory of Whithorn.

(3) By ANDREW MURRAY.

Brass Button, gilt, of the Edinburgh Volunteers, with the City Arms.

(4) By ALEXANDER GILMOUR, Edinburgh Academy.

Ivory Shield, like a broad finger-ring, formerly used for protecting the finger in making quill pens.

(5) By JOHN BRUCE, F.S.A. Scot., Helensburgh.

Small Polished Axe of green jade-like stone,  $1\frac{7}{8}$  inch in length by  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch in breadth across the cutting face, by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in greatest thickness, from Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Cinerary Urn,  $15\frac{1}{4}$  inches in height by  $13\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter at the mouth, the lip flat, and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch in thickness, bevelled towards the inside, and decorated with large coarsely impressed markings, the upper part of the exterior similarly decorated, and surrounded by three horizontal ribs or mouldings, at distances of 1 inch, 3 inches, and 5 inches below the brim, the under part plain and tapering to a base of 3 inches in diameter. It was found containing burnt bones in a sand-hillock, in a garden at Strathblane, in 1898.

(6) By ROBERT CHRISTISON, Queensland, through Dr DAVID CHRISTISON, *Secretary*.

A collection of weapons and implements in use among the natives of Queensland, Australia, comprising :—

Club, 3 feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch in length, with an oblong knob at the end, measuring  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and carved in low relief.

Club, 3 feet  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, with an oblong knob at the end, measuring  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, deeply carved, the handle stained red.

Club, 2 feet 9 inches in length, the head notched or serrated for a space of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches, ornamented with a whitened zigzag line.

Club, 2 feet  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length, the head notched or serrated.

Club, 2 feet 9 inches in length, the head an oblong knob.

Club, 2 feet 11 inches in length, with similar head.

Club, 2 feet  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, the head slightly knobbed and the shaft stained red.

Six plain Clubs of brown or black wood, with slightly swelling and pointed heads, varying from 2 feet  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches to 2 feet 2 inches in length.

Three Boomerangs of different sizes, ornamented with rows of lozenge-shaped spaces filled with oblique parallel lines.

Two Spear-throwers of polished red wood, 2 feet  $9\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and 2 feet  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inches in length, each with the usual slanted projection to fit into the end of the spear for its propulsion.

Shield of painted wood, of an oblong oval shape, 1 foot 8 inches in

length by  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches in greatest breadth, by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness, convex on the outer side, which is painted red in the central portion with a scalloped border, the ends white, the edges dark blue, and a broad line of blue down the centre, the inner side red with white at the ends and the handle black.

Two Spears of hard wood, each 9 feet 9 inches in length, one having two long harpoon-like barbs on one side, and the other one short harpoon-like barb on each side.

Three Spears of hard wood, 9, 7, and 5 feet in length, unbarbed.

Stone Axe, of a basaltic stone,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $1\frac{7}{8}$  inch across the cutting edge, which is rounded; the handle in which the axe is fixed with a lump of gum in the usual way is  $13\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length, and formed of a bent withe, the axe being caught in the bend of the withe and the loose ends tied together with string.

Small Axe (a child's toy) of basaltic stone, 2 inches in length by  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches across the cutting face, mounted with gum in the usual way in a bent withe making a handle 7 inches in length.

Two Bone Awls,  $10\frac{5}{8}$  inches and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length.

Three Message Sticks—cylindrical pieces of white wood,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length respectively, with marks cut on them for the message they were in each case intended to convey.

Two Dilly Bags, of plaited fibre, striped in various colours.

Two Net Bands worn by women, one with a pendent shell.

Skin of a Kangaroo, prepared by the natives.

(7) By Mr HENRY DUNDAS, through Mrs M. F. M'EWAN.

The Hand of a mummy from Egypt.

Model of the Coffin of Lord Nelson.

(8) By MAJOR R. D. ANDERSON, F.S.A. Scot.

A model of a Viking Ship, founded on the ship from the mound at Gokstad, on Sandefjord, Norway.

Model of a Human Foot in terra cotta, from Veii, Italy.

(9) By HENRY AITKEN, Darroch, Falkirk.

Polished Stone Axe of micaceous schist,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by 2 inches across the cutting face, slightly oval in section and tapering gradually to the butt, from La Vergin mine, near Castro de Rey, Lugo, Spain.

(10) By the Hon. HEW H. DALRYMPLE, F.S.A. Scot.

Polished Axe of indurated clay slate, greenish-grey,  $4\frac{3}{8}$  inches in length by 2 inches in breadth across the cutting face, from Kirkcolm, Wigtownshire.

(11) By General F. W. TRAIL BURROUGHS, C.B., of Rousay and Veira.

Rude Stone Implement of sandstone, of the conically pointed variety,  $13\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in breadth, and  $2\frac{1}{8}$  inches in thickness, one end broken sharply off, found on the farm of Innester, in the Wasbuster district of the Island of Rousay, Orkney.

(12) By the MAGISTRATES AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDINBURGH, through Councillor W. F. DOBIE, F.S.A. Scot.

Cup-and-Ring-marked Stone, 2 feet  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by 1 foot 9 inches in breadth, and  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness, sculptured with cups, rings and connecting grooves, found on the Braid Hills in 1897. [See the previous Communication by Mr John Bruce, F.S.A. Scot., in the *Proceedings*, vol. xxxi. p. 110.]

(13) By the Right Hon. the EARL OF SOUTHESK, K.T., LL.D., *Vice President*.

Implement of brownish flint,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, consisting of a tang-shaped projection 1 inch in length, with a bluntly rounded point, rising from an expanded base with a well-worked rounded scraper-like edge. The point end seems to show signs of wear by use, perhaps as a borer. It was found in the neighbourhood of Old Montrose.

- (14) By Mr JOHN NICOLSON, Nybster, Caithness.  
Bottle Stamp, marked BRABSTER, found near the old house of Brabster, Caithness.
- (15) By WILLIAM FORGAN.  
Copy of a Bread Spade, with rake, as formerly used in Fife.
- (16) By F. E. WHELAN.  
Old Lock from Auchinleck Castle.
- (17) By Miss F. A. BERRY.  
Two ornamented Combs of Tortoise Shell, worn by ladies before 1820.
- (18) By JAMES KIDD.  
A pair of Tailor's Scissors,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, found in a moss in Aberdeenshire.
- (19) By ALAN REID, F.S.A. Scot.  
Iron Girdle or Brander with bow-handle and swivel,  $14\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter, two of the bars wavy instead of straight, from Auchtergaven, Perthshire.
- (20) By the EXECUTORS of the late Dr J. FORTUNE.  
Gold-headed Staff, 4 feet 3 inches in length, which belonged to Neil MacVicar, Provost of Edinburgh in 1802, and bears his monogram.
- (21) By Dr R. de BRUS TROTTER, Perth.  
Pebble of veined quartz, finely rounded and polished, said to have been formerly used as a charm-stone.
- (22) By F. T. ELWORTHY, the Author.  
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(23) By DAVID MURRAY, LL.D., *Vice-President*.

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(25) By the KEEPER OF THE RECORDS OF SCOTLAND.

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