

MONDAY, 12th January 1903.

ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., M.D., LL.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

WALTER B. HARRIS, Tangier, Morocco.

JOHN SCOTT, W.S., 13 Hill Street, Edinburgh.

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

(1) By Miss BORTHWICK, Langholm.

A Bronze Mortar, $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches high and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter at the mouth, having a flat circular footstand $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, found in an earthwork on Milne Holm farm, Langholm.



Fig. 1. Bead of Blue Vitreous Paste, with spiral ornamentation, from Arnabost, Coll.

(2) By J. M. HOWDEN, F.S.A. Scot.

Bead of blue vitreous paste, 1 inch in diameter, with bosses of white spirals at regular intervals round the circumference (fig. 1), found at Arnabost, in the island of Coll. This bead is specially interesting, as being the only one of its kind hitherto found in Scotland. One of this type is described as having been found in connection with a] very singular burial of part of a human body (only consisting of the pelvis and legs to the ankles, but with no traces of the feet or of the upper

part of the body) in a wooden coffin in the Gallo-Helvetian cemetery of Vevey¹ in Switzerland. With this singular interment there were found placed on the right side of the pelvis two fibulæ of iron, of early La Tène type, a bead of amber, and a bead of blue vitreous paste, similar to this one. Beads of somewhat similar form have also been found with other interments of Early Iron Age in Switzerland; and others, not much differing from those, have occurred in the lake dwellings of the Bronze Age.

- (3) By BANNATYNE MACLEOD, I.C.S., District Magistrate, Cuddapah, Madras Presidency, India.

Eight Quartzite Implements of palæolithic type, found on the surface in the valley of the Pennair river, Madras Presidency.

- (4) By C. R. B. M'GILCHRIST, F.S.A. Scot.

Birkhill: A Reminiscence. By a Liverpool Merchant. 8vo. 1899.

- (5) By the SOCIETY, through JAMES BARRON, F.S.A. Scot.

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club. Vol. v. 1895-99.

- (6) By CHARLES W. DYMOND, Hon. F.S.A. Scot.

Worlebury: An ancient Stronghold in Somerset. Second Edition. 4to. 1902.

- (7) By Professor A. R. SIMPSON, M.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Antiquités Canariennes, par Sabin Berthelot. 4to. Paris, 1879.

Two Photos of a Cottage at Cawdor, Nairn, showing a Bogle, which is shifted to the other side of the door every night by the occupant, for superstitious reasons.

¹ *Anzeiger für Schweizerische Alterthumskunde*, Band iv. (1902-3), Le Cimetière Gallo-Helvète de Vevey, p. 23.

(8) By the AUTHORS.

A Trip to the Veddahs of Ceylon. By Dr H. M. Miller and Dr W. H. Furness, Philadelphia.

(9) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, 1st March to 31st October 1673.
Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, 1689-92. Year Books, Edward III., Year xviii. Calendar of State Papers, Foreign, 1577-78.
Calendar of the Patent Rolls, Edward III., 1343-45.

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

Official Catalogue of the Tower Armouries. By John Hewitt. 1859.
Photographs of the Rosehill Collection.

There were also exhibited :—

(1) By the Right Hon. LORD LAMINGTON, F.S.A. Scot.

Cinerary Urn (fig. 2), with its contents, recently discovered at Lamington. The urn was found near the surface, placed with its mouth downwards over the heap of burnt bones. It is of the common cinerary type, with an overhanging brim, and stands 13 inches high, the diameter across the mouth being 11 inches the one way and 10½ the other. The lip is bevelled towards the interior, and is ornamented by a band of zigzag ornament running round the circumference on the inner and bevelled side of the lip. The overhanging brim is ornamented by a band of parallel lines of impressions, as of a twisted cord, crossing each other obliquely, so as to make lozenge-shaped spaces between the crossings. The band is bounded by a marginal line of the same character running horizontally round the circumference, just under the lip, and by another similar line, just over the lower margin of the overhanging part. Underneath this is a constricted collar, ornamented similarly, but with two zigzags crossing each other only. At the lower edge of the collar there is a slight moulding, below which the lower part

of the vessel is flower-pot-shaped and unornamented. The bottom seems to have been about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, but part of the flat bottom and of the lower portion of one side were broken away at the time of its discovery. The burnt bones, which were covered by the urn as it stood on its mouth, were sent to Dr T. H. Bryce, F.S.A. Scot., who reported that they belonged to the skeleton of an adult individual of delicate proportions, probably a woman.



Fig. 2. Cinerary Urn found at Lamington. ($\frac{1}{2}$.)

(2) By LUDOVIC M'L. MANN, F.S.A. Scot.

Bronze Plaque of hexagonal form, but with two of the sides curved inwards, and the whole surface finely ornamented with interlaced work, found in Stoneykirk parish, Wigtownshire. The plaque (fig. 3) measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth, having a boss in the centre, and being divided into four quadrants by two bands, each about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in width, traversing the middle of its length and breadth,

and intersecting at the central boss. A border of rather less width goes round the outline of the plaque, and both the border and the intersecting bands are ornamented with dots at regular intervals along the central lines. Each of the quadrants is filled with a complicated

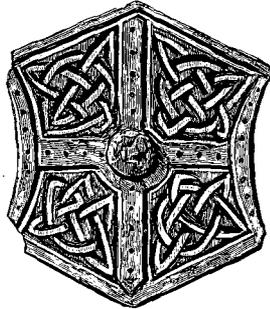


Fig. 3. Bronze Plaque, with interlaced ornament, from Stoneykirk. (4.)

knot of interlaced work. The interlaced work has been cut into the bronze, the cutting of the bands being V-shaped in section, and the whole of the surface has been subsequently plated with gold.

The following Communications were read:—