

are like the ordinary small burial cairns found in groups all over the country; but the long mounds, serpentine and semicircular, lying nearer the foot of the hill, cannot, in my opinion, be accounted for in that way. At any rate I have never met with similar objects on other reputed places of ancient burial. All the objects lie on an absolutely level plain at the south-west end of the haugh, under the shadow of Dun Kealmie, and separated from it by the Burn of Carnachy.

MONDAY, 12th February 1906.

DAVID MURRAY, LL.D., in the Chair.

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

Fellows.

Rev. Canon ANTHONY MITCHELL, M.A., B.D., Principal of the Theological College of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, Coates Hall, Edinburgh.
JOHN A. M'INNES, M.A., F.E.I.S., Laurelbank, Leven, Fife.

Corresponding Member.

JOHN SINCLAIR, 28 Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh.

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

(1) By J. A. MILNE, Esq., of Melgum, Aberdeenshire.

Six small flattened and rounded Discs of Quartzite about $\frac{7}{8}$ inch in diameter; one Disc of Blue Glass, about the same size, convex on the upper and flattened on the under side, and Portions of two similar Discs, broken; one similar Disc of Vitreous Paste of variegated colours, blue, red, and yellow, and Fragments of others, broken; a Piece of a Cylindrical Rod of Colourless Glass, like part of the stalk of a wine-glass; and a small

dread of touching any old structure, lest they should incur the ill-will of the spirits of the ancient dead, that brochs, barrows, cairns, tumuli, etc. were left untouched. About four years ago the lower part of that valley was replanted with tenants under the auspices of the Congested Districts Board; and now that the ground is being improved in a way in which it never was before, interesting "finds" may be expected, and should be looked for. Nay, more, the old dread of ghosts is not now entertained by the new tenants, so that unless they are warned and directed, interesting structures may be ruthlessly torn down for stones to build drains, dykes, etc.

There is a plateau called Baile Margait (Margaret's town) on the west bank of the Naver, and about half a mile from its mouth, to which I would like to draw particular attention. Above it, on the rock of Ca an Duin, stands the ruins of a broch, and below it the river forms into a deep tidal pool called Pol na Marraich Mor (Lagoon of the Great Seamen). The plateau was inhabited by tenants up to about 1780, when the encroaching sand drove them away. In the spring of 1900, after a very stormy winter which blew away a good deal of the sand, I was enabled to trace out two brochs, one at the south and the other at the north end; one doubtful broch; two objects which I took to be large round houses, or more probably burial cairns; seven circular rings, which I took to be cattle-folds, all on the same model, and about 60 feet in diameter; nine smaller heaps, which looked like round houses; and nine oblong structures, some smaller and some larger, evidently the ruins of the 18th century buildings.

At the top of Carnachy (Cairn field), five miles up the Naver valley, there is a very rich collection of remains. At the north end stands the broch Dun Kealmie, at the south end the broch Dun Carnachy, and on the opposite side of the river the picturesque broch Dun Vidden. Three years ago Dun Kealmie was badly damaged in search of stones for building a bridge and a dwelling-house.

Tradition has it that a battle was fought on Carnachy, and that the mounds, etc. cover the dead. The tumuli, which lie toward the river,

penannular Brooch of Silver, the pin bent and flattened towards the point,—all found, with several small Fragments of Iron, in a cist at Waulkmill, Tarland, Aberdeenshire. [See the previous paper by Mr F. R. Coles (vol. xxxix. p. 217), where they are described and figured.]

(2) By R. C. HALDANE, Esq., of Lochend, F.S.A. Scot.

Seven oval-shaped, smoothly ground Knives of Porphyritic Stone, found together in Shetland. [See the subsequent paper by Dr Robert Munro.]

(3) By Miss ISABELLA WINSLOW.

Eight Arrow-heads of Chert and Quartz, from Middlesbro', Massachusetts.

(4) By the PARISH COUNCIL OF KETTLE.

Mortcloth, formerly used in Kettle Parish, Fife.

(5) By Mrs JOHN MACKAY, 12 Cheyne Street.

Triple Candle Mould of Tinned Iron, from Skelbo, Sutherlandshire.

(6) By C. ELLIS STEVENS, LL.D., the Author.

Stevens Genealogy: some Descendants of the Fitz-Stephen Family in England and New England. Privately printed. 4to. New York, 1904.

(7) By RICHARD BROWN, C.A., the Editor.

History of Accounting and Accountants. 8vo. 1905.

(8) By G. M. FRASER, Librarian, Public Library, Aberdeen, the Author.

Historical Aberdeen: The Green and its Story. 8vo.

Historical Aberdeen: The Castle and Castle Hill, the Snow Church, the Woolmanhill, etc. 8vo. 1905.

(9) By Lieut. H. L. NORTON-SMITH, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Armorial of the County of Orkney. Illustrated by A. M. Traill.
8vo. 1902.

(10) By JAMES MACKENZIE, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Life of Michael Bruce, Poet of Lochleven. 8vo. 1905.

(11) By the TRUSTEES OF THE HUNTERIAN COIN CATALOGUE FUND.

Catalogue of Greek Coins in the Hunterian Collection, University of
Glasgow. By George Macdonald, M.A., LL.D. Vol. iii. 4to. 1905.

(12) By GEORGE MACDONALD, M.A., LL.D., the Author.

Coin Types: their Origin and Development. Being the Rhind
Lectures for 1904. 8vo. 1905.

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

Register of the Privy Council of Scotland. Edited by Professor
P. Hume Brown, LL.D. Vol. vi. New Series. 1635-37.

Accounts of the Lord High Treasurer of Scotland. Edited by Sir James
Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms. Vol. vi. 1531-38.

There were exhibited :—

By W. J. GRANT, Esq., of Beldorny Castle.

A Collection of Thirty Arrow-heads of Flint, found in various parts of
Aberdeenshire.

The following Communications were read :—