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MONDAY, *8th March* 1909.

GEORGE MACDONALD, M.A., LL.D., in the Chair.

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

The Hon. JOHN HYDE, F.R.G.S., Lanier Heights, Washington, D.C.,  
U.S.A.

NORMAN M. MACKEAN, 7 King Street, Paisley.

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

(1) By JOHN FRASER, H.M. Customs, Leith.

A bone Cup, or Tankard (fig. 1),  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in height and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter at the mouth, made from a vertebral joint of a cetacean, the two adjoining apophyses being skilfully utilised as a handle. Cups of this description, which are earlier than the Viking time, have not unfrequently been found in brochs, and one from the broch of Burray in Orkney is here figured (fig. 2) for comparison with this one, which was found by Mr Fraser at Clibberswick in the island of Unst, Shetland. Mr Fraser supplies the following account of the circumstances under which it was discovered :—

"In May 1901, when procuring some specimens of soap stone from a gio (small creek) at Clibberswick, on the Bay of Harroldswick, our attention was called to the red ashy soil, just above high-water mark, that had recently been disclosed by the action of the sea during a storm and high tide. The 'banks' at this place are about 40 feet in height; on both sides the gio is rocky, but at the head where the ashy soil protruded there is a gentle grassy slope upwards from high-water mark.

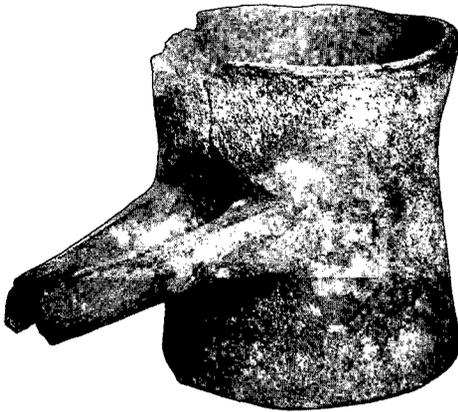


Fig. 1. Bone Cup found at Clibberswick, Unst, Shetland. ( $\frac{3}{4}$ .)

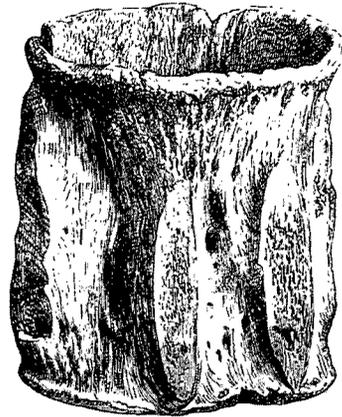


Fig. 2. Bone Cup from the Broch at Burray, Orkney.

Observing some bones and bits of clay vessels among the ashy soil we made use of the only implement at hand—a geologist's hammer—and scraped inwards about two feet, disclosing many more fragments of clay vessels, animal bones (unburnt), and some small stones which had been exposed to the action of fire. Here we came to several large stones, that might have either been detached from the rocks above or been thrown up by the action of the waves before the soil had been deposited, and in a cavity between two of these stones was discovered the bone cup standing upright on its bottom. The cup contained a small quantity of earth but was not buried in the soil, as it had to some

extent been sheltered by the projecting sides of the stones. Alongside the gio, on the north, were some traces of an old foundation but of no definite form. About thirty yards westwards from where the cup was found are the ruins of the old Cross Kirk. The appearance of the soil at the head of the gio would infer that the accumulation had been thrown or tipped down the slope, but the position in which the cup was found, standing upright in a sheltered corner, could hardly have been accidental."

(2) By D. J. MACFIE, Borthwick Hall, Heriot.

Bronze Sword, 18 inches in length, found in excavating the foundation of a house in Edinburgh; a Kail-Chopper, with a doubly curved blade; a Stone Axe, said to have been found near Aberdeen, but probably North American; and a large socketed screw of iron, 2 feet long, wanting the handle.

(3) By Rev. P. H. RUSSELL, Ollaberry Manse, Northmavine, Shetland.

Stone Axe of reddish sandstone, found when digging a grave in the churchyard at Hillswick, Shetland.

(4) By W. MOIR BRYCE, F.S.A. Scot.

Roman Bronze Stamp, TERTVLL PROVINC, found at Cramond, from the collection of Sir John Clerk of Penicuik.

(5) By ANDREW THOMSON, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Coldingham Parish and Priory. Imp. 8vo. 1908.

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

The Register of the Privy Seal of Scotland, 1488-1529. Vol. I. Edited by Matthew Livingstone, I.S.O. Imp. 8vo. 1908.

The Register of the Privy Council of Scotland, 1661-1664. Vol. i. Third Series. Edited by Professor P. Hume Brown, M.A., LL.D., Historiographer for Scotland.

- (7) By Professor HENRY MONTGOMERY, University of Toronto, the Author.

Prehistoric Man in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Reprint from the *American Anthropologist*. 8vo. 1908.

- (8) By WILLIAM GRAHAM, the Author.

Deirdre and the Sons of Uisneach: A Scots-Irish Romance of the First Century A.D. Compiled from various sources. 8vo. 1908.

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

Treasure Trove in the North of Scotland. 4to. Pp. 7. 1908.

- (10) By D. HAY FLEMING, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

John Howie of Lochgoin: His Forbears and his Works. 8vo. 1909.

- (11) By ALFRED CHARLES JONAS, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Horley: Its Church and Records. 12mo. 1908.

- (12) By WALTER LAIDLAW, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Poetry and Prose by Walter Laidlaw. 4to. 1908. Third Edition.

- (13) By the HAWICK ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Transactions of the Hawick Archæological Society 1876-1885 and 1898-1904. 4to. New Series Vol. I. 1888-1890, 8vo.

- (14) By THOMAS SHEPPARD, F.S.A. Scot.

Hull Museum Publications, No. 5, 2nd edition; No. 41, 2nd edition; and No. 54.

- (15) By JOHN MANSON.

The British Almanac and Glasgow Register for 1807.

The following Communications were read:—