

MONDAY, 12th February 1912

THE HON. LORD GUTHRIE Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were duly elected Fellows of the Society :--

Rev. GEORGE G. D. S. DUNCAN, M.A., B.D., Minister of St Cuthbert's Parish, Strowan Lodge, Albert Terrace.

Sir NATHANIEL DUNLOP, LL.D., of Shieldhill, Biggar.

ALLAN GILMOUR, Woodbank, Alexandria, Dumbartonshire.

ROBERT KERR HANNAY, Curator of the Historical Department, H.M. General Register House, 14 Inverleith Terrace.

NEWTON HENRY HARDING, 110 North Pine Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

Miss KATE JOHNSTONE KIRKE, Hilton, Burntisland.

Major STEWART MACDOUGALL of Lunga, Ardfern, Argyll.

The following Donations were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the donors :—

(1) By JAMES LYLE, F.S.A. Scot.

Knife with tapering blade $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and handle of roe-deer horn, found at Musselburgh.

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(2) By MRS CATHERINE STEWART, Kennoway.

The Half-hour Glass used in the service of the Parish Church of Kennoway prior to the year 1831.

(3) By J. C. WRIGHT, Colinton.

A pair of Silver Pins, $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length, with open-work heads set with cairngorms, and connected by a gilt chain of square links.

(4) By JAMES MACDONALD, W.S., F.S.A. Scot., on behalf of the contracting parties.

Printed Copy of Letters of Certification and Agreement by and between the Chief and Captain of Clan Ranald, M'Donell of Glengarry, and Macdonald of Sleat, relative to the supreme Chiefship of the whole Clan Donald.

(5) By T. J. WESTROPP, the Author.

Guide to the Collection of Irish Antiquities in the National Museum of Science and Art, Dublin. Part IV., The Christian Period. Part V., Irish Ethnographical Collection. 1911.

Types of the Ring Forts in Eastern Clare; its Royal Forts and their History.

Folk-lore Survey of County Clare.

Survey of Clare Island. Part II., History and Archæology. 1911.

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

The History of Parliament Square; being a Historical Notice of the Southern Precincts of the Church of St Giles, Edinburgh. Reprint, with additions from the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club. 4to. 1911.

(7) By Rev. GEORGE F. TERRY, F.S.A., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Memorials of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Edinburgh. 8vo. 1911.

(8) By JAS. ALEXANDER DUNCAN, F.R.G.S., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Descent of the Hepburns of Monkrig. 8vo. 1911.

(9) By JAS. A. ROLLO, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Dundee Historical Fragments, chiefly Ecclesiastical. 12mo. 1911.

There were exhibited :—

(1) By JAMES M'CARGO, Kirkpatrick-Durham, through ALEX. O. CURLE, *Secretary*.

Bronze Flanged Axe (fig. 1), $5\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length by $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth across the cutting face, which is almost semicircular, expanding from the flanged upper part in a quick curve, the butt end 1 inch in breadth and continuing at that breadth for 3 inches to the beginning of the curve outwards; the flanges rise in a curve from the butt to a height of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch at the stop-ridge, and fall away in a similar curve to the level of the cutting part of the axe-blade, thus presenting a long oval in the side-view; the stop-ridge, which shows signs of having been hammered up, is curved downwards, and is very slight; at the base of the flanges there is a slight moulding in the casting extending across the blade from flange to flange and parallel to the curve of the cutting edge. It was turned up by the plough on the farm of Mill-pool, Kirkpatrick-Durham.

Bronze Pin of peculiar form (fig. 2), $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches in total length, having an open circular head 1 inch in diameter. The pin is made of one piece of bronze wire, the part which forms the circular head being lozenge-shaped in section, and the part which forms the tapering shank of the pin being rounded to a circular section. It was found in cutting peats in a moss in Carsphairn parish, near the head of Loch Doon on the Galloway side, about 4 feet under the surface.

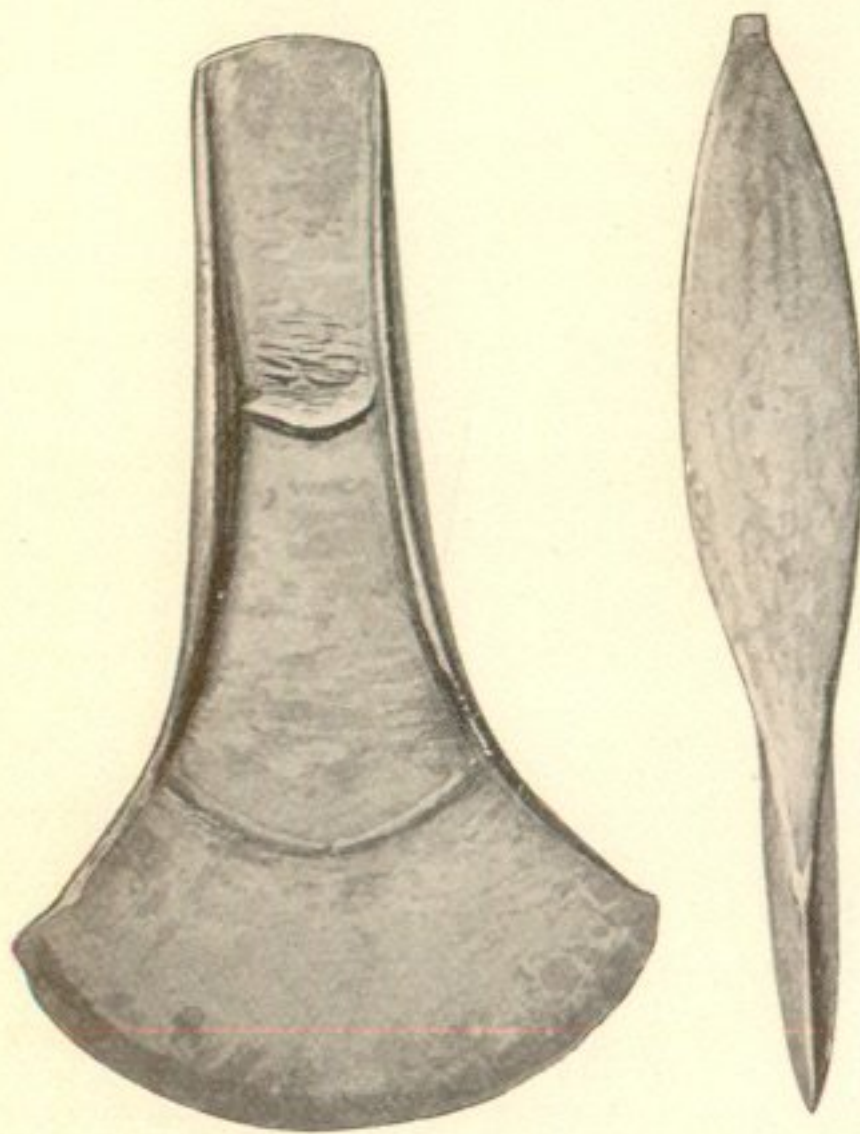


Fig. 1. Flanged Axe of Bronze from Millpool ($\frac{1}{2}$).



Fig. 2. Bronze Pin from Carsphairn ($\frac{2}{3}$).

Ground-edged Knife of brownish flint (fig. 3), of almost semicircular shape, 2 inches in radial diameter by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the chord, which is somewhat irregularly broken away, the faces both elaborately worked by flaking to a tolerably level surface so as to secure an almost uniform

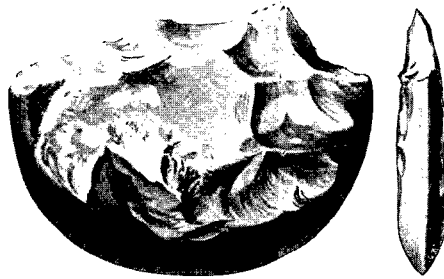


Fig. 3. Semicircular Flint Knife from Milton Mains ($\frac{2}{3}$).

thickness for the implement, and the semicircular margin carefully ground to a sharp edge all round. It was found on one of the Milton Mains farm fields skirting the southern shore of the Milton Loch, in the parish of Urr.

Small Whetstone of reddish quartzite (fig. 4), $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length



Fig. 4. Small Whetstone from Walton Park ($\frac{2}{3}$).

by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in breadth and thickness, tapering slightly from the middle to the rounded ends, and polished all over, found in a field on Walton Park Farm in the parish of Kirkpatrick-Durham.

Flattened oval Pebble, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in thickness, having a countersunk perforation about

$\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter narrowing to about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in the centre near the middle of the stone. There are some scratches on one of its flat faces which resemble lettering.

Polygonal Ball of brass, $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch in diameter, with about thirty facets each stamped with a number.

Bronze Jug or Chopin Measure, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter at the brim, bulging below and narrowing again to 3 inches diameter at the bottom, and having at one side a loop handle with slightly flattened curve, and a vertical projection for the thumb rising half an inch above the brim. There are two, if not three, stamps on the front of the vessel just below the rim, one of which looks like a rosette within a square border; another is on a pointed shield, but quite indistinguishable.

The following Communications were read :—