

MONDAY, 11th March 1912.

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

A Ballot having been taken :

WALLACE WILLIAMSON, of Mearns Castle, Renfrewshire,
was duly elected a Fellow of the Society.

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

(1) By the Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF BUTE, F.S.A. Scot.

Highly polished and beautifully ornamented Hammer of hornstone (fig. 1), found when clearing out a ditch at Airdens, near Bonar Bridge in Sutherlandshire. It is of a peculiar type of form and ornamentation, of which only four are known, and only two of these have the ornamentation completely finished, of which this is the second example ; the first, from Wales, having been presented to the Scottish National Museum of Antiquities in 1864 by Rev. E. L. Barnwell, a Corresponding Member of this Society. The third example, which was found at Urquhart, Elginshire, and has the ornamentation unfinished, was presented to this Museum in 1876 by Rev. James Morrison, a Corresponding Member of this Society ; and the fourth, which was found in the parish of Quarnford, Staffordshire, and has the ornamentation finished on one end only, is in the possession of Mr M. Salt, of Buxton, who has kindly presented a cast of it to the Museum. All four are described and figured in the *Proceedings*, vol. xliii. p. 377.

The Hammer from Airdens measures $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in breadth at the broader end in a line parallel with the haft hole, and

$1\frac{1}{4}$ inches at the other end. The greatest thickness is $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches in the middle of the lower part. The haft hole, $\frac{1\frac{1}{8}}$ of an inch in diameter, has been bored from both sides, and the borings have not met each other quite accurately in the middle, a subsequent grinding out of the inequality having been resorted to. The material is apparently a paler variety of the same chalcedonic quartz or hornstone as the Welsh

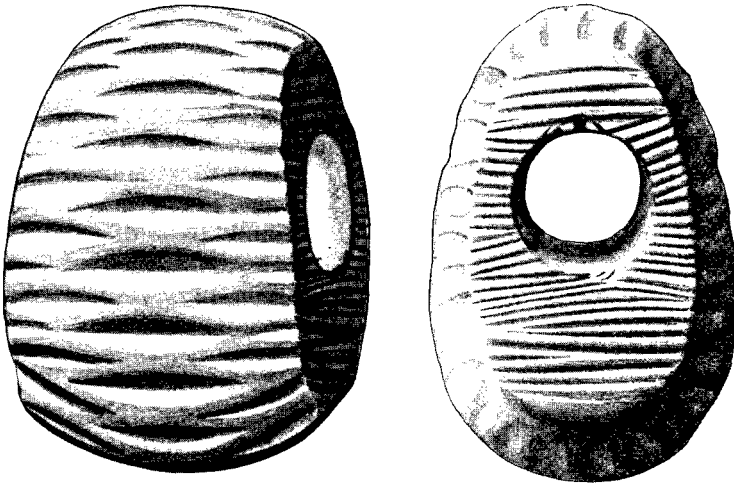


Fig. 1. Ornamented Hammer of Hornstone, found at Airdens, Sutherlandshire.

example, and reveals a conchoidal fracture in the part where it is chipped. The weight is $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. The lozenge-shaped decoration has been carefully ground out over the whole of the convex sides, and the two flat sides are decorated by horizontal lines drawn roughly parallel and close to each other. Allowing for the absence of those represented by the chipped surface, the number of lozenge-shaped spaces thus ground out would be about 80, and the number of the horizontal lines on the flat sides about the same.

(2) By Dr D. HAY FLEMING, F.S.A. Scot.

Specimens of Vitrification from the Fort of Knockfarril, Ross-shire, and from Abbey Craig, Stirling.

(3) By GEORGE G. TURNBULL of Abbey St Bathans.

Urn of Food-vessel type (fig. 2), found in a cist on Cockburn Mill



Fig. 2. Urn of Food-vessel Type from Cockburn Mill Farm.

Farm in February 1911. The urn is $5\frac{3}{8}$ inches in height, by 6 inches in diameter at the mouth, and 3 inches in diameter at the base. The lip bevels upwards and outwards and projects inward about half an inch over the interior of the vessel, ornamented in the central line of its upper surface with a row of small circular impressions about one-eighth of an inch in diameter placed about a quarter of an inch apart, and bordered on either side with a line of twisted cord ornamentation. The edge is ornamented on the exterior by a row of impressions as if

made by a cylindrical stem, under which in the hollow of the moulding, which is about an inch in width, are two rows of the same small circular impressions alternating with two rows of the same twisted cord ornamentation. Below this in the hollow of the second moulding, which is also about an inch in width, and divided vertically into five compartments by a series of projecting ears, is a single row of the same circular impressions bordered above and below by the same twisted cord ornamentation. From the under ridge of the lower moulding the side of the vessel slopes inwards for $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches to a vertical footstand of half an inch. The sloping part is ornamented with three chevron bands of ribbed ornament produced by a toothed or notched implement.

(4) By ROBERT BROWN, Gorse Hall, Chorley, Lancashire.

Five Communion Tokens—Balquidder, 1778; Callander, 1779; Comrie, 1799; and two small and square, with initials only.

The Concise Series of Guides, No. 7. Durham to Berwick-on-Tweed. By Robert Brown. 1912.

(5) By D. CAMERON-SWAN, F.S.A. Scot.

Highland Chiefs of To-day. A series of Portraits with Biographies. By D. Cameron-Swan. Parts 1, 2, and 3.

(6) By the SYNDICS OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS.

Cambridge County Geographies—Midlothian. By A. M'Callum, M.A., LL.B. 8vo. 1912.

(7) By JAS. A. MORRIS, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Brig of Ayr and Something of its Story. 6th edition. 1911.

(8) By JAS. CURLE, F.S.A. Scot.

The Roman Forts of Castleshaw. Second Interim Report. 8vo. 1911.

(9) By the EDITOR of *The Field*.

Underground Jerusalem—Discoveries on the Hill of Ophiel, 1909-1911.

(10) By Rev. J. E. SOMERVILLE, B.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Editor.

Mentone and its Neighbourhood—The Past and the Present. By Dr George Müller. 8vo. 1911.

(11) By THOMAS SHEPPARD, F.S.A. Scot.

The Evolution of Kingston-upon-Hull. 8vo. 1911. Hull Museum Publications, Nos. 78, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85.

(12) By Miss EMMA SWANN, Lady Associate S.A. Scot.

A Pageant of English Literature, Town Hall, Oxford, October 1911.

(13) By the ARCHÆOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.

Antiquities of Chamba State. Part I. Fol. 1911.

(14) By R. COLTMAN CLEPHAN, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Ordnance of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries. 8vo. 1911.

(15) By WILLIAM REID, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Guide Book to the Old Steeple of Dundee—the Tower of St Mary. 3rd edition. 1911.

(16) By the TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

Subject Index of Modern Books added to the British Museum, 1906-1910.

The following Communications were read :—