

MONDAY, 13th May 1912.

SHERIFF W. G. SCOTT-MONCRIEFF in the Chair.

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

MRS LINDSAY GALLOWAY, Kilchrist, Campbeltown.

JAMES INGLIS KER, 162 West Princes Street, Glasgow.

NORMAN DOUGLAS MACKAY, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., Dall Avon, Aberfeldy.

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

(1) By JOHN FLEMING, Bowerhouse, Oxton, through A. O.
CURLE, *Secretary*.

Adze of grey sandstone, 4 inches in length by $2\frac{1}{2}$ across the cutting
face, broken at the cutting edge, found on the farm of Bowerhouse.

Chisel-shaped Implement of greyish indurated claystone, $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches
in length by 1 inch across the cutting face, tapering to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch at the
rounded butt, found in ploughing at Dass Common, Channelkirk.

(2) By CHARLES E. WHITELOW, F.S.A. Scot.

Corner of a Slab of Red Sandstone having an equal-armed cross incised on it within a circle, found in digging a grave in Coldingham Churchyard in 1904. It is probably a part of a super-altar.

(3) By Rev. ANGUS MACINTYRE, through ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Pounder or Hammerstone, a water-worn Pebble 7 inches in length by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in thickness, the ends abraded by use.

Hammerstone, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in thickness, abraded by use at both ends and on both edges.

Piece of coarse Pottery, unornamented, about 2 inches square.

These were all found in the Earth House on St Kilda.

(4) By ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot.

Specimen of Stalagmite, Tooth of a small Elephant, and Two Teeth of Hyena from Kents Cavern, Torquay.

(5) By PERCY W. LAIDLER, F.S.A. Scot.

Collection of Sixteen rudely chipped Implements of reddish indurated sandstone from river gravels in the district of Paarl, South Africa. [See the subsequent Communication by Mr Laidler.]

(6) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, 1677-1678; Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies, 1701; Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series, vol. iv., 1745-1766, and vol. v., 1766-1783; Calendar of Fine Rolls, vol. i., 1272-1307, and vol. ii., Edward II., 1307-1319; Calendar of Close Rolls, Henry III., 1237-1242, and

Edward III., 1369-1374; Calendar of Treasury Books, 1676-1679, vol. v., parts 1 and 2; Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward III., 1358-1361, and Henry V., 1416-1422; Calendar of State Papers; Venetian, 1621-1623.

(7) By HORATIUS R. STORER.

The Medals of Benjamin Rusk, Obstetrician. Reprint from the Journal of the American Medical Association, 1889.

The Medals, Jetons, and Tokens illustrative of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Reprint from New England Medical Monthly, 1887.

The following Articles acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library during the session 30th November 1911 to 13th May 1912 were exhibited :—

Flint Knife and Piece of finger-marked Clay Luting from the cist in the cairn at Stroanfreggan. [See the previous Communication by Mr John Corrie, F.S.A. Scot., in the *Proceedings*, vol. xlv. p. 482.]

Medal in White Metal commemorating the visit of George IV. to Edinburgh, 1822.

Six Silver Pennies of Edward from the hoard found at Mellendean, Roxburghshire.

Three Charm-stones, one a flattish oval pebble of quartzite, $2\frac{7}{8}$ by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $\frac{7}{8}$ inch in thickness, having on one of its flat faces an obliquely indented groove, the other two egg-shaped, possessed by a reputed witch who died at Bonar Bridge in 1900.

Flat Axe of bronze, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length by $2\frac{7}{8}$ across the cutting face, ploughed up at Ancrum Woodhead in 1880.

Urn of food-vessel type, 5 inches in height by 5 inches in diameter, ornamented by impressions of twisted cord and scored triangles and dots, found in a cist near Crieff in 1860.

Ten Communion tokens, various dates from 1775.

The following books for the Library :—

Carmichael's *Grazing and Agrestic Customs in the Outer Hebrides*; Argyle's *Crofts and Farms in the Hebrides*; Carruthers' *Highland Note-Book*; Ferguson's *Rambles in Skye*; Maxwell's *Sports and Adventures in the Highlands*; Clement's *Handbook of Christian Symbols*; Solway's *Corstorphine, a Midlothian Village*; De Foe's *Tour through Great Britain*, 4 vols.; Stark's *Picture of Edinburgh*, 1820; Trueman's *Visit to Edinburgh in 1840*; Willis's *Pencilings by the Way*; Mackie's *Original Description of Holyrood House*; Bonar's *Canongate, Ancient and Modern*; Grant's *Essays on the Superstitions of the Highlanders*, 2 vols.; Mackintosh's *Objects interesting to the Highlands*; Marchioness of Stafford's *Views in Orkney and the North-East Coast*; Aliquis's *Rambles in the Highlands*; *Journal of a Tour in the West Highlands*, by O.W.; *Tour in Skye*, 1840; *A Tour in the Highlands*, 1852; *Fragmenta*, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland; Allcroft's *Earthworks in England*; Armitage's *Early Norman Castles in the British Isles*; Dalton's *Byzantine Archæology*.

There were also exhibited :—

(1) By Rev. D. G. BARRON, F.S.A. Scot.

Stone Object, squarish and perforated in the centre, having incised on each of its flat faces a quadrilateral figure with concave sides and a depression in each corner, from Forfar.

(2) By ROBERT DICKINSON, Longcroft, Oxtou, Berwickshire.

Arrowhead with barbs and stem (fig. 1) of dark grey flint, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, found in Lauder parish.

Adze of greyish flint (fig. 2), $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches across the cutting face and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in greatest thickness, found on the farm of Longcroft.

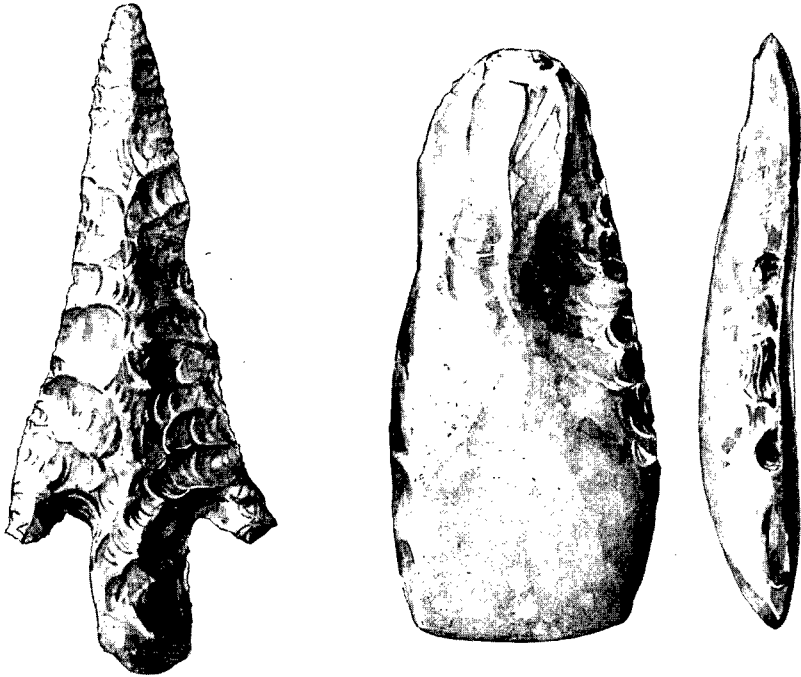


Fig. 1. Arrowhead from Lauder. (†.)

Fig. 2. Adze of Flint from Longcroft. (†.)

(3) By ALAN SULLEY, Briarbank, Galashiels.

A collection of fifty-one specimens, chiefly of stone implements and pottery found by himself, mostly in the district around Galashiels. The following list is supplied by Mr Sulley :—

(1) Perforated hammer of red sandstone, with abraded end, found in the débris of an upturned tree at Philiphaugh Fort near Selkirk ; (2) perforated hammer with decoration and abraded by use, found in one of the chambers in the wall of Bow-Castle Broch ; (3) small hammer-stone of a whitish colour, found in a field near Selkirk ;

(4) whetstone of greenish stone found in the same field ; (5) small whetstone from a field at Gattonside, Melrose ; (6) small object of red sandstone with a deep cut on either side, probably a sinker, from the same field ; (7) flat axe mould of soft red sandstone, broken at the base, found in one of the pits at Fort Craigend, Stow ; (8) curious piece of stone with scratchings upon it, from Bowden ; (9) piece of broken slate with incised lines, from Fort Craigend ; (10) cast of a perforated and decorated stone, probably an amulet, from Fort Craigend, Stow ; (11) Stone with similar markings, the perforation of which is broken, found at Torwoodlee Broch ; (12) similar stone with perforation and rings, from Leaderfoot fort ; (13-16) four small perforated stones, probably pendant ornaments, two of which are ornamented, one with incised lines, the other with a ring round the perforation, all from Mosshouses, Earlston, turned up by the plough ; (17) stone implement made from a river-worn pebble, with abraded end and a hand grip, from Mosshouses, Earlston ; (18-20) three minute implements manufactured from flakes of flint, two of them having saw-like edges, while the third has a very sharp cutting face, found in the midden at Leaderfoot fort along with number 12 ; (21, 22) two scrapers of flint from Mosshouses and Bowden ; (23) small polishing stone of quartz, from Bowden ; (24) small polishing stone of granite, from Leaderfoot fort ; (25) partly polished object of basalt, possibly a knife, from Leaderfoot fort ; (26) small whetstone of yellow sandstone, from the midden at Leaderfoot fort ; (27) polishing stone of basalt having six faces, from a small fort overlooking Cauldshiels Loch, near Galashiels ; (28) small chipped object of grey flint, from a field at Craigsford Mains, Earlston ; (29) small polishing stone of a brownish colour, from Craigsford Mains, Earlston ; (30) oblong stone having a small boring on either side as if to be a perforated hammer, from Huntley Wood, Earlston ; (31) whorl decorated with diverging spirals, found with the amulet at Fort Craigend, Stow ; (32) whorl of a greenish stone ornamented with spirals and a curious

scroll ornament, broken all round the edge, found at Fort Craigend, Stow ; (33) small whorl having a piece of wood through central hole, found at Torwoodlee Broch ; (34) whorl of thin light-blue slate ornamented with incised lines, found at Mosshouses, Earlston ; (35) disc of dark slate ornamented with incised lines, from Mosshouses, Earlston ; (36) incised and perforated piece of slate in the form of a barbed spear-head with perforations in the end of the barbs, found in a pit at Caddonlee Fort, near Galashiels ; (37) piece of broken " Samian ware " with a perforation, possibly used as a whorl, found in a peat moss overlooking the River Ettrick ; (38) plain whorl found at the Rink fort, near Galashiels ; (39, 40) two perforated cockle shells, from Leaderfoot fort ; (41) piece of very coarse earthenware found in a circular pit at the Rink fort ; (41*a*) fragment of a rude clay pot with a very outstanding lip, found in the remains of a hut circle, Cavers Hill, Ettrick ; (42) piece of rude clay pottery showing the potter's wheel marks, found at Craigend ; (43) piece of whitish pottery with decorations and perforations, found in a field below Leaderfoot fort ; (44) bone needle, turned up by the plough in a field of Craigsford Mains, Earlston ; (45-47) two needles of bone and one bone pin, found at Bow Castle Broch ; (48) point of a bone instrument from Bow Castle Broch, probably a borer, found in the walling of one of the chambers along with number 47 ; (49) bone, identified as being the leg bone of a cock, with perforations, found in one of the bogs near the " Yarrow Stanes " ; (50) portion of the rib of some large animal cut as a saw, found in the inner fosse of Fort Craigend, Stow ; (51) small piece of hollow bone with two perforations, found at a depth of 5 feet 6 inches at Grissel-field, Earlston.

The following Communications were read :—