

MONDAY, 12th May 1913.

PROFESSOR T. H. BRYCE, M.D., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, Miss ELIZABETH STOUT, Hamnavoe, Burra Isle, Shetland, proposed by the Council, was duly elected a Corresponding Member of the Society.

The following were duly elected Fellows :—

JOHN R. W. CLARK, Westbank, Arbroath.
R. RANNOCH STEWART, 12 Lorne Terrace, Maryhill, Glasgow.

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

(1) By WALTER SYMONS, Gilmerton, Midlothian.

Brass Helmet of the Royal Midlothian Yeomanry Cavalry.

(2) By Dr AITCHISON ROBERTSON, F.S.A. Scot.

Uniform of the Royal Midlothian Yeomanry Cavalry.

(3) By CHARLES S. ROMANES, F.S.A. Scot.

Five pairs of Nutcrackers of iron, and a Seventeenth-Century Tobacco Pipe from Roxburghshire.

(4) By MRS K. L. MACDONALD, Portobello.

A Collection of Implements of neo-archaic types, still in use in the Hebrides and North of Scotland—rippling combs or heckles for carding wool; thread winder; horn used for sowing turnip seed; pair of

wooden callipers ; carpenter's brace and bit ; wooden cutting gauge ; tailor's goose ; goffering iron ; iron crook ; pot hooks ; tongs ; thistle axe ; whin axe ; potato digger ; reaping hook ; flail ; peat spade ; wooden beetle ; and wooden-handled knife.

(5) By ANGUS MACKAY.

Leith Token (copper), payable at the house of John White, Kirkgate, Leith—Success to the port of Leith, 1796.

(6) By DAVID SMITH, F.S.A. Scot.

Old Fishing-rod Reel, found on Kinnoul Hill, Perth.

(7) By WM. STEVENSON, Burntisland.

A Brass Spigot, and three Seventeenth-Century Tobacco Pipes, from Kirkbank, Burntisland.

(8) By MRS DUFF-DUNBAR, F.S.A. Scot., of Ackergill Tower, Wick.

A pair of old Goggles with horn mountings.

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

A Hunting Crop, used by the donor's father in 1808 ; two Eighteenth-Century Wine Glasses with *façon de Venise* stems ; two Goblets of glass—one engraved with a wreath of oak-leaves and acorns, and the other with a *genre* study etched with fluoric acid ; a pair of Toddy Ladles with twisted whalebone handles and silver bowls, London hall-mark, E.C. 1798 ; and a Staffordshire brown Jug.

(10) By the MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

A series of Calendars of State Papers for Ireland, America, West Indies ; also Calendars of Patent Rolls, Papal Registers, Close Rolls, etc., comprising in all fourteen volumes.

(11) By Rev. KIRKWOOD HEWAT, M.A., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.
Leisure Hours of a Scottish Minister, being papers on various subjects. 8vo. 1913.

(12) By DAVID MACRITCHIE, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.
Gypsies at Geneva in the Fifteenth to Seventeenth Centuries. 8vo.

(13) By WALTER J. KAYE, B.A., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.
Grasse (Riviera) and its Vicinity. 8vo. 1912.

(14) By T. J. WESTROPP, F.R.I.A., the Author.
Early Italian Maps of Ireland. 8vo. 1913; and Promontory Forts of Co. Clare. 8vo. 1909.

(15) By the FIRST COMMISSIONER OF HIS MAJESTY'S WORKS.
Report of the Inspector of Ancient Monuments for the year ending 31st March 1912. 8vo.

(16) By the INDIAN ARCHÆOLOGICAL SURVEY.
Archæological Survey of India, Frontier Circle, for 1911-1912. 4to; and Annual Progress Report, Northern Circle, 1912. 4to.

(17) By THOMAS SHEPPARD, F.S.A. Scot., Curator of Hull Museum.
A Series of Publications by the Curator of Hull Museum. 8vo. 1912.

(18) By GILBERT GOUDIE, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.
The Ecclesiastical Antiquities of the Southern Parishes of Shetland.
Reprint from the Transactions of the Scottish Ecclesiological Society.
4to. 1912.

(19) By Professor F. J. HAVERFIELD, M.A., LL.D., Hon. F.S.A. Scot., the Author.
The Romanisation of Roman Britain. New edition. 8vo. 1912.

(20) By JOHN GLAS SANDEMAN, M.V.O., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

The Spears of Honour and the Gentlemen Pensioners. 8vo. 1912.

(21) By Professor W. M. FLINDERS PETRIE, D.C.L., LL.D., the Author.

The Formation of the Alphabet. 4to. 1912.

The following Purchases acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library during the session, 30th November 1912 to 12th May 1913, were exhibited :—

A collection of Flint and Stone Implements, from Ruberslaw, Roxburghshire.

Stone Axe and faceted Stone Ball, from West Linton.

Oval flat Ring of Jet, from Holy Island.

Dirk with deer-horn handle, from Aberdeenshire.

Eleven Beggars' Badges from the parishes of Forfar, Aberdeen, Old Aberdeen, Perth, Ecclesgreig, Fraserburgh, Kettins, Nigg, Ellon, Calderclere, J.A. 19.

Two Stone Axes and a perforated Stone Hammer, from Aberdeenshire.

Gold Armlet, discovered in the Isle of Oxna, Shetland. (See the subsequent paper by Mr G. Goudie.)

Seven Trade Tokens—Forfar Halfpenny, 1797 ; Ayrshire Halfpenny, 1797 ; Lanark Halfpenny, 1796 ; Lothian Halfpennies, 1796, 1790, and 1791 ; Glasgow Farthing, 1781.

Two Penannular Gold Armlets, and the Stone Bowl in which they were found, from Hillhead, Caithness. The following account of the finding of this interesting hoard is contributed by Mr A. O. Curle, *Secretary* :—

In February of this year there was turned up by the plough on the farm of Hillhead, near Wick, a stone bowl containing the two gold armlets recently purchased for the Museum and illustrated in fig. 1. The site of the find lies about half a mile to the north-north-west of the Hillhead broch near Broadhaven, and half way between that ruin and the farm of Inkerman, and the exact spot is described by our Corresponding Member, Mr John Nicolson (through whose good offices the relics were obtained), as a small mound with an elevation of about 2 feet, made up of black earth, grey surface stones, and some slaty stones, "fire-burnt red from end to end and broken in the middle." The area covered by the debris of the mound, according to information supplied by Mr Nicolson, had an extreme length of 78 feet, a breadth, at the south-west end, of 30 feet, and gradually diminished towards the north-east. To what extent these dimensions are due to the spreading action of the plough it is impossible to say, but no doubt the effect of that action has been considerable. The bowl, which is semi-globular in form, has been hollowed out of a block of sandstone, and bears all over its surface, both internal and external, the marks of a small, round, pointed tool, with which it has been dressed. It measures across the orifice, over all, 6 inches, and in the interior $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; in depth, over all, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and in the interior $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

The armlets are elliptical and penannular, each formed from a single rod of gold, round in section. In both, the extremities show a slight discoid termination, the disc being more regularly fashioned on the lighter of the two. They weigh respectively 607 grains and 381 grains, and measure within the curve $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches, and $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches, while the rods at thickest have a thickness of $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch and $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch.

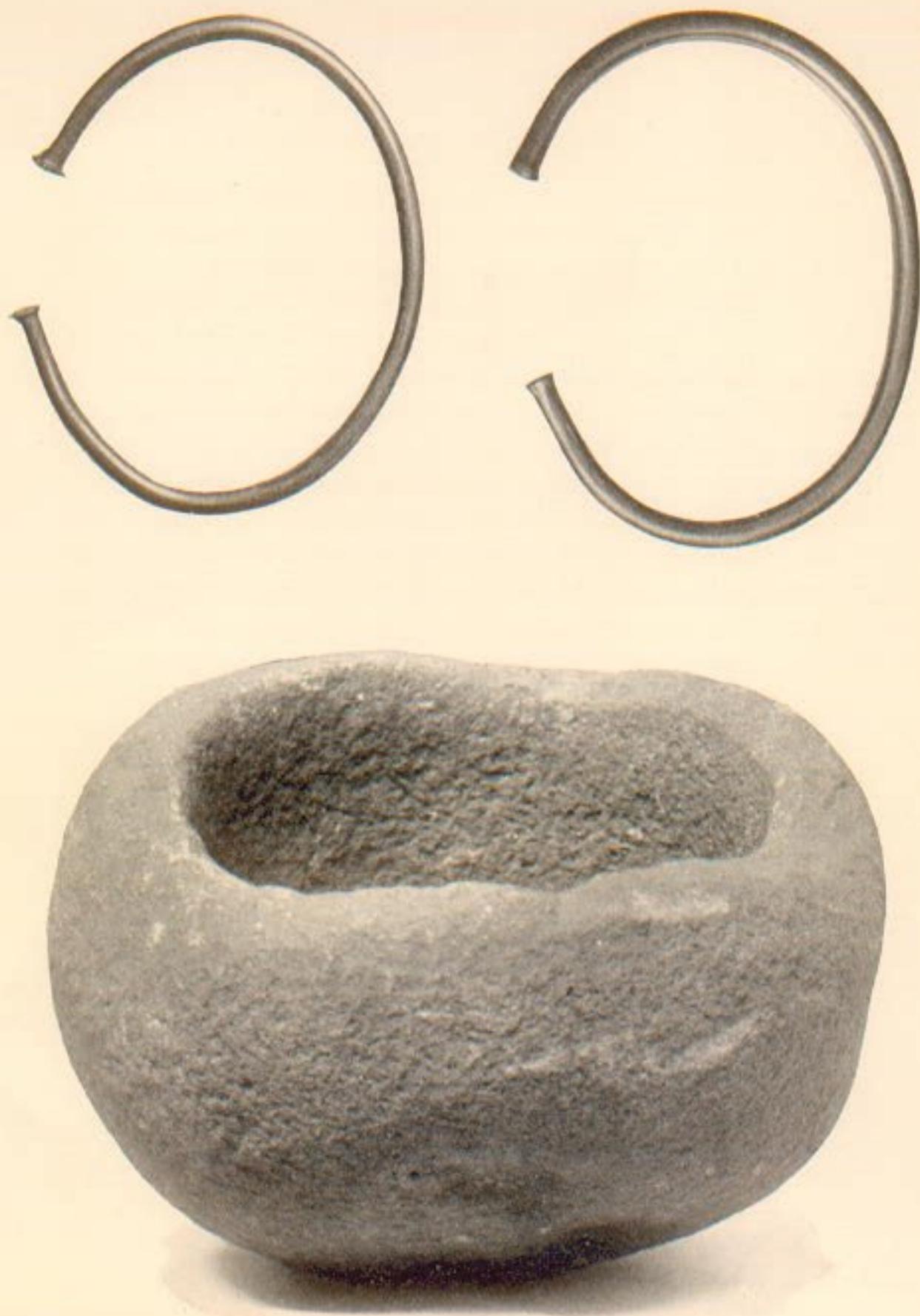


Fig. 1. Two Gold Armlets and the Stone Cup in which they were found
at Hillhead, Wick, Caithness.

Such penannular bracelets, both in gold and bronze, have been brought to light from time to time in this country, and examples in both metals are already in the National Collection, while similar bracelets are to be seen in other museums in England and on the Continent.

The associated relics with which the type has been found in Britain clearly connect it with the later bronze age. The stone bowl bears a general resemblance in character and finish to similar objects which have been found in brochs.

The following Books for the Library :—

Lyell's *Bibliographical List of Romano-British Architectural Remains in Britain*; Barbe's *In Bye-ways of Scottish History*; Renwick's *Burgh of Peebles, Gleanings from its Records, 1604–1652*; Wilson's *Silverwork and Jewellery*; Schank's *La Suisse Préhistorique*; *Tour from Edinburgh, 1787*; Prior's *Mediaeval Figure Sculpture in England*; Wakeling's *Forged Egyptian Antiquities*; Litchfield's *Pottery and Porcelain*; Ffoulke's *Armourer and his Craft*; Lacy's *History of the Spur*; Drake's *History of English Glass Painting*; *Yorkshire Church Plate*; and *The Haigs of Bemersyde*.

The following Communications were read :—