

MONDAY, 12th May 1919.

DAVID MACRITCHIE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken,

M. LÉON COUTIL, Correspondant du Ministère de l'Instruction Publique, etc.,  
etc., Saint Pierre du Vauvray, Eure, France,

was elected an Honorary Member on recommendation by the Council.

There was exhibited by Mrs Young (late of Burghead), 7 Great Stuart

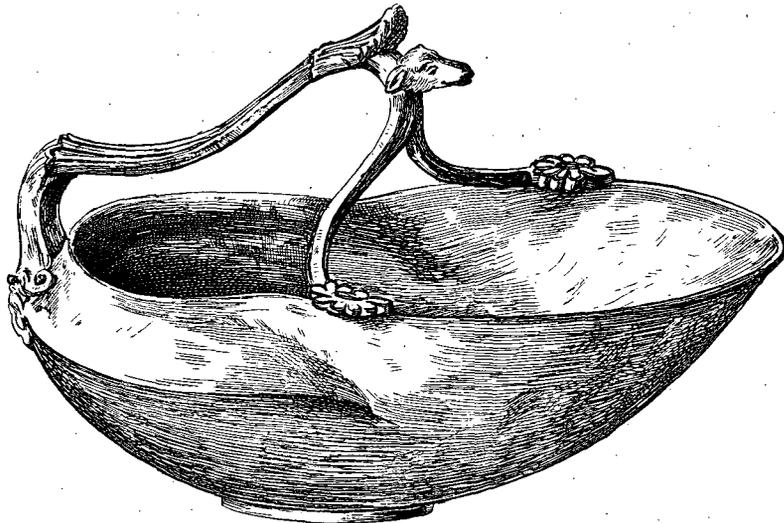


Fig. 1. Roman Vessel of Bronze found near Stanley, in Perthshire.

Street, a boat-shaped vessel of bronze of classical workmanship (fig. 1), with an extreme length of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches and a maximum breadth of  $5\frac{3}{8}$  inches. The vessel, which has evidently been intended for the serving of some liquid, is slightly constricted towards the centre in such a way that the upper edges of the hindward parts tend to become overhanging and thus prevent spilling. The handle, which is admirably adapted for its purpose, is designed on lines which suggest the upper portion of a rudder. At the point of contact with the exterior, the "stern" is decorated with a Medusa-head (fig. 2), while the grip, which runs lengthwise above the middle of the vessel for about one-



Fig. 2. Medusa-Head on Roman Vessel of Bronze.

half of the distance, curving gracefully on the way, is fluted and terminates in a leaf-shaped ornament. From the bottom of this ornament there issues a support of quadrangular section, which presently bifurcates into two curving arms, each resting on a side of the vessel and having its lower end decorated with an oval-shaped rosette. Immediately above the point of bifurcation is a sheep's head. The base is a disc with a diameter of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches, ornamented with four concentric circles. The surface of the whole appears originally to have been finely patinated, but the patina has in large measure been removed. The vessel is said to have been found some years ago near Stanley in Perthshire, and dates probably from the first century of our era.

There was also exhibited by Mr A. E. Mahood, Villa Messina, Tiverton, Devon, a stone mould for a button 1 inch in diameter, having a central projecting point with six others placed radially around it. It was found in the garden of Mr John Gordon, Bookseller, Banff.

The following donations to the Museum and Library were intimated and thanks voted to the donors:—

By Miss B. WILSON, 2 Downie Terrace, Musselburgh.

Token of Pilmuir Free Church, 1843.

By Mr JOHN MURISON, 18 Poplar Grove, Hammersmith, London, W. 6.

Map of the City of Edinburgh from "Civitates orbis terrarum," published by G. Braun and F. Hagenberg, at Cologne, 1574-82.

The following Communications were read:—