
MONDAY, 9th May 1921.

GEORGE MACDONALD, C.B., F.B.A., LL.D., in the Chair.

Before proceeding with the ordinary business, the Chairman took the opportunity of referring to the munificent gift to the Society of the collection of Scottish coins brought together by the late Thomas Coats of Ferguslie. This had been presented by Sir Thomas Glen Coats, Bart., and the other members of the family. The collection, which was the finest in existence, had been selected with great judgment, care, and knowledge, and when added to that at present in the National Museum, provided a representation of a national coinage such as probably no other country could show. He begged to move a sincere vote of thanks to the donors, which motion was carried with acclamation.

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

RASBIHARI BANERJEA, M.B., F.I.A.Sc., M.R.A.S., Santi Cootir, Bally, Bengal, India.

JAMES EGGLETON, Curator, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, 14 Falkland Mansions, Hyndland, Glasgow.

VICTOR T. HODGSON, F.S.A., Cuilcheanna, Onich, Inverness-shire.

THOMAS DUNCAN HUNTER, J.P., 11 Gloucester Place.

MARTIN HOWARD SHARP, Banker, 35 Palmerston Place.

The following Donations to the Museum were intimated, and thanks voted to the Donors:—

(1) By THE PARISH COUNCIL OF DUNBAR.

Earthenware Pot, 4 inches in height, of buff-coloured clay, unglazed, wheel-turned, of globular shape, with short constricted neck, everted

rim, and slightly convex base, having a broad shallow spiral fluting from base to neck both outside and inside, found in a slab-lined grave in the churchyard at Dunbar.

(2) By Mr JAMES DICKIE and Mr ROBERT P. BROWNLIE, KINGSKETTLE.

Cinerary Urn, found near those already recorded from Kettle Farm, Kingskettle, Fife. (See previous communication by J. Graham Callander, p. 40.)

(3) By Mr D. LAW, Losset, Alyth.

Iron mounting of a wooden Peat Spade, $12\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with broad cutting edge, of pointed oval shape, with upright tusk or cutter on one side, from Alyth, Perthshire.

(4) Bequeathed by Mrs M. G. C. NISBET HAMILTON OGILVY, F.S.A.Scot.

String of ninety-six Oriental Pearls, being part of a string of pearls given by Queen Elizabeth to William, first Lord Sherard. The following pedigree shows how the pearls passed from the first Lord Sherard to the late Mrs Nisbet Hamilton Ogilvie.

Pedigree of the Pearls.

William, first Lord Sherard (15 . . -1640). Married Abigail Cave.

Bennet, second Lord Sherard (1621-99). Married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Robert Christopher of Alford, Co. Lincoln.

Lucy Sherard of Alford and Bloxholm, Co. Lincoln (1676-1751), became the second wife of John, second Duke of Rutland.

General Lord Robert Manners of Bloxholm and Alford (1717-82). Married Mary Digges of Roehampton.

Mary Manners (1756-1834). Married William Hamilton Nisbet of Dirleton and Belhaven, East Lothian.

Mary Hamilton Nisbet of Dirleton and Belhaven (1777-1855). Married Thomas, seventh Earl of Elgin.

Lady Mary Bruce (1801-83). Married Robert A. Dundas, and she and her husband assumed successively the surnames of Christopher,
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and of Nisbet Hamilton, on Lady Mary succeeding to the Bloxholm and Alford estates in 1835, and to the Belhaven and Dirleton estates in 1855.

M. G. Constance Nisbet Hamilton of Belhaven, Dirleton and Winton, and of Bloxholm and Alford. Married 1888, Henry T. Ogilvy, second son of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquharity, ninth Baronet.

Mr Wm. Brook, F.S.A. Scot., after examining the pearls reports:

"The necklet consists of ninety-six Oriental whole pearls strung in a single row on silk. The three last pearls at either end have intervening knots. The total length of the row, exclusive of the snap, is $14\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The weight inclusive of the snap is 170.36 grains, so that the average weight of each pearl is about 1.774 grains. The pearls approximate in size to each other; a few are noticeably larger than the average, and these are placed nearer the two ends. There is no attempt in the stringing at a definite arrangement such as the gradation of the pearls. The quality of the stones varies. There are some extremely poor, there are others very good, but taking the necklace as a whole, it may be said, that the pearls are good; the orient is remarkably bright. They are in excellent condition, and considering the age of the necklace, there are few signs of wear. The shapes of the pearls vary considerably. There are some which are round, others pear-shaped, oval, flat, etc. The present snap is obviously modern."

(5) By THOMAS MAY, M.A., F.S.A. Scot., F.S.A.

Second Brass of Faustina the Elder, found in a garden in Mitchell Street, Crieff, near the mouth of a well dug in 1860 to tap an ancient spring and rivulet known to exist alongside an old drove road, now Mitchell Street.

(6) By Mr ALEXANDER MACPHERSON, 10 Forrest Road.
Horn Spoon and Fork, both $9\frac{5}{8}$ inches long.

(7) By W. EAGLE CLARKE, LL.D., Royal Scottish Museum.

Oblong object of white metal, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch by 1 inch by $\frac{7}{16}$ inch, one end recurved, tapering slightly towards the other, from which there is a projection, $\frac{1\frac{5}{8}}{16}$ inch long, having a rouletted geometrical design on the two faces and engraved chevrons on the edges, the interior packed with a hard substance, from the Fair Isle, Shetland. An object of similar character was discovered in the hoard of late-Celtic tools and other objects of iron and bronze contained in the bronze caldron from Carlingwark Loch, Kirkcudbright.

(8) By Mr ANDREW URQUHART, M.A., J.P., School House, Bonar-Bridge, through Professor W. J. WATSON, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Socketed Bronze Axe, $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch across cutting edge, with broken loop on one side, encircled round the mouth of the socket by two mouldings, found in making a new teeing ground near No. 8 hole on golf-links, opposite school garden, at Bonar-Bridge, Sutherland.

Donations to the Library:—

(1) By the FINNISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Anglo-Saxon Coins found in Finland. By C. A. Nordman. Helsingfors, 1921.

(2) By A. LESLIE ARMSTRONG, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

The Discovery of Engravings upon Flint Crust at Grime's Graves, Norfolk. Reprinted from *The Antiquaries Journal*, April 1921.

(3) By the Rev. W. J. COUPER, M.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Blind Harry's "Wallace." By the Rev. J. F. Miller. Glasgow, 1914.

Old Shettleston. By the Rev. J. F. Miller, M.A., F.S.A.Scot. Glasgow, 1919.

Ruchazie, a District and a School in the Provan. By the Rev. J. F. Miller, M.A., F.S.A.Scot. Glasgow, 1920.

Purchases for the Museum and Library:—

Boring Instrument of seal bone, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, carefully pointed at one end, found among the ruins of the outside wall on the north side of the broch known as the Knowe of Stenso, Evie, Orkney.

Dumbartonshire. Part II. By John Irving. Dumbarton, 1820.

The following Communications were read:—