

MONDAY, 12th February 1923.

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

Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the Meeting, Dr Macdonald made the following reference to the recent death of Mr Robert Scott-Moncrieff:—

“The passing of a figure that has long been familiar at our gatherings is always a melancholy experience for those of us who remain. It is doubly melancholy when the figure is associated with a personality so eminently lovable as that of Robert Scott-Moncrieff. He was singularly unassuming; but, despite his modesty, he was known to a wide circle as a useful citizen, and within the narrower limits of his own profession he enjoyed a popularity that must have been almost unique. In everything he did for the Society—and he served it well and faithfully as Secretary for fourteen years—his diligence in business, his unruffled geniality, his ready helpfulness were conspicuous. Since he joined us in 1907 he has rarely been absent from a meeting. Unfortunately, the everyday demands upon his time made it impossible for him to contribute to the *Proceedings* as frequently as we could have wished. But such papers as he did publish had a value and a flavour of their own. Who else would have thought of writing upon the early use of Aqua Vitæ in Scotland? And who else could have done it with the same happy combination of the serious and the playful? That was characteristic. If the ages of stone and bronze found little favour in his eyes, he had a genuine love of all that related to the story of his country, and was exceptionally conversant with the lore and customs of bygone days. Witness the edition of the Household Book of Lady Grisell Baillie, which he prepared for the Scottish History Society. Socially he had many gifts. He could sing an old song with real feeling, and, when the mood was upon him, he could touch off the foibles of his antiquarian acquaintances in light verse with a deftness that few could equal. To those of us who were privileged to know him more intimately, his removal brings a keen sense of deprivation. It will be long before we forget the bright and cheery companion, whose conversation was coloured by a delightful sense of humour, and constantly lit up by flashes of a wit that was never other than good-natured; the loyal friend, whom sheer kindness of heart compelled to give ungrudgingly of his best whenever advice or assistance was asked.”

Dr Macdonald moved, and it was agreed, that the Society record their great regret at the loss sustained through the death of Mr Scott-Moncrieff and express their deepest sympathy with his family, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward an excerpt of this minute to his daughter. The Meeting signified approval by standing up.

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

The Right Hon. LORD ELPHINSTONE, Carberry Tower, Musselburgh.
 JOHN BEST, Warriston House, Edinburgh.
 F. C. B. CADELL, 6 Ainslie Place.
 JOHN CRAWFORD, M.A., 10 Corrennie Drive.
 ARTHUR HOPE DRUMMOND DICKSON, 5 Lennox Street.
 Miss DUNLOP of Shieldhill, Biggar.
 CHARLES A. H. FRANKLIN, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lon.), "Kwato,"
 23 Liskeard Gardens, Blackheath, London, S.E. 3.
 ROBERT LAMOND, M.A., LL.B., 8 Marchmont Terrace, Kelvinside,
 Glasgow.
 DUNCAN MACLEOD of Skeabost, by Portree, Skye.
 CHARLES HAY MARSHALL, S.S.C., Dunholm, Dundee.
 Mrs ANNIE ELIZABETH NELSON, Beechwood, Calderstones, Liverpool.
 ALEXANDER MACLAREN ROBERTSON, Rosemount, Arbroath.
 ARNOLD SUTTEL, M.R.S.I., Hillcroft, Harrogate.
 HERBERT W. FORRESTER TEMPLE, Union Bank House, Tarland,
 Aberdeen.
 MALCOLM WARRACK, 7 Oxford Terrace.
 WILLIAM J. C. WATT, M.B., Ch.B., 71 High Street, Paisley.

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

(1) By J. BOLAM JOHNSON, C.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Powderflask of copper, 5 inches long.

(2) By JOHN GARDNER, F.S.A.Scot.

Three Communion Tokens—Cumbernauld, 1774; Houston and Killallan; St Ninian's Relief Congregation.

(3) By JAMES L. ANDERSON, F.S.A.Scot.

Eleven Communion Tokens—Calder Clere, 1731; Chapel Renton, 1795; Closeburn, 1721; two of Clunie, Perthshire; two of Cockburnspath; Craigie, 1728; Creich, 1706; Crichton, 1763; and Cockpen, 1748.

(4) By Sir JAMES SCOTT, F.S.A.Scot.

Collection from Tentsmuir, St Andrews, Fife—Irregular block of Sandstone, measuring $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch by $6\frac{3}{8}$ inches, with a circular

cavity on top; Spear-head or large Arrow-head of dark grey flint, with stout tang, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in length; three barbed flint Arrow-heads, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch, and $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch in length; three Stone Whorls, of truncated

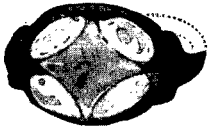


Fig. 1. Enamelled Ring from Tentsmuir. (†.)

biconical form, $\frac{2}{3}$ inch, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, and 1 inch in diameter, decorated with vertical and horizontal incised lines; four Stone Whorls and half of another; a Whorl or Bead of shale, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter; Stone Button, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter, with two perforations, the outline being slightly irregular; Finger-ring of Bronze (fig. 1), the greater part of the hoop wanting, the bezel almost circular containing cloisons of yellow and green enamel; Bronze Buckle, $1\frac{9}{16}$ inch in length, showing tracings of gilding.

(5) By the NORTH BRITISH RAILWAY COMPANY.

Urn or Bowl, $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches in height, of hard ware with black bituminous coating; three circular Discs of Bronze with a raised boss in the centre, and three rivet holes round the margin, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter; remains of a similar Disc, much crushed; two fragments of thin Plates of Bronze of indeterminate use: all found together in a sand-pit near Camelon Railway Station, Stirlingshire. (See subsequent communication by Mungo Buchanan, Corresponding Member.)

(6) By Miss MARGARET MACKICHAN, 75 Spottiswoode Street.

Three Communion Tokens—Inveraray, Kilarrow (Bowmore), and Kilmartin, 1836.

(7) By Mrs ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, St Leonard's Hill, Dunfermline.

Clay Pot (fig. 2), 13 inches in height, $10\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter at the bulge, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter at base, the wall $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick, found in the earth-house at Bac Mhic Connain, Vallay, North Uist.

(8) By Mrs WEBSTER, Dunearn, Burntisland.

Sword-stick, said to have belonged to Deacon Brodie, 3 feet $8\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length, of malacca cane, the blade of the sword 2 feet $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches long.

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

Stone Mould for casting Pilgrims' Badges, $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, bearing on one face matrices for St Andrew on his cross, an equal-armed crucifix, and part of a smaller one, and on the other face matrices for two ring brooches of different sizes and two thistle-shaped pins: found in the old churchyard of St Andrew's Church, North Berwick. (See *Proceedings*, vol. xli. p. 431.)

(10) By LUDOVIC M'LELLAN MANN, F.S.A.Scot.

Plaster Cast of the half of a mould of reddish sandstone for casting objects resembling flanged bronze axes of uncommon form, $6\frac{3}{16}$ inches by

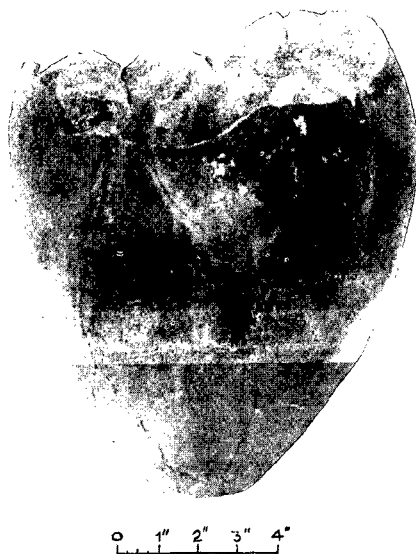


Fig. 2. Vessel of Pottery from Bac Mhic Connain, Vallay, North Uist.

$3\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches, which was found at Low Glengyre, Wigtownshire, and metal cast made in the mould. (See preceding communication by the Donor.)

The Donation of the following books for the Library was intimated:—

By Dr J. MAXWELL WOOD, F.S.A.Scot.

Robert Burns and the Riddell Family.

The Gallovidian Annual, 1920-1922.

The following Communications were read:—