
MONDAY, 9th March 1925.

SIR ANDREW N. AGNEW, BART., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

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

ALEXANDER HUTTON ANDERSON, M.A., Donaldson's Hospital.

PETER A. CONACHER, Director of Education, Forfarshire Education
Authority, Newtonbank, Forfar.

A. BASHALL DAWSON, 33 Royal Terrace.

DONALD MACKAY, Member of the Scottish Land Court, Allermuir House,
Colinton.

IAN R. H. STEWART, 28 Evelyn Road, Wimbledon, Surrey.

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

(1) By A. BASHALL DAWSON, 33 Royal Terrace.

Fire-plate of tinned metal of the Caledonian Insurance Company.
The plate is oval, and shows a thistle, with the word CALEDONIAN
on a scroll below.

Fire-plate of cast iron of the Friendly Insurance Society of Edin-
burgh; it is rectangular in shape, measures 7 inches in length and
 $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height, and shows two clasped hands above the word
FRIENDLY.

Fire-plate of thin sheet-copper of the Scottish Union Insurance
Company, coloured in black, gold, and red; it is circular with a crown

¹ *Proceedings*, vol. lvi. p. 124.

above and a fleur-de-lis below, the circular part measuring 9 inches in diameter; in the centre is a lion rampant, and the words SCOTTISH UNION 1824 round the edge.

Golf "driver," made by H. Philp, St Andrews; the head has been repaired. Clubs by this maker have been extensively imitated, but this one has been submitted to experts in St Andrews and passed as genuine by them.

(2) By ROBERT KINGHORN, F.S.A.Scot.

Rim fragment of a large Cinerary Urn found at Scremerston Hill, Northumberland.

(3) By A. J. H. EDWARDS, F.S.A.Scot., Assistant Keeper.

Sandstone Sinker, measuring $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, being an oval pebble with a longitudinal groove all round, found in a hut-circle at Freswick Links, Caithness. (See previous communication by Mr Edwards.)

Objects from a kitchen-midden at Freswick Links:—Whorl of cetacean bone, measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in thickness; Bone Borer, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; Worked Flint, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch long, of grey colour and crescentic form; six fragments of dark hand-made Pottery.

(4) By Sir JAMES ADAM, C.B.E., F.S.A.Scot., King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.

Tally-stick, measuring $12\frac{7}{8}$ inches long, the two halves complete, from the Exchequer Office, Edinburgh.

(5) By A. NEWLANDS, Divisional Engineer, London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company, Crewe Station.

Fragments of Mountings of indeterminate character, and a Chain, all of copper or bronze, very much corroded, found after the cloud-bursts of 1914 and 1923 in the bed of the Baddengorm Burn at Carrbridge, some considerable distance below the watershed, but not adjacent to any existing roads. They consist of fragments of a thin rectangular plate, $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches broad, with rivet-holes in several places round the edge, each of the two larger pieces having a small bow-shaped handle with fish-tail ends fixed by small rivets; a strip of thin metal, $6\frac{7}{8}$ inches long, bent double longitudinally, terminating in a pear-shaped bulb at one end, and showing rivets and rivet-holes along one edge; three fragments of a chain with S-shaped links, two links being combined by interlooping at right angles, and the adjoining links being connected in the ordinary fashion.

- (6) By JAMES S. RICHARDSON, F.S.A.Scot., Inspector of Ancient Monuments for Scotland.

Five worked Flints from the sands at Gullane, East Lothian, all covered with a whitish patina:—(1) Knife, measuring $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches long and $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch broad, with rude dressing along one edge, of yellowish colour; (2) semicircular Scraper of grey colour, and measuring $\frac{1\frac{3}{8}}$ inch by $\frac{9}{16}$ inch; (3) rude Scraper, measuring $1\frac{7}{16}$ inch by $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, of yellowish colour; (4) part of a Scraper, measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch by $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, of yellowish colour; (5) Core, measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch by $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, of greyish colour.

- (7) By JOHN A. FAIRLEY, 3 Barnton Gardens, Davidson's Mains.

Sugar Cutter of steel, with brass standard and wooden base.

- (8) By JOHN HAMILTON, F.S.A.Scot.

Hoard of Bronze Objects, consisting of three penannular Necklets, six penannular Armlets, three Rings originally conjoined, and a Razor, found in 1866 among some large fragments of rock lying at the foot of a precipice at the Braes of Gight, near Methlick, Aberdeenshire:—

Penannular Necklet (fig. 1, No. 1), measuring $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches by 6 inches in external diameter, the ring, which is formed of a rod of circular section, $\frac{5}{16}$ inch thick, having expanding terminals with a loop at each end, from which is hung a ring, $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch in diameter; round the circumference of the necklet, at intervals varying from $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to 1 inch, measured from centre to centre, are eighteen loops, in each of which has been a ring, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter; three of the loops are broken, as also are two of the rings; fifteen of the latter remain in their original positions, two are detached, and one is wanting; there is a break in the ring of the necklet 4 inches from one end.

Two penannular Necklets (fig. 1, Nos. 2 and 3), measuring $7\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $6\frac{3}{8}$ inches, and $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $5\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, formed of a plain ring of circular section, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, with expanding terminals and a loop at each end, from which a ring, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter, has been suspended; the first necklet retains both of the terminal rings, but one is wanting in the second.

Six penannular Armlets (fig. 1, Nos. 4 to 9), measuring $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches, $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches, and $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches by 2 inches in external diameter, with slightly expanding terminals; the second has a break in the ring and the last wants one of

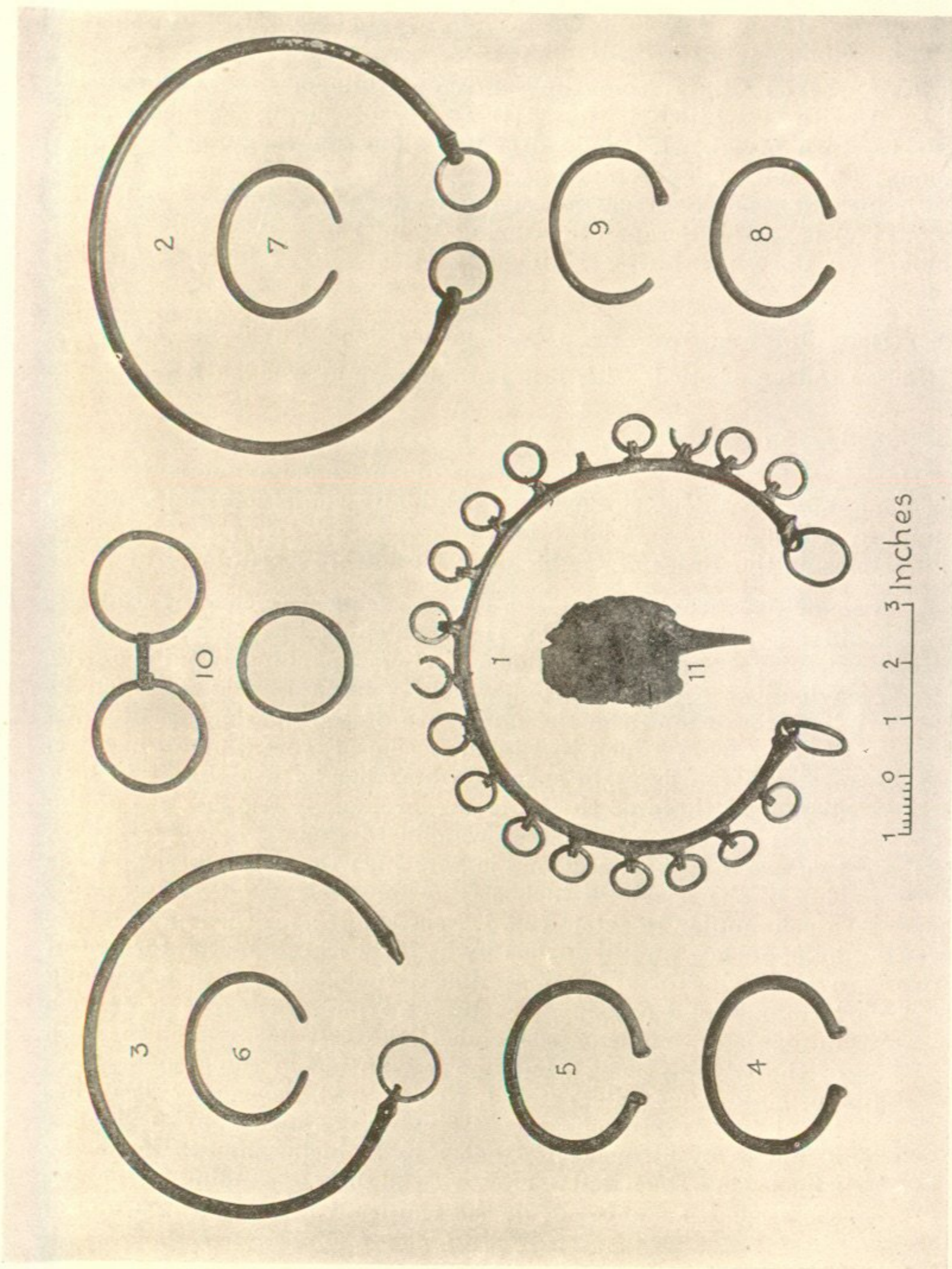


Fig. 1. Bronze Objects found at Braes of Gight, Aberdeenshire.

the terminals; the rings of the armlets are not quite circular or oval in section, as they are hammered flat in places.

Object consisting of three flattened oval Rings, measuring 2 inches in external diameter, and originally connected to each other by a thin flat band, $\frac{3}{16}$ inch broad, the ends curved round the rings (fig. 1, No. 10); one of these bands is missing.

Razor (fig. 1, No. 11), measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in total length, with a flat wedge-shaped tang, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch long, and an oval bifid blade, now $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch broad; the edges of the instrument are ragged and broken, but the V-shaped notch at the top is clearly indicated; there has been no perforation below the notch.

The patina on the second necklet is dark green, smooth and glossy over a considerable part, but on the other objects the patina is patchy.

The discovery of the hoard is recorded in *Proceedings*, vol. xxv. p. 135, where it is stated that only one of the rings on the circumference of the first-mentioned necklet was missing. This is borne out by the illustration shown in fig. 2 on p. 136 of the volume mentioned.

The following Donations to the Library were also intimated:—

(1) By JOHN A. FAIRLEY, 3 Barnton Gardens.

Bibliography of Robert Fergusson, with a Prefatory Note by the Donor. Glasgow, 1915.

Dougal Graham and the Chap-Books by and attributed to him, with a Bibliography by the Donor. Glasgow, 1914.

(2) By JAMES MACKENZIE, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

A New Life and Vindication of Robert Burns.

(3) By WILLIAM A. TOD, F.S.A.Scot.

The History of the Clan Neish or MacNish. By David MacNish, M.A., M.B., and the Donor.

The following Communications were read:—