

MONDAY, 11th January 1926.

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

Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the Meeting the Chairman intimated that the following letter had been received from the Secretary for Scotland in reply to the message of sympathy with His Majesty the King, on the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, sent by His Grace the Duke of Atholl on behalf of the Society:—

SCOTTISH OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W. 1.
8th December 1925.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to inform you that the loyal and dutiful message of the Members of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, on the occasion of the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra, has been laid before the King, who has commanded the Secretary for Scotland to convey to you His Majesty's thanks for this expression of sympathy.

I am, my Lord Duke,

Your Grace's obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN LAMB.

His Grace the DUKE OF ATHOLL, K.T., C.B.,
*President of the Society of
Antiquaries of Scotland.*

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

- Lieut.-Colonel WILLIAM FRASER DOBIE, V.D., J.P., Edgemont, Paisley.
- H. DRUMMOND GAULD, Allandale, Corstorphine.
- THOMAS HENDERSON, J.P., Actuary of The Savings Bank of Glasgōw,
5 Belmont Crescent, Glasgow, W. 2.
- Mrs ELIZA MARGARET KING of Arntomy, Port of Menteith, Perthshire.
- LESLIE BERNARD WILLIAMS, 23 Belmont Street, Glasgow, W. 2.
- JOHN W. WILLIAMSON of Westsidewood, Lanarkshire; Athole Lodge,
7 Spylaw Road.
- EDWARD DRUMMOND YOUNG, 27 Nile Grove.

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

(1) By Colonel A. H. FARQUHARSON of Invercauld.

Silver-gilt Highland Brooch, measuring $3\frac{3}{16}$ inches in diameter, found at Kindrochit Castle, Braemar. (See subsequent paper by J. Graham Callander, F.S.A.Scot.)

(2) By JAMES CURLE, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Large Wooden Quaich, with silver mounts, measuring $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height; it is formed of staves feathered on the sides and bound by hoops of withies; from Bemersyde, Berwickshire.

(3) By F. D. STEWART SANDEMAN, The Law, Kingennie, Forfarshire.

Flanged Bronze Axe, measuring $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in breadth across the cutting edge, and $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch across the flanges, found on the south shore, near the eastern end of Loch Dhugaill, Auchna-shellach, Ross-shire, in July 1925.

(4) By JOHN W. M. LONEY, F.S.A.Scot.

Flat water-worn Pebble, with a rude Cross incised on one face, measuring $4\frac{7}{16}$ inches, by $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches, by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch, found near the inner end of St Ninian's Cave, Whithorn, Wigtownshire, by the donor in August 1911.

(5) By A. W. INGLIS, F.S.A.Scot.

Two wrought-iron Door-plates from the Hammermen's Chapel and Parliament House, Edinburgh, the first bearing the initials and date D.W.B. and M.H. 1694, pierced through it, and the second P.M. and E.B. 1674, similarly formed.

(6) By Mrs MACKENZIE, 2 Rillbank Crescent.

Brass Mount of cruciform shape, measuring $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in total length and $1\frac{5}{16}$ inch in breadth, pierced near the ends of the side and top arms; and having an elongated acorn-shaped pendant hinged to the short arm below; from the Greyfriars' Church, Dumfries.

Jougs of Iron, with a chain of eight links and a swivel attached to the collar, from Dumfriesshire.

(7) By the Legatees of the late Mrs MACFIE of Borthwick Hall.

Part of the Branks of Iron from the old Church of Kintore, Aberdeenshire.

Kail Gully of Iron, with a very small part of the wooden shaft remaining within the ferrule, which is fixed near the end of the tang.

(8) By WILLIAM KIRKNESS, F.S.A.Scot.

Candle-mould of Tinned Iron, with four tubes.

(9) By WILLIAM BANNERMAN, M.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Sword worn by the grandfather of the donor while acting as an officer of the Banffshire Local Militia, in the early part of the nineteenth century.

(10) By JOHN BORLAND, F.S.A.Scot.

Stone Bead of discoidal shape, measuring $\frac{7}{18}$ inch in diameter and $\frac{3}{16}$ inch in thickness, from Pothouse, Auchencairn, Thornhill, Dumfries.

(11) By JOHN M. CORRIE, F.S.A.Scot.

Crosraguel Penny, from Glenluce Sands, Wigtownshire.

(12) By the Antiquity Section of the Royal University of Norway, Oslo.

Fourteen Castings of Celtic Bronze Ornaments and Mounts of the Viking period, found in Norway. Nine of these are illustrated in Rygh's *Norske Oldsager*.

(13) By Lady FARQUHAR, Dungrianach, Oban.

Wooden Lock from St Kilda, acquired, while in use, by Sir Malcolm McNeill, C.B., father of the donor, in 1883.

(14) By A. W. HOLDING, 86 Easter Road.

Wooden Snuff-box with invisible hinge, made in Cumnock.

(15) By Mrs MACINTOSH, F.S.A.Scot.

Metal Button, with armorial bearings and date 1797, found in the garden at 23A Dick Place.

It was announced that the following objects had been purchased for the Museum :—

Whetstone of light grey sandstone, measuring $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length, of square section, tapering from $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at the centre to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch at each end, found under 18 inches of peat, some 300 yards south of Torrie Cottage, near Callander.

Bead of Vitreous Paste, measuring $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in diameter and $\frac{5}{16}$ inch in thickness, the colour being yellow and blue in alternate bands placed

obliquely, there being short transverse inlays of white colour in the centre of the blue bands; from Aberdeenshire.

Fragment of the wall of a yellow glazed Earthenware Vessel, showing part of a human mask on the outside; from the Lesser Cumbrae, County of Bute.

Large Wooden Quaich with two lugs, measuring $6\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter at the mouth and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in height; the staves of which it is formed are feathered on the sides and it is hooped with withies.

Silver-mounted Tortoiseshell Snuff-box, which is said to have belonged to Dr ALEXANDER ("JUPITER") CARLYLE.

Socketed Bronze Axe, measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch across the cutting edge; the socket, which is oval and measures $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in cross diameters at the mouth, is surrounded at the lip by a slight moulding and by another at the top of the loop, which is large and perfect; from Alford, Aberdeenshire.

Flanged Bronze Axe, measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches across the cutting edge, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch across the flanges; locality unknown.

Flat Bronze Axe, measuring $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches across the cutting edge, and $\frac{5}{16}$ inch in thickness, found $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet below the surface, in 1891, at Collynie, Tarves, Aberdeenshire.

Flat Bronze Axe, measuring $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, $3\frac{1}{16}$ inches across the cutting edge, and $\frac{7}{16}$ inch in thickness, found in 1897 at Newseat of Ardo, Methlick, Aberdeenshire.

Flint Axe, measuring $5\frac{7}{16}$ inches in length, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in thickness, of grey colour, ground on the cutting edge and sides but otherwise flaked; found on the croft of Warlsend, Tarves, Aberdeenshire, when reclaiming ground about 1850.

Butt-end of a Stone Axe, used as a Hammer-stone, and partially perforated on one side, found at Catcraig, Auchnagatt, Aberdeenshire.

Hammer-stone, abraded at both ends, encircled near the thicker end by a groove, from Haddo House estates.

Stone Cup, measuring $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches across the mouth externally, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, with a vertically perforated handle projecting $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch from one side, the top of the handle being $\frac{9}{16}$ inch below the rim. The cup is encircled, $\frac{9}{16}$ inch below the lip, by a flattish moulding, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch broad, which is carried round the handle, and which is decorated by vertical incised lines, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart; above and below this moulding is a single line of incised chevrons, the angle of those above pointing to the right, and of those below to the left; found at Methlick, Aberdeenshire, in 1882.

Beaker (fig. 1), measuring $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches in height, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter at the neck, $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches at the bulge, and $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches at the bottom, of

reddish ware. It is decorated by a broad band of ornamentation encircling the neck and brim; another, rather narrower, at the widest part; and a third of still less width near the base. The designs consist of vertical zigzags, lozenge and herring-bone patterns, between transverse divisional lines, all impressed with a comb-like stamp. The greater part of the rim is wanting. Found at Bruckleseat, Fyvie in 1854.

Food-vessel with vertical brim (fig. 2), measuring 4 inches in height, $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches at the shoulder, and



Fig. 1. Beaker from Bruckleseat, Fyvie, Aberdeenshire.

$2\frac{3}{16}$ inches at the base, of dark stone-coloured ware with a pinkish tint in it. At the shoulder are two mouldings with four surviving pierced lugs between them, the fifth having been broken off. Running round the top of the rim, which is bevelled slightly towards the inside, are three impressed lines. Two similar lines encircle the mouth on the outside. In the hollow beneath the rim are two horizontal rows of small crescents, and on the tapering lower part of the vessel, from the shoulder to the base, are vertical rows of similar markings, the crescents being placed vertically. Below the lugs are groups of three vertical straight lines. All the designs have been formed by the

impression of a cord, apparently formed by winding a thin thread round a core. The urn was found on the Haddo House estates.

Food-vessel (fig. 3), measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter across the mouth, $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches at the shoulder, and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across the base, of drab-coloured ware very faintly tinged with pink. The vessel is surrounded at the shoulder by three thin sharply projecting mouldings crossed by four vertical projections, like incipient lugs, irregularly spaced. Between the upper moulding and the brim is a broad shallow hollow, decorated with a zigzag pattern of double

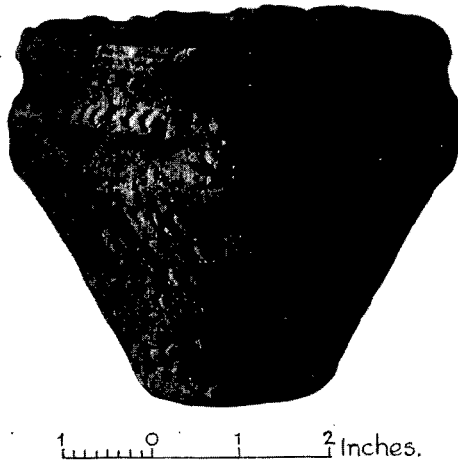


Fig. 2. Food-vessel from Haddo House estates, Aberdeenshire.

lines between single marginal transverse lines. On the upper moulding at the shoulder is a row of small circles, while the whole of the tapering lower part of the vessel is covered with small loops and short straight lines. On the top of the rim, which is bevelled towards the interior, are five concentric lines. All the ornamentation, with the exception of the small circles (which have been formed by the impressions of a small tube, probably a reed or straw), has been made by pressing a loosely twisted cord in the soft clay before the vessel was fired. The base of the urn is slightly concave. It was found on the Haddo House estates.

Cinerary urn (fig. 4), measuring $13\frac{1}{4}$ inches in height on one side,



Fig. 3. Food-vessel from Haddo House estates, Aberdeenshire.



Fig. 4. Cinerary Urn from Haddo House estates, Aberdeenshire.

and $12\frac{7}{8}$ inches on the other, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, $11\frac{3}{8}$ inches at the widest part, and 6 inches at the base, of drab-coloured ware. It is encircled by two cordons, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches and $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches below the lip, which is slightly incurved and has a small moulding on the inside, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the rim. On the part between the upper cordon and the brim it is decorated by a series of large triangles between single marginal lines, the hanging triangles being hatched with oblique parallel lines, and the other alternate triangles plain, all formed



Fig. 5. Cinerary Urn from Haddo House estates, Aberdeenshire.

by cord impressions. There is a hole broken in the base, and the urn is half full of incinerated human bones. From Haddo House estates.

Cinerary urn (fig. 5), of drab-coloured ware, the base and greater part of rim restored; height, as restored, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter at shoulder, $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches. It is surrounded at the shoulder by a single cordon, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches below the rim. The upper part is almost vertical, and has a series of large triangles filled in with oblique lines, the lower part being also covered with oblique lines running from right to left, in places crossed by similar lines from left to right. On the top of the

brim, which is flat, are oblique lines. The whole of these markings have been incised with a sharp-pointed implement. The urn is one-quarter full of cremated bones, and is from the Haddo House estates.

Carved Stone Ball, with four large projecting discs and four small ones in the interspaces (fig. 6), measuring 3 inches in diameter, from the village of Methlick, Aberdeenshire.

Casket of Cetacean Bone with mountings of bronze, measuring $10\frac{3}{8}$ inches long, $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches broad, and $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches deep at the corners, and $3\frac{1}{4}$



Fig. 6. Carved Stone Ball from Methlick, Aberdeenshire.

inches at the centre of the lid, elaborately carved with interlaced designs, from Eglinton Castle, Ayrshire. (See subsequent paper by J. Graham Callander, F.S.A.Scot.)

Basket-hilted Back Sword with an Andrea Ferara blade, measuring 3 feet $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in total length.

The following Donations of Books, etc., to the Library were intimated:—

(1) By R. S. ALEXANDER, F.S.A.Scot.

Burgess Act, in vellum, in favour of Robert Anderson, Baker in

Elgin, dated 28th September 1784, bearing the remains of the seal of the town in red wax.

Burgess Ticket of Dysart, in vellum, in favour of Francis Grant, Merchant in Inveravin, dated 8th May 1738. Attached to it is a disc of yellow wax without any traces of the impression of a seal.

(2) By ALEXANDER O. CURLE, F.S.A.Scot.

English Church Woodwork. By F. E. Howard and F. H. Crossley, F.S.A. London, N.D.

English Church Monuments, A.D. 1150-1550. By F. H. Crossley, F.S.A. London, 1921.

(3) By W. DOUGLAS SIMPSON, M.A., D.Litt., F.S.A.Scot.

The Book of the Pistol and Revolver. By Captain Hugh B. P. Pollard.

(4) By THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

Catalogue of an Exhibition of Bibles. By George Milligan, D.D. Glasgow, 1925.

The Hunterian Museum in the old College of Glasgow. By David Murray, M.A., LL.D. Glasgow, 1925.

(5) By A. STANLEY CARRUTHERS, A.C.A., F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

Carruthers Records. Typewritten Copy.

(6) By THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES.

Eighteenth Annual Report, 1924-25.

(7) By THE SECRETARY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA.

Corpus Inscriptionum Indicarum. Vol. i. Inscriptions of Asoka. New Edition. By E. Hultzsch, Ph.D. Oxford, 1925.

The following Communications were read :—