

MONDAY, 8th February 1926.

JAMES CURLE, LL.D., in the Chair.

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

JOHN C. GARDNER, B.L., Solicitor, Cardowan, Stonehaven.

JAMES GEBBIE, Bank Agent, Northview, Westerton, by Drumchapel, Dumbartonshire.

Mrs VIOLET M. HOOD, Midfield, Lasswade.

JOHN S. KAY, "Thor," Bath Road, Colnbrook, Bucks.

Rev. T. PRIMROSE RANKINE, M.A., Minister of Rosehall United Free Church, 9 Salisbury Road.

ROBERT MARTIN SMITH, A.I. Arcets. (Scot.), "Windyknowe," Alexandra Avenue, Stepps, by Glasgow.

Professor HAROLD WILLIAM THOMPSON, A.M., Ph.D., of University Club, Albany, New York, U.S.A., Bruntsfield Hotel, 73 Bruntsfield Place.

LESLIE GRAHAME THOMSON, Architect, Inglewood, 18 Hermitage Drive.

Mrs A. E. NELSON, F.S.A.Scot., exhibited an ancient silver finger-ring (fig. 1), found in Perth in 1873. In forwarding the ring, Mrs Nelson sent the following note:—"The massive fifteenth-century silver ring (formerly in the Cook Collection, No. 478) has a flat shank with bevelled edges, the shoulders swelling to the bezel, which is a flattened oval, and has engraved upon it a merchant's mark within a cabled border. The mark is a combination of a shield, upon which occurs a chevron with the letters **3** **A**, and above it the usual flag ornament. The flag, which is seen on merchants' marks, was probably derived from the Lamb and Flag, the badge of the wool-staplers."

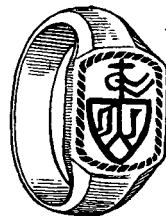


Fig. 1. Silver Finger-ring from Perth. (1.)

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

(1) By Major BROUN LINDSAY and Mrs BROUN LINDSAY, F.S.A.Scot.

Bronze Spear-head of Arreton Down type (fig. 2), measuring $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length and $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in breadth across the base of the blade, with a mid-rib of lozenge section bordered on each side by five slight

parallel flutings, and a tang, $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches long, of rectangular section, thinning out towards the end, where there is a perforation $\frac{5}{16}$ inch in diameter; found in a drain on Whitehaugh Moss, Muirkirk, Ayrshire. (See Anderson's *Scotland in Pagan Times—Bronze and Stone Ages*, p. 180, fig. 185, and *Proceedings*, xxviii. p. 219.)

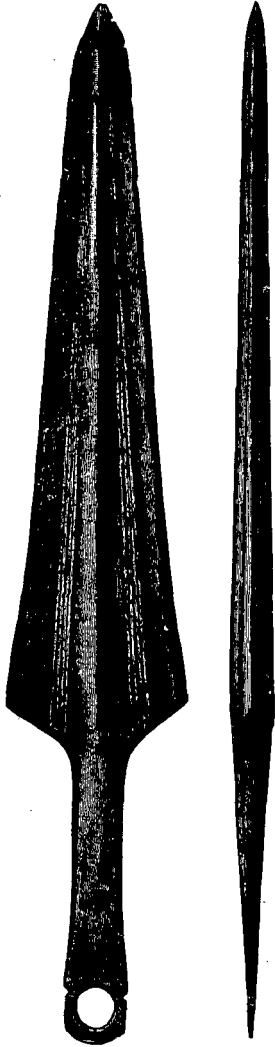


Fig. 2. Bronze Spear-head from Whitehaugh Moss, Ayrshire.

Flanged Bronze Axe (fig. 3), measuring $5\frac{13}{16}$ inches in length and $2\frac{7}{16}$ inches across the cutting edge, which re-curves backwards at the ends. At the front of the flanges, which are $1\frac{5}{16}$ inch broad, is a thickening of the axe, to act as a stop, and at the butt end, between the flanges, there is a

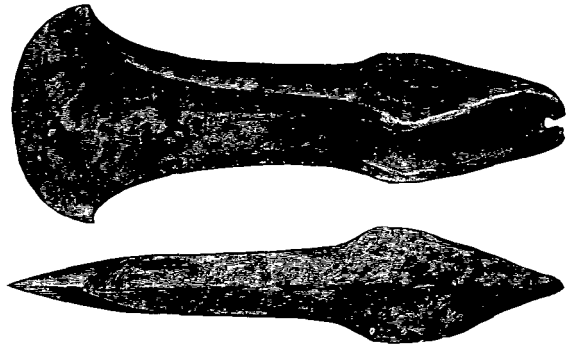


Fig. 3. Bronze Flanged Axe from West Glenbuck, Ayrshire.

small break in the metal. Turned up by the plough at West Glenbuck, Muirkirk.

Half of a Stone Axe (cutting end), measuring $3\frac{5}{16}$ inches by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch, which has been used as a hammer-stone; found on the south side of the road almost opposite the west side of the cairn near Marchhouse, Muirkirk, which was described in *Proceedings*, vol. lviii. p. 333.

Fragment of a large Jet Ring, measuring $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length, and $\frac{1\frac{5}{8}}$ inch by $\frac{1\frac{3}{16}}$ inch in cross-section, from a hut-site, Muirkirk. (See subsequent paper by Archibald Fairbairn, F.S.A.Scot.)

Food-vessel and rim of a Cinerary Urn, found in a cairn at Westerhill, Muirkirk. (See *Proceedings*, vol. li. p. 24.)

The food-vessel (fig. 5) measures $7\frac{5}{16}$ inches in height, 6 inches in

diameter at the mouth, $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches at the shoulder, and $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches at the base, and is of buff-coloured ware. At the shoulder it is surrounded by

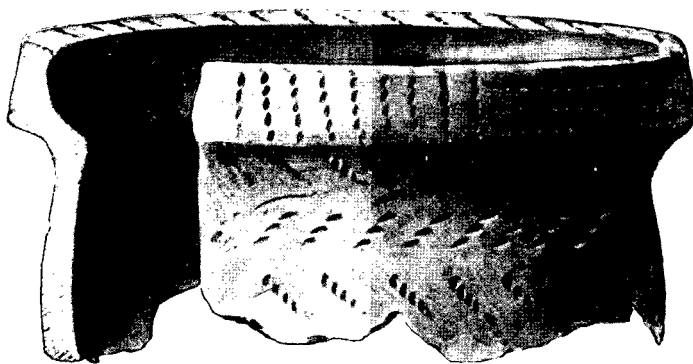


Fig. 4. Rim of Cinerary Urn from Westerhill, Muirkirk.

a double moulding, the higher being $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the brim. Between the shoulder and the brim it is ornamented by groups of short horizontal lines alternating with groups of short vertical lines, the top of the lip, which is bevelled towards the interior, being decorated by short oblique lines. A space round the shoulder is covered by oblique lines, and the whole of the lower part is covered by narrow panels, separated by single vertical lines, and filled with horizontal lines. The groups of vertical lines on the upper part are formed by impressions of some indeterminate object, but all the other lines have been made with a pointed tool. The rim of the Cinerary Urn (fig. 4) measures 7 inches in diameter across the mouth, and is of brownish, buff-coloured ware. From the neck the rim curves out slightly, and then contracts to the lip, which is narrow, and concave on the inside. Round the lip are groups of alternate horizontal and vertical impres-



Fig. 5. Food-vessel from Westerhill, Muirkirk.

sions of a twisted cord. On the top of the lip are similar markings set obliquely, and on the wall they form a series of vertical zigzags.

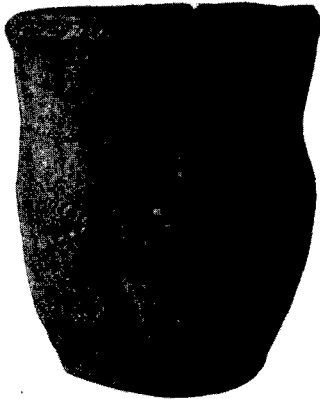


Fig. 6. Beaker-shaped Vessel from a Hut-circle at Muirkirk, Ayrshire.

Beaker of reddish Ware (fig. 6), measuring $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, $5\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches at the neck, $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches at the bulge, and $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches at the base. The vessel is thicker in the wall than the ordinary beaker, and the top of the rim is rounded. The neck is decorated with flattish oblique lines of impressions of a toothed stamp, and those are repeated, but sloping in the reverse direction, on the outside of the lip. Below the bulge the body of the vessel is covered with irregular herring-bone patterns. This beaker was found in a hut-circle at Muirkirk, Ayrshire, and probably it was a domestic vessel. (See *Proceedings*, vol. xlviii. p. 379.)

Fragments of Pottery showing finger-nail impressions; fragments of a Beaker decorated with the impressions of a toothed stamp; and Flake of greyish-white Flint, $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch, from hut-circles at Muirkirk.

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

Lead Button (fig. 7), measuring $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch in diameter, showing in the centre a small boss, from which four twisted-cord lines radiate to the edge so as to form a cross; in each angle between the arms is a heart, and round the edge is a border which is now indistinct; on the back is a rudely formed loop, not centrally placed; and there is an arris left, showing that the back flange of the mould must have consisted of two sections; from the Lothians.

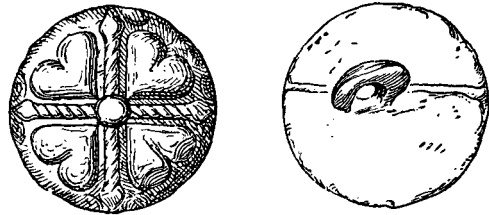


Fig. 7. Lead Button from the Lothians. (†.)

Two Iron Cannon Balls, measuring $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter, found close to the castle on the Bass; an Iron Cannon Ball, measuring 5 inches in

diameter, found on the beach below Tantallon Castle; a Stone Cannon Ball, measuring $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter, found in débris under the cliff on the north-east of Tantallon Castle; and two Lead Bullets, measuring $\frac{5}{8}$ inch and $\frac{9}{16}$ inch in diameter, from Tantallon Castle.

The following Purchases for the Museum were announced:—

Cinerary Urn (fig. 8), measuring $11\frac{5}{8}$ inches in height, $12\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, $12\frac{3}{8}$ inches at the bulge, and $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches across

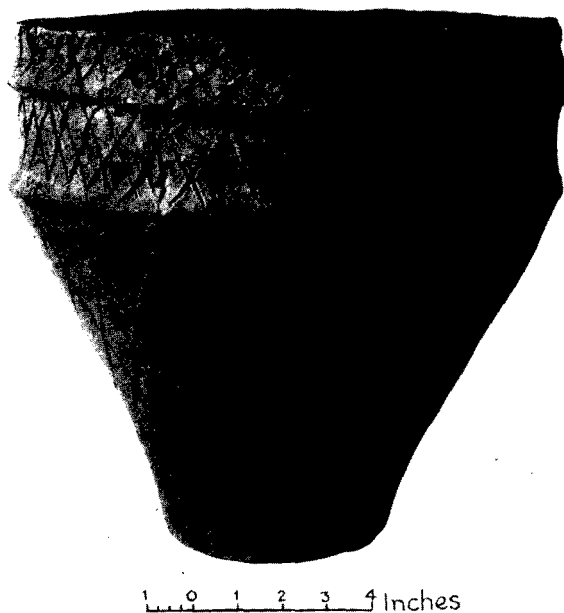


Fig. 8. Cinerary Urn from Haddo House Estates, Aberdeenshire.

the base, with an upright brim and quickly tapering lower part, of drab-coloured ware, encircled by two raised mouldings, one at the shoulder and the other $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the brim. Both the vertical upper part and the lower part of the vessel are decorated with a lattice pattern of crossed lines made by a pointed implement, and the top of the rim is ornamented by oblique lines similarly formed. The urn was found on the Haddo House estates.

Dirk, with a blade measuring $12\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in breadth, showing two diamond-shaped and one heart-shaped perforations in the centre, near the top. The hilt, which is plain and cylindrical and made of bone, has a total length of $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches and a diameter of $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. Riveted on to the end of the tang at the top of the hilt is a cross-shaped washer. The blade, which is made of part of a sword, bears the maker's mark—a scimitar with the letter **B** reversed above it. Found in a bog at the Castle of Gight, parish of Fyvie, Aberdeenshire.

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

(1) By Dr GEORGE F. BLACK, Corresponding Member.

Gold and Silver Ornaments from Mounds of Florida. By George F. Kunz. Reprint from *American Antiquarian*, July 1887.

Gold Ornaments from United States of Columbia. By George F. Kunz. Reprint from *American Antiquarian*, 1887.

Stone Implements from Trenton and Staten Island: Character and Sources of Materials. By J. Volney Lewis. Reprint from *American Anthropologist* (N.S.), vol. xviii. No. 2.

(2) By ROBERT MURDOCH LAWRENCE, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

John Boyle, Bookseller and Bookbinder, Aberdeen.

(3) By Miss C. LOUISE LORIMER, 1 Bruntsfield Crescent, the Authoress.

Old Houses of our Parish: paper relating to the Parish of Carnbee, Fife.

(4) By GEORGE MACDONALD, C.B., F.B.A., LL.D., D.Litt., F.S.A.Scot.

The Mummy: a Handbook of Egyptian Funerary Archæology. By Sir E. A. Wallis Budge. Cambridge, 1925.

(5) By THE DELEGATES OF THE CLARENDON PRESS.

Prehistoric and Roman Wales. By R. E. M. Wheeler, D.Litt., F.S.A., Director of the National Museum of Wales. Oxford, 1925.

(6) By THE DIRECTOR OF THE NORSK FOLKEMUSEUM.

A Short Guide with Plan, Norsk Folkemuseum. Oslo, 1925.

Friluftsmuseet på Norsk Folkemuseum. Oslo, 1925.

Østlandsk Portrettkunst, 1675-1700, av Henrik Grevenor. Oslo, 1925.

ROYAL GIFT TO THE HAMMERMEN OF EDINBURGH. 155

(7) By Monsieur L. LEQUEUX, 60 Avenue du Général Moinier, Casablanca, Morocco, the Joint Author.

L'Age de la Pierre Polie dans la Vallée de la Vesdre. By L. Lequeux and C. Sladden. Brussels, 1924.