

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION, 1926-1927

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1926.

ALEXANDER O. CURLE in the Chair.

Mr John A. Inglis and Mr Robert Cross were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for Office-Bearers.

The Ballot having been concluded, the Scrutineers found and declared the List of the Council for the ensuing year to be as follows:—

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His Grace THE DUKE OF ATHOLL, K.T., C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O., LL.D.

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Brigadier-General Sir R. GORDON-GILMOUR of Craigmillar, Bart., C.B.,
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Librarian.

ALEXANDER O. CURLE.

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

L. MILNER BUTTERWORTH, F.R.G.S., Lea Hurst, Dunham Massey, Cheshire.

Rev. L. WINTHER CAWS, 198 Grange Loan.

JOHN HARCUS CHALMERS, Torretta del Vento, Molo Pietà, Malta.

JAMES COOPER CLARK, F.R.G.S., F.R.A.I., The South College, Elgin,
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JAMES HOGARTH, Brunstane House, Portobello.

J. M'BAIN, Waterloo, Ayr.

JOHN M'CASKILL, J.P., Estate Office, Gairloch, Ross-shire.

- DONALD SOMERLED MACDONALD, W.S., 1 Hill Street.
 RODERICK M'ERLICH, Scottish Land Court, Iona, Davidson's Mains.
 MATHEW HENRY M'KERROW, Solicitor, Dunard, Dumfries.
 ROBERT L. MACKIE, M.A., B.Litt., Lecturer in English and History, Dundee
 Training College, Greenloaning, Wormit, Fife.
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 JAMES M'LINTOCK, Ivy House, Lennoxton.
 ARTHUR M. M'VEY, F.I.S.A., El Arish, West Clandon, Surrey.
 MRS MAITLAND of Dundrennan, Cumstoun, Kirkeudbright.
 FRANK MOORE, Editor of the *Downland Post*, Eastfield, Bramber Avenue,
 Peacehaven, Sussex.
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 ALAN D. PILKINGTON of Sandside, Dean Wood, Newbury, Berks.
 ALEXANDER DUFFUS ROBERTSON, M.A., 10 Langshaw Crescent, Carluke.
 Miss WINIFRED M. ROSS, Auchendean, Dulnain Bridge, Inverness-shire.
 Dr CLAUDE ST AUBYN-FARRER, 5 Harley Street, Cavendish Square,
 London, W.
 RICHARD J. SIMPSON, Hermitage, Corstorphine.
 JOHN H. SINCLAIR, 204 West Regent Street, Glasgow.
 ROBERT J. WALKER, M.A., 22 Rosebery Street, Aberdeen.

The Secretary read the following list of Members deceased since the last Annual Meeting:—

Corresponding Member.

	Elected.
WILLIAM MACKENZIE, Procurator Fiscal, Dingwall	1908

Fellows.

	Elected.
DAVID ANDERSON-BERRY, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.E., Versailles, 19 Stanhope Road, Highgate, London, N. 6	1887
GEORGE BAIN, Rossbank, Nairn	1915
WILLIAM BAIRD, J.P., 11 Pitt Street, Portobello	1891
Major Sir DUNCAN A. DUNDAS CAMPBELL, Bart., C.V.O., of Balcargine and Glenure, Secretary of the Order of the Thistle, 16 Ridgeway Place, Wimbledon, London, S.W. 19	1886
The Right Hon. LORD CARMICHAEL of Skirling, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., K.C.M.G., 13 Portman Street, London	1888
DAVID R. CLARK, M.A., 8 Park Drive West, Glasgow	1889
T. W. DEWAR of Harperfield, Heather Bank, Hindhead, Surrey	1901

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	Elected.
WILLIAM TRAQUAIR DICKSON, W.S., 11 Hill Street	1882
WILLIAM FRASER DOBIE, St Katharine's, Liberton	1899
JOHN HENRY DIXON, Clach-na-Faire, Pitlochry	1886
WILLIAM NICOL ELDER, M.D., 6 Torphichen Street	1885
JOHN FERGUSON, 45 Ann Street	1892
ANDREW FORGAN, 292 Hingston Avenue, Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, Canada	1917
Lieut.-Col. ALEXANDER GARDNER, Artarman, Row, Dumbartonshire	1921
Sir JOHN R. GLADSTONE, Bart., Fasque, Laurencekirk	1901
CHARLES GOURLAY, B.Sc., F.R.I.B.A., I.A., Professor of Agriculture in the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, Coniston, Craigdhu Road, Milngavie	1911
Mrs BEATRICE M. R. GREGORSON, 17 Cornwall Street	1922
Rev. DAVID MACHARDY HAMPTON, Hedderwick, Pittenweem	1898
R. FINNIE M'EWEN, B.A. (Cantab.), of Marchmont and Bardrochat, Advocate, Marchmont, Berwickshire	1917
JOHN M. MACKECHNIE of Balfunning-Douglas, 6 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow, W.	1909
WILLIAM HUNTER MARSHALL, Callander, Perthshire	1885
Major WILLIAM LINDSAY MERCER, Huntingtower, Perth	1878
Sir GEORGE M. PAUL, LL.D., W.S., Deputy Keeper of the Signet, 9 Eglinton Crescent	1871
Mrs REID, Lauriston Castle, Davidson's Mains	1920
ANDREW SHARP, 16 Lomond Road, Trinity	1919
DAVID STEVENSON, Firenze, 93 Trinity Road	1912
CHARLES POYNTZ STEWART, Chesfield Park, Stevenage	1879
JAMES URQUHART, 13 Danube Street	1878
HENRY NEWTON VEITCH, 30 Colherne Court, London, S.W. 5	1922
Rev. FREDERICK G. WRIGHT, D.D., Barholm Vicarage, Stamford, Lincolnshire	1903

The Meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society had sustained in the death of these members.

The Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society:—

The Council beg to submit to the Fellows of the Society their Report for the year ending 30th November 1926.

Fellowship.—The total number of Fellows on the roll at 30th November 1925 was 900
At 30th November 1926 the number was 934
being an increase of 34

During the year 77 new Fellows were elected. 30 Fellows and 1 Corresponding Member died, 7 resigned, and 6 allowed their membership to lapse.

The satisfactory number of new Fellows elected to the Society last session may be regarded as showing that public interest in archæological research is steadily increasing, and that the value of the work undertaken by the Society is becoming more and more widely appreciated. It is hoped that this increase in membership will be maintained in future, thus extending the influence of the Society and of the National Museum of Antiquities.

In the list of those deceased since the last General Meeting occur the names of several to whom the Council desire to make special reference. Lord Carmichael of Skirling, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., K.C.M.G., was elected to the Society thirty-eight years ago. A man of wide knowledge and many interests, he gave the Society much help in such time as he could spare from a singularly strenuous public life. His duties in the House of Commons precluded his taking an active part in our work until 1900, when he retired from Parliament. In that year he became Vice-President, and held office for the normal period. On the constitution of the new Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland in 1907, he was appointed their Chairman. Called overseas in 1908 as one of His Majesty's representatives, he filled important positions abroad until 1917, when he returned from India. From 1918 to 1922 he was our President. Mr John Ferguson, elected a Fellow in 1892, was widely known as a lover of art and letters and an expert botanist, but it is perhaps by his contributions to the ecclesiology of the Scottish Border that he will be best remembered. He was an active member of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, and much of his work appeared in their *Proceedings*, his contributions to which include an authoritative account of the Pre-Reformation Churches in Berwickshire, as well as an article on Kelso Abbey in which he solved, from documentary sources, the problem of the original plan. Mr William Baird, who became a Fellow in 1891, was a keen antiquary. His first essays were naturally connected with his own profession of banking, but he had many other interests. Archæology and architecture were among the studies which he took an active part in promoting. A resident in Portobello, he became its historian in his *Annals of Duddingston and Portobello*. Mrs Margaret Reid was elected in 1920. She and her husband formed a fine collection of furniture, which, with the historic mansion in which it is installed, was bequeathed to the public. Though ill-health prevented Mrs Reid's attendance at many of the Society's meetings, she was greatly interested in its proceedings. Mr James Urquhart was a member of the Society for the long period of

forty-eight years. He served on the Council from 1921 until 1923, and attended the meetings of the Society most regularly until laid aside by illness. Mr John H. Dixon, whose Fellowship dates back to 1886, was greatly interested in the local history of Perthshire. His paper on "Cup-marked Stones in Strathhtay" appeared in vol. lvi. of the *Proceedings*.

The Council have received with regret the resignation of Sir James Adam from the Council of the Society on his demitting the office of King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer. His geniality and sympathy made him a singularly pleasant colleague, while his official position enabled him, through his Department, to rescue many valuable relics for the National Museum.

Proceedings.—An advance copy of the new volume of the *Proceedings* lies upon the table. It contains twenty-two papers read before the Society, treating of a variety of subjects, mainly prehistoric and mediæval.

The Museum.—The provision of several new cases in the Prehistoric Gallery by H.M. Office of Works during the past year has entailed the rearrangement of certain of the collections, and has to some extent relieved the congestion of exhibits. Although the refurnishing of the Comparative Gallery has not been completed, the setting out of the specimens contained in it is now practically finished, and it is intended to reopen it to the public at the beginning of the next financial year.

The number of objects added to the National Collection during the year amounts to 307 by donation and 49 by purchase, a considerable increase on the numbers acquired during the preceding year. Some of the specimens are of the greatest rarity and value.

Among the objects which deserve special notice may be mentioned a bronze spear-head of the rare Arreton Down type, and a beaker-like vessel from a Bronze Age hut-circle in Muirkirk, presented along with other relics by Major and Mrs Broun Lindsay; a cinerary urn presented by the Linlithgow District Committee; a perforated jet ring, from Airngath Hill, the second of its type in Scotland, presented by Dr Shafto, and a large ring of jet, partially made, from near Airdrie, presented by Mr James Neilson. The gift of a set of casts of fourteen Celtic bronze mountings, found in graves in Norway, from the Royal University of Norway, is much appreciated, as these articles will be invaluable for comparative purposes. The donation of a funeral crozier, chalice and paten, found in a grave in St Magnus' Cathedral, by the Provost and Town Council of Kirkwall, has added a rare and unique group of objects to the Museum. The beautiful Highland brooch found at Kindrochit

Castle, and presented by Colonel Farquharson of Invercauld, is of special importance, as no other like it is known. By the presentation of two teapots and other pieces of old Glasgow silver plate by Mr Charles E. Whitelaw, of an old Aberdeen salver by Mr John Bruce, of an Edinburgh Apostle spoon by Mr John Hamilton, and of a number of spoons made in various small towns in Scotland by Miss J. C. C. Macdonald and Mr William Brook, the Museum has obtained the nucleus of a collection of old Scottish silver which, it is hoped, may encourage other similar donations. Six old carved oak panels, four presented by Dr Hay Fleming, one by Lt.-Col. J. F. Mackay, and one by Mr James S. Richardson, make welcome additions to a class of exhibit not very well represented in the Museum.

Amongst the purchases the outstanding objects are a magnificent early sixteenth-century casket of whale's bone, entirely covered with interlaced carving; two bronze Celtic mountings, belonging to the early ninth century, from the west of Scotland; and a beautifully polished axe of white quartz from Ladyflat, near Duns.

Excavations.—The examination of the Roman Fort at Mumrills was continued last autumn. The season was short, as the ground is only available between harvest and tillage. Operations were confined to the western field, Castle Towrie, a partial examination of which had been made in previous years. Certain foundations west of the entrance, exposed, but not fully explored in 1921, were reopened, but yielded little of importance beyond a hearth. Work was then concentrated on the western ditches and roadway in the north-east quarter of the field. The roadway has been identified beyond question, and it has been established that four ditches returned on the western flank of the Antonine fort, the outer ditch being evidently part of a different system from the inner two. The conditions found open up some interesting problems, on which future excavation may be expected to throw further light.

Few relics were recovered, other than pottery, which was found over a considerable area and at various levels of occupation.

A considerable part of the expense of the work has again been met by grants received from the Carnegie and Haverfield Trusts.

The Library.—The additions to the Library amount to 104 by donation and 28 by purchase. Besides these, a considerable number of publications of learned societies, etc., have been received by way of exchange and by subscription. There have been three additions to the collection of manuscripts.

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The Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1925, on The Mediaeval Castle in Scotland, were delivered by Mr W. M. Mackenzie in the spring of this year, and those for 1926, on Italian Sculpture of the Renaissance, were delivered by Mr Eric Maclagan in the late autumn. The course for 1927 will be delivered by Dr George Macdonald, on Recent Research on Roman Britain.

The Gunning Fellowship.—The Gunning Fellowship for 1926 was awarded to Mr A. J. H. Edwards, Assistant Keeper of the Museum, for the purpose of continuing his excavations in Caithness. Several other graves were excavated at Ackergill, and an earth-house at Freswick Links. Both showed unusual structural features.

Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—The County of Ayr was chosen as the district for the Chalmers-Jervise Prize Essay for 1926. No essays were received.

ATHOLL,
President.

The Report was adopted on the motion of Major W. A. Baird, seconded by Mr C. E. Whitelaw.

Mr J. Bolam Johnson, Treasurer, read the annual statement of the Society's Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. On the motion of the Chairman a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Johnson for his gratuitous services.

MONDAY, 13th December 1926.

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

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

EVAN W. M. BALFOUR-MELVILLE, M.A., Lecturer in History in the University of Edinburgh, 2 South Learmonth Gardens.

JAMES T. FINDLAY, Cairnbrogie, Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire.

ALEXANDER LOW, M.A., M.D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, 144 Blenheim Place, Aberdeen.

WALTER T. M'INTIRE, B.A., St Anthony's, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.

THOMAS PURDIE, Ampherlaw, Carnwath, Lanarkshire.

DOUGLAS H. SCOTT, M.B., Ch.B., The Rosaire, Magdalen Yard Road, Dundee.

WILLIAM PERCIVAL WESTELL, F.L.S., Verulam, The Icknield Way, Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

The following Donations to the Museum, received during the recess, 11th May to 30th November 1926, were intimated, and thanks voted to the Donors:—

(1) By GEORGE BEVERIDGE of Vallay, North Uist.

Iron Fleanor, B-shaped, measuring $2\frac{1}{16}$ inches in length, and three Worked Flints, yellowish grey in colour, measuring $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch, and $1\frac{11}{16}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch respectively, from Shian, Balranald, North Uist.

(2) By Mrs NEILL RAE, 26 Morningside Park.

Three Flint Arrow-heads, from Lochmaben district, Dumfriesshire; the first of triangular form and blackish grey colour, measuring $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{5}{32}$ inch, the second barbed, with one barb wanting, and of light grey colour, measuring $1\frac{5}{32}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch, and the third also barbed, with one barb imperfect, and of light grey colour, measuring 1 inch by $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

(3) By GEORGE BUTLER, Haddington Place, Aberlady.

Axe of Felstone, measuring $4\frac{11}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch, well polished, with a chip on the butt and on one side near the butt, found on the surface at Invereil, Dirleton, East Lothian, by the donor.

(4) By BELLERBY LOWERISON, F.S.A.Scot.

Stone Idol, measuring $6\frac{7}{16}$ inches by 4 inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, one end in the form of a tortoise's head, with a deep groove behind, found on the surface in the woods of British Columbia.

(5) By WILLIAM BROOK, F.S.A.Scot.

Silver Toddy Ladle, ornamented with a shell pattern on the top of the stem, and bearing the hall-marks R. & R. K. (R. & R. Kay), with a double-headed eagle for Perth, both repeated.

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

Brass Calendar, dated 1803, stating the birthdays of the King, Queen, and Prince of Wales, also various Church dates.

(7) By Mr JOHN GREEN, Drylaw Road, Blackhall.

Set of Lowland Scottish cold-air Bagpipes with bellows, which belonged to a family in Peeblesshire; the drones have deep cup-shaped tops.

(8) By J. MAITLAND ANDERSON, LL.D., The University, St Andrews, through JAMES S. RICHARDSON, F.S.A.Scot.

Fragment of a Tempera painted Ceiling from Castlewynd House, St Andrews, consisting of piece of a board of fir, measuring 24 inches in length, $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth, and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch in thickness. The colours are very faded, but a female head and bust, with foliaceous and other designs in black and white, can still be traced.

(9) By Colonel E. S. FORDE, Provost of Castle Douglas, 67 Queen Street, Castle Douglas.

Brass Military Field Compass, 11 inches in diameter, with sighting vanes, spirit level, and ball and socket attachment, in wooden case, inscribed COLE, MAKER, FLEET ST., LONDON; it belonged to the great-grand-uncle of the donor, Major Forde, who served with Lord Clive in India.

Communion Tokens of Urr, Carsphairn, Dalmellington, Kirkpatrick-Durham, and Twynholm.

(10) By Mrs CAMPBELL BROWN, Culbourne, Manor Green Road, West Hill, Epsom, through J. H. STEVENSON, C.B.E., F.S.A.Scot., Marchmont Herald.

Small Thirteenth-century Seal of Bronze, found at Epsom. (See *Proceedings*, vol. lx. p. 218.)

(11) By Miss H. DRUMMOND, 5 Lutton Place.

Two Armlets of plaited Human Hair and six Brass Dress-fasteners.

(12) By EUSTACE MAXWELL, House of Elrig, Portwilliam, Wigtownshire.

Small Enamelled Bronze Mount, of rectangular shape, measuring $\frac{9}{16}$ inch in length by $\frac{3}{16}$ inch in breadth, and showing two lozenges of blue enamel in the centre, with particles of red enamel in alternate angles, on the upper surface. It is cleat-shaped, but the points of the pins at the two ends are wanting. Found by the donor on the Glencuce Sands, near Genoch, at the spot where some rude hand-made pottery was previously discovered. (See *Proceedings*, vol. lviii. p. 141.)

(13) By CHARLES B. BOOG WATSON, F.S.A.Scot.

Collection of 61 Communion Tokens.

Stone Whorl, measuring 1 inch in diameter and $\frac{7}{16}$ inch in thickness, from Tweedsmuir, Peeblesshire, said to have been more than a hundred years in one family.

Two Queen Victoria Halfpennies, dated 1862 and 1875, and part of an Iron Nail, which, from superstitious motives, had been hammered into the trunk of a tree growing on Isle Maree, Loch Maree, Ross-shire.

Fragments of three Ornamental Tiles, with patterns in blue, yellow, black, and white, from an old house in the Watergate, Edinburgh—probably early sixteenth century.

(14) By Colonel J. F. MACKAY, C.B.E., F.S.A.Scot.

Carved Oak Panel, measuring $18\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length and 8 inches in breadth, showing a woman's head within a wreath in the centre, and foliaceous designs above and below; imperfect on left side. Believed to be from Stirling. (See *Proceedings*, vol. lx. p. 404, fig. 20.)

(15) By D. HAY FLEMING, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Four Carved Oak Panels. Two measuring $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 9 inches and $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 7 inches, and showing intertwined sprays of foliage and a debased vine pattern, were in a house in St Andrews, where they had been fitted between two joists to support the deafening of a floor. The other two, which are of trapezoidal form, measuring $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches and $8\frac{5}{8}$ inches along the top and bottom, and $5\frac{3}{8}$ inches in depth, and 11 inches and $7\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches, had formed the ends of a cradle, which

came from Kellie Castle, Carnbee, Fife; both are decorated by a rosette carved in the centre and a foliaceous design on each side.

Twelve Communion Tokens.

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

Two Hammer-stones of White Quartz, measuring $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches by $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch, and 2 inches by $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{9}{16}$ inch respectively, and 33 small Flakes and Chips of Pitchstone, found along with many flint chips of various sizes on an area about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 feet square, at Torrs, Glenluce Sands, by the donor.

Half of a Perforated Stone, formed of a rough disc, $2\frac{7}{16}$ inches in greatest diameter and $\frac{7}{16}$ inch thick, with the hole countersunk from both sides, found on the site of a fort on Greencraig Hill, Creich, Fife.

(17) By J. GRAHAM CALLANDER, F.S.A.Scot.

Three Communion Tokens of Duirinish, Strath, and Edenshead (Fife).

Half of a Button Mould of Stone, with a single matrix on one face, showing a cruciform design surrounded with a narrow border round the edge filled in with radial lines, from the Chesters, Garvald, East Lothian.

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

Hammer-stone abraded on the sides, and on one face for the grip; Anvil-stone abraded on both faces; Fragment of an Axe of Felstone which has been broken up into flakes; five Scrapers of light grey Flint, and five small Flakes of Pitchstone, from Glenluce Sands.

Anvil-stone, with abrasions on its two flat faces, from Dryburgh, Berwickshire.

Five old Pipe-heads bearing makers' stamps, from the Bass Rock; two have a castle stamped on the under side and W. B. on each side of heel, two W. B. on each side of heel, and one P. G. on each side of heel.

Turned Dice Box of Bone, measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height and $1\frac{11}{16}$ inch in diameter at the mouth. It contracts towards the centre, where it is encircled by a raised moulding; it is also encircled by four groups of turned grooves. In an oval panel outlined by small punctulations are the initials E. A. and the date 1717. From Aberdeen.

Small thin oblong Bead of Jet or Shale, measuring $\frac{17}{32}$ inch by $\frac{11}{32}$ inch by $\frac{3}{32}$ inch, from Glenluce Sands.

(19) By JOHN BRUCE, Vice-President.

Silver Salver, of square shape with rounded corners, measuring $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches square and weighing 11 oz. 2 dwt. 10 gr., bearing the hall-

mark three turrets, for Aberdeen, and maker's mark G. C., for George Cooper, date about 1730: in the centre is the crest of one of the Irvine

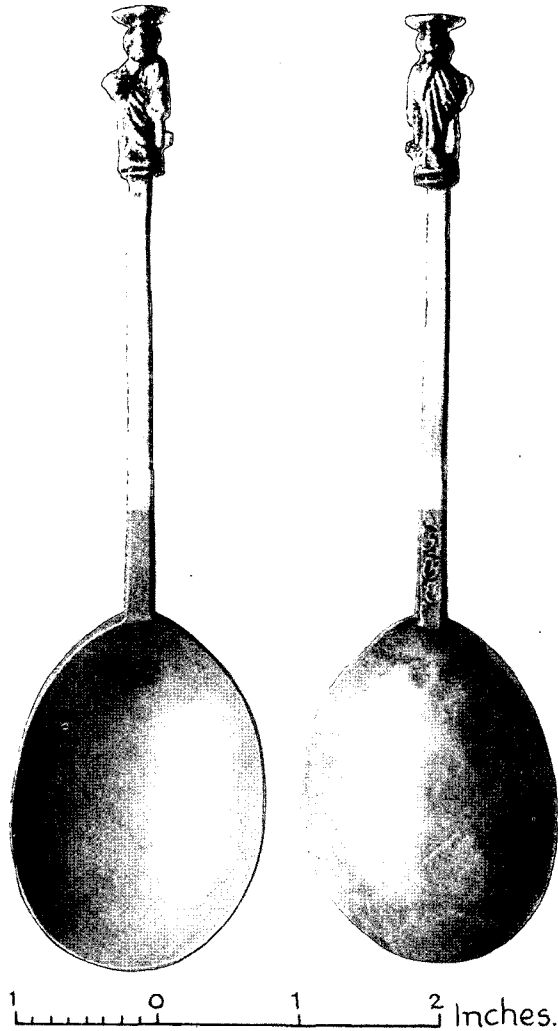


Fig. 1. Apostle Spoon made in Edinburgh.

families—a sheaf of holly of five leaves banded—and the motto, *Sub sole sub umbra virens*.

(20) By JOHN HAMILTON, F.S.A.Scot.

Silver Apostle Spoon (fig. 1), showing the gilded figure of Peter at the top, with the initials and date, E. B. 1670 W. T., punctulated on the end. It measures $6\frac{5}{8}$ inches long, the figure at the top being $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch, and the bowl $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length—weight, 1 oz. 2 dwt. 22 gr. The spoon bears the maker's mark G. R., for George Robertson, silversmith, Edinburgh, 1616-33, struck once on the bowl and three times on the back of the stem.

(21) By Miss J. C. C. MACDONALD of Ballintuim, F.S.A.Scot.

Three Silver Tablespoons and a Toddy Ladle, the spoons having been bought at the Breadalbane Sale. The first tablespoon was made in Greenock, measures $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, and weighs 2 oz. 8 dwt. 8 gr.; it bears the maker's mark WC, an anchor, a three-masted ship, and a tree, for Greenock, and the letter C; at the top of the stem is the initial F. The second tablespoon was made in Inverness, measures $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, weighs 1 oz. 16 dwt. 20 gr., and bears the marks CJ, for Charles Jamieson, the maker, I N S and a camel, for Inverness, and the letter J. On the top of the stem is the monogram I M S. The third tablespoon was made in Banff, measures $8\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, weighs 2 oz. 1 dwt. 9 gr., and bears the mark B, for Banff, I K, for John Keith, the maker, and the letter F; on the top of the stem is the monogram M K. The toddy ladle was made in Arbroath, weighs 1 oz. 5 dwt. 6 gr., bears the marks A D, for A. Davidson, the maker, and a portcullis and a vase-like object stamped twice, for Arbroath, and on the stem the initial L.

(22) By J. TENNANT GORDON, O.B.E., F.S.A.Scot.

Knife, of yellowish grey Flint, of triangular shape, flaked on two sides, measuring $1\frac{7}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch; Scraper of black Flint, measuring $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and six human Teeth, found in a short cist discovered while excavating for the foundations of a shelter to be erected behind the swimming-pond at the West End Braes, Buckhaven, Fife, on 14th May 1926. The cist, which consisted of four slabs set on edge and a large cover-stone, rested on rock, and was 12 feet below the present surface, this depth being possibly accounted for by blown sand. The cist, which was not measured, enclosed an area about 2 feet 6 inches square, and contained the remains of a human skeleton which, with the exception of the teeth, crumbled away entirely.

(23) By Rev. R. S. G. ANDERSON, B.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Flat round waterworn Pebble, with a small depression bored in the centre of each face, possibly a whorl in the making, from Cutroach, Isle of Whithorn, Wigtownshire.

(24) By W. L. A. CRAIG CHRISTIE, 3 Learmonth Gardens.

Iron Key, the wards being cut out of the shank, which is hinged 1 inch from the end. The keyhole would thus be circular, and the wards would drop into position after being inserted into it. From a house in Edinburgh.

(25) By PERCY R. STEVENSON, F.S.A.Scot.

Iron Cannon-ball $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, showing traces of lead on the exterior, found in a garden adjoining the scene of the skirmish between Cromwell and General Leslie at Gogar in 1650.

(26) By RUFUS E. EVANS, M.D., Newcastleton, Roxburghshire.

Half of a Stone Button Mould, measuring $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch by $\frac{7}{16}$ inch, with three matrices in line on one face, one in the form of an eight-pointed star, one circular and one of octagonal form on either side of it. The second and third have the letter M incised in them, and the first the letters M H in monogram. Found on the farm of Dinlaybyre, Castleton, Roxburghshire.

(27) By JOHN KINGHORN, Whitsome West Newton, Chirnside.

Toddy Ladle and Sugar Crusher of Wood, the ladle measuring $11\frac{1}{8}$ inches in total length, and the sugar crusher $7\frac{5}{8}$ inches, from Berwickshire.

(28) By Police Sergeant EDWIN DANN, Royal Terrace, Linlithgow, through JAMES BEVERIDGE, F.S.A.Scot.

Sixteenth-century Brass Seal (fig. 2), showing a merchant's mark and the initials I. C. on an oval bezel. The shank has a pierced trefoil top. Found in a garden, formerly part of the Burgh Roods, outside and to the south of the town wall of Linlithgow.

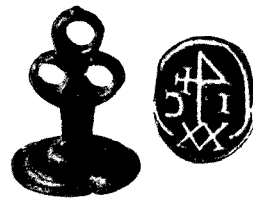


Fig. 2. Brass Seal from Linlithgow.

(29) By the Representatives of the late JAMES GREEN KINNA.

Two stone Axe-hammers, measuring $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches, and $7\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches, probably found in Minnigaff parish, Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

(30) By ANDREW M'CORMICK, F.S.A.Scot.

Perforated Stone, measuring $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches in greatest diameter by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in thickness, formed from a waterworn disc of irregular shape, the hole, which is picked, being countersunk from both sides and worn smooth at the centre; found at Kirkpool, on the river Cree, at the place where the nets are usually drawn in during salmon-fishing.

Perforated Stone, measuring $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches by 1 inch, formed of an oval waterworn pebble, the hole slightly countersunk from both sides, found near Whithorn, Wigtownshire.

Rude Stone Cup, measuring $6\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter and $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches in height, formed from part of a waterworn boulder with a natural cup, 4 inches in diameter and $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches deep on one side; on the top it has been roughly dressed to a circular shape. At some later time it had been built into the wall of an outhouse at Glenvenock, Penninghame, Wigtownshire, and was found when this building was being taken down.

(31) By R. C. MORRISON, 5 Atholl Place.

Perforated Stone, almost circular, the hole countersunk from both sides, measuring $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches in greatest diameter and $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch in thickness, from Rayfield, near Jos, Northern Nigeria.

Six stone Axes, measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches, $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches, and $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length respectively. The first has the cutting edge ground very flat, and the last has been used latterly as a hammer-stone, being abraded at both ends. Some of these axes were found at considerable depths, in the wash covering tin deposits. From the neighbourhood of Jos, Northern Nigeria.

(32) By W. L. FERGUSON, 45 Ann Street.

Iron Cannon-ball, measuring 3 inches in diameter, found in digging a grave at Coldingham Priory, Berwickshire.

(33) By Mrs JAMES MACKENZIE, 2 Rillbank Crescent.

Set of Appliances used in the manufacture of Vellum and Parchment, by William More, the last parchment maker in Kinnesswood, Fife, who was an apprentice, and succeeded to the business, of a family of the name of Birrell, who were famous for the quality of their goods and who supplied them to various Government offices. The objects consist of six Scraping Knives, with semicircular and shield-shaped blades, five of them having a straight tang inserted transversely through the centre of the wooden handle, and one with a tang having a double bend in it inserted into

the end of a wooden handle; a Curved Knife, fitted into a boar's tusk for a handle; five large Wooden Split Pins, and two spare Wooden Handles of scraping knives.

Samples of Vellum and Parchment made by William More.

(34) By D. L. FORBES, B.Sc., Eastfield, Joppa.

Large Spear-head of greyish yellow Flint, of triangular shape, measuring $8\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length and $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches in breadth at the base—a small piece of the point and a small bit from the corner of the base are broken off. Found by the donor in the angle between Indian Creek and the Sibun River, Stann Creek, Middlesex, British Honduras.

(35) By Rev. J. DEAS LOGIE, Minister of Farr, Sutherland.

Six Communion Tokens—Coldstream, Farr, and Kinglassie.

(36) By CHARLES E. WHITELOW, I.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Seven pieces of old Glasgow Silver Plate: a Teapot, bearing the hall-marks A G, twice, for Adam Graham, maker, a tree, bell, and fish, for Glasgow, and another indecipherable mark, dated about 1765, height $6\frac{7}{8}$ inches, weight 23 oz. 8 dwt. 1 gr.; a Salt Cellar, the mouth scalloped round the outside, decorated on the inside of the rim with radiating lines, and bearing the mark A G, for Adam Graham (Glasgow), dated about 1765, height $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch, diameter $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches, weight 2 oz. 13 dwt. 18 gr.; a Teapot and Stand with four short legs, with the hall-marks on both, R G, for Robert Gray, maker, a tree, bell, and fish, for Glasgow, and date letter I, about 1785—the teapot has a wooden handle and wooden turned knob on the lid—height of the teapot alone, $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches, with stand 7 inches, weight of the pot 13 oz. 11 dwt. 18 gr., and of the stand 5 oz. 9 dwt. 16 gr.; a Lemon Strainer, with flat oval pierced bowl and lyre-shaped ends, bearing the hall-marks a lion rampant, the King's head, D C R, for D. C. Rait, maker, tree, fish, and bell, for Glasgow, and date letter I, 1827—length 12 inches, breadth $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches, weight 5 oz. 8 dwt. 17 gr.—on the back of one end are the initials J T B; a Toddy-ladle, with twisted whalebone stem, showing the hall-marks a lion rampant, the King's head, D M^cD, maker, tree, bell, and fish, for Glasgow, and date letter L, 1830; and an old Saltspoon, with a shovel-shaped bowl, and the stem twisted and ending in a figure-of-eight loop, weight 3 dwt. 1 gr.

(37) By Mrs SANDERSON, 52 Campden Hill Court, London, daughter of the late Mr ADAM COCHRANE, Fernieknowe, Galashiels, who had collected the objects.

Small Bronze Spear-head, with the mouth of the socket imperfect and both loops broken, measuring $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in total length, the blade

being 1 inch in length and $\frac{1\frac{5}{8}}$ inch in breadth; in its imperfect condition the mouth of the socket is $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in diameter. Found in a field near Galashiels, Selkirkshire.

Champ-levé Enamelled Bronze Mounting, of vesica shape (fig. 3), one side imperfect and showing two pins on the back for attachment, measuring $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches in length and $1\frac{7}{16}$ inch in breadth. In the centre is a dot and circle of white enamel, from the opposite sides of which can be seen, extending longitudinally, a central stem with two curved branches on each side forming the cloisons which contain traces of blue and red enamel, all forming a vesica-shaped panel. Round the margin of this panel are eighteen semicircles of red enamel, the space between these and the outer edge having contained light green enamel. Locality unknown.

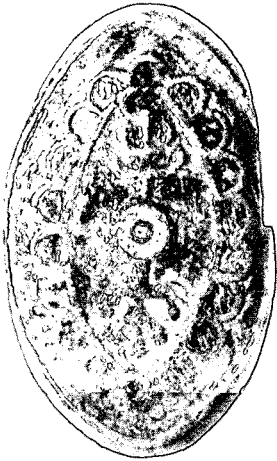


Fig. 3. Enamelled Bronze Mount. (†)

Three-legged Bronze Pot, with two triangular lugs under the lip, measuring $11\frac{1}{8}$ inches in height, $8\frac{1}{8}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, and $11\frac{1}{8}$ inches at the widest part. It has been broken and repaired, several vacancies occurring on the sides. Found in the garden at Manorhead, Stow, Midlothian.

Three-legged Bronze Ewer, with spout and handle, measuring $9\frac{3}{16}$ inches in height, found inside the above-mentioned pot.

Inca Vase, of red and white coloured pottery, with a narrow upright neck and a handle, round the upper part of the vessel being four animals in relief.

Inca Vase of black ware, with an upright neck, and a handle which is broken, on the front being one single and two double fish-like designs.

(38) By GEORGE DAVIDSON, F.S.A.Scot.

Drinking Horn of conical shape, measuring $12\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, decorated by encircling turned bands and groups of lines, and having a whistle at the narrow end, from Aberdeenshire.

Half of Button Mould of Stone, showing a single matrix for a button on one side and four pinholes at the corners for attaching it to the other flange; the back bears an incised ornamental design. It measures $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches by 1 inch, and was found at Priesthaugh, Hawick.

(39) By Mrs LYON, Tantallon Lodge, North Berwick.

Part of the original top of the wooden stay at the back of the "Maiden," very much decayed. An examination of the "Maiden" in the National Museum shows that this part has been renewed. On a label attached to the fragment it is stated that it was given by the Curator of the Antiquarian Museum, Edinburgh, to Major Wemyss of Wemyss Hall, Fife, who gave it to Mr Lyon.

(40) By JAMES NEILSON, Lee Bank, Commonhead, Airdrie, through
Dr T. WALKER-LOVE, F.S.A.Scot.

Ring of Jet or Shale, measuring $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches in diameter externally, the ring being $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch broad and $\frac{9}{16}$ inch thick, roughly cut out and unfinished; found in tiring rock at Kirkstyle Quarry, opposite New Monkland Parish Church, near Airdrie.

(41) By H. J. GLOVER, M.D., Hawthorn Cottage, Oxton.

Four Flint Arrow-heads, one barbed and stemmed, of dark grey colour, measuring $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch by 1 inch, another barbed and stemmed, of milky colour, measuring $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, and wanting part of the point and of one barb, the third lop-sided, of black colour, wanting the point and part of the barb, and now measuring 1 inch by $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, and the fourth hollow-based, of grey colour, very rudely made, measuring 1 inch by $\frac{1}{8}$ inch; Scraper of grey Flint, measuring $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch, and Knife of blackish grey Flint, measuring $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch by $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. All from Borehouse Farm, Oxton, Berwickshire.

(42) By GRAHAM MILLER, 21 Lennox Street.

Cup-marked Block of Red Sandstone, measuring $12\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches, bearing two cup-marks, one $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch deep, surrounded by a ring and other grooves on one side, and a very small cup, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter, partially surrounded by three rings on the other, found by the donor at the foot of the scree south of Corbies' Craig, on the east side of the footpath, Blackford Hill.

(43) By THE LINLITHGOW DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Cinerary Urn (restored), measuring $8\frac{3}{8}$ inches in height, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter at the mouth, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the widest part, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the base (fig. 4). The lip finishes in a sharp edge, and the vessel is surrounded by two cordons, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch and 4 inches below the rim. On either side of the higher cordon is a zigzag pattern formed by a twisted cord, that on the upper side bordered on the top and bottom by a single

transverse line, and that on the lower side bordered on the top and in places below by a similar line. Found while tiring the rock at Kildimmery Quarry, in a pocket of soil, in very rough ground, near the western end of the rocky ridge known as Nancy's Hill, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile east-



Fig. 4. Cinerary Urn from Kildimmery Quarry, Linlithgow.

south-east of Linlithgow. Some time previously another urn, the type of which is not known, was found within a few yards of this site.

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

Highland Ring Brooch of Silver, measuring $1\frac{9}{32}$ inch in diameter, the front ornamented with four circles and curves between, all inlaid with niello, the back bearing the initials I. F., and date 1734. The pin is looped on to the ring.

Part (barely half) of an octagonal Highland Ring Brooch of Brass, measuring in original extreme diameter about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches externally; the sides are concave, and the ring is divided into eight panels by radial lines running into each of the eight angles. Of the three remaining panels two show an engraved beast, of very crude form, simulating a unicorn,

and the third, which is between the other two, shows fan-shaped designs springing from the two inside corners. Found on the battle-field of Falkirk.

Stone Axe-hammer, measuring 5 inches long, the top and bottom sides being concave until about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the butt, which is in the form of a truncated cone. In breadth it contracts from $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches at the cutting edge to $1\frac{11}{16}$ inch at the perforation, and then swells out to $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches; it is $1\frac{13}{16}$ inch in thickness. The hole contracts from $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter at the exterior to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch at the middle. The curved top and bottom sides are each bordered by three incised parallel lines. Found in the neighbourhood of Perth.

Flanged Bronze Axe, measuring $6\frac{7}{16}$ inches in length, $2\frac{13}{16}$ inches across the cutting edge, and $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch across the flanges. There is a stop-ridge measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep behind and $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in front; the edges of the flanges are carried round in front of the stop-ridge till they meet and form a shield-shaped panel, the interior of which is filled with small longitudinal parallel mouldings. There are remains of a thick brown patina in parts. Found in the neighbourhood of Perth.

Flanged Bronze Axe, measuring $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, 3 inches across the cutting edge, and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch across the flanges. There is a very slight stop-ridge, in front of which is a shield-shaped space, bounded at the front by a slight curved moulding, and filled in with short longitudinal punched straight lines. On the top and bottom edges is a punched herring-bone pattern. The axe, which has a green patina, is much pitted and corroded. From Aberdeenshire.

Perforated Ball of baked Clay, of yellow colour, possibly a Loom-weight, measuring $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, the hole being $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to $\frac{7}{8}$ inch in diameter, found on Mumrills Farm, near Falkirk, in the field which lies to the north of the road leading to Beancross, on the top of the knowe overlooking that place, on 13th April 1926.

Silver Spoon, made in Aberdeen, measuring $8\frac{3}{16}$ inches in length, and weighing 1 oz. 18 dwt. 8 gr. The end of the stem, which has two large and two small notches in it (*piéd de biche*), is ornamented by a leaf pattern, while at the foot is a triangular design; on the back of the bowl the leaf pattern is repeated with the initials M. H. on either side, while the initials R. P. occur at the back of the top. The maker's mark A. G., for A. Galloway, Aberdeen, 1672-8, is stamped twice on the back of the stem.

Silver Snuff-box, made in Edinburgh, boat-shaped, measuring $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch by $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch, weighing 2 oz. 14 dwt. 7 gr., and divided transversely into two sections, which have each a lid acting from a common hinge; maker's mark G. C., for George Christie, date about 1790.

Sir Henry Raeburn's Silver Medal of the Shakespeare Club of Scotland, with green ribbon and clasp. It measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter. *Obv.* A bust of Shakespeare, with three branches of laurel. *Rev.* SHAKESPEARE CLUB OF SCOTLAND in a ribbon, with HENRY RAEBURN/ESQR. in the centre.

Silver Memorial Medal of Charles I. (See Hawkins' *Medallic Illustrations*, vol. i. p. 347, No. 201.)

Silver Marriage Badge of Charles II. (See Hawkins' *Medallic Illustrations*, vol. i. p. 483, No. 96.)

Two Bronze Gilt Mounts, of early ninth-century date, from the west of Scotland. The first (fig. 5) is of cruciform shape, and measures $2\frac{9}{16}$

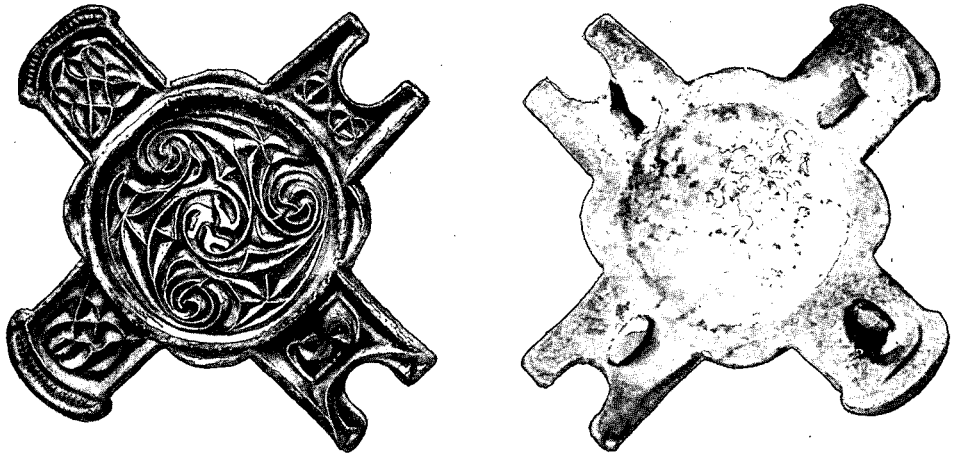


Fig. 5. Bronze Mounting from the West of Scotland. (†.)

inches in diameter across the arms, two of which have the ends convex and slightly expanded, and the other two deep concavities at the ends. In the centre is a large circular panel filled with graved whorls, and in each arm is an interlaced design, the curved border of those with convex ends being filled in with a milled pattern. The mount, which shows gilding over the greater part of the front, has been fixed by four studs, parts of which still remain. The second (fig. 6) is circular, with two triangular projections opposite each other on the circumference, and measures 2 inches long by $1\frac{9}{16}$ inches broad. In the centre is a square panel with milled border, containing the remains of a setting of amber. This square panel is placed within a quatrefoil which is surrounded by a circular border of twelve oblong panels, each of which has contained a setting, possibly of enamel or amber. At the

intersections of the petals of the quatrefoil is a small boss with a spiral incised on it, and within the petals are curvilinear designs. Each of the projections at the sides, which have been ornamented with designs that cannot now be determined, retains the remains of an iron pin for fixing the mount; part of the front is heavily gilt, and part is covered with a green patina.

Horn Spoon, with small bowl and long handle, measuring $13\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length. The stem is spliced and fixed by brass pins, and is finished at the top by a broad silver band. From Morven, Argyll.

Black Glass Flagon, $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches in height, with the name MILLINT HERRIOT 1830

and various designs chipped out on the surface. Under the name and the date are two men and a woman sitting at a table drinking, with crossed shovels and a crossed shovel and rake on either side. On the opposite side is the royal monogram W. R, with a crown above between

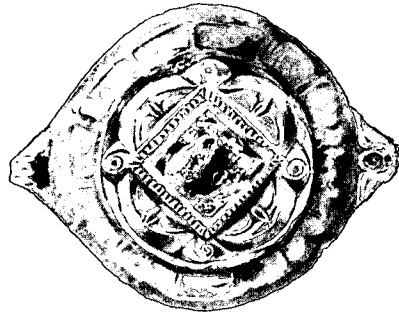


Fig. 6. Bronze Mounting from the West of Scotland. ($\frac{1}{2}$.)



Fig. 7. Axe of white Quartz from Ladyflat, Duns. ($\frac{1}{2}$.)

a spray of thistles and a spray of roses. This method of ornamenting glass flagons was practised by a man in Alloa.

Axe of white Quartz (fig. 7), measuring $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in width at the centre, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch at the cutting edge, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch at the butt, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in greatest thickness. It is beautifully polished, at places showing a high gloss, and is complete, but for a small chip

off one end of the cutting edge. It was found on the farm of Ladyflat, near Duns, Berwickshire, in 1912.

Powder-horn made from a sheep's horn.

Iron Fittings of an Execution Scaffold, consisting of the bolt, and four massive hinges of the trapdoor. The bolt, which is $19\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch deep, and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch broad, runs on wheel bearings, two above and two below, and on the upper side of the point of the bolt it has another wheel bearing on which the trapdoor had rested. A label attached to the relics stated that they had been designed by Deacon Brodie, and that he was hanged, in 1788, by his own invention. According to the Minutes of the Edinburgh Town Council, Deacon Brodie and Deacon Hill were, in August 1784, deputed to consider new arrangements at the Tolbooth for the execution of criminals. The result seems to have been the substitution of the trapdoor for the ladder. In Roughead's *Trial of Deacon Brodie*, p. 247, it is suggested that the "drop" introduced was designed by Deacon Brodie, and the actual work carried out by Deacon Hill.

Mustard Mill of turned Wood, with lid, measuring $9\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter and $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in height, from Forfarshire. Attached to the bowl is a label, "Marigold Grinding Cup for making dye for Butter."

Whin Heuck or Sickle, smith-made and of small size, for cutting whins for cattle food, with a strong blade, the chord of the curve measuring $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length. Along the back of the blade, near the handle, for a length of $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, is a projection, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch broad, which is sharpened, and was used for chopping twigs. From Forfarshire.

Weaver's Fly Pin of turned Wood, measuring $10\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, used in Causewayside, Edinburgh.

Painted Cumnock Snuff-box of Wood, measuring $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $\frac{1\frac{1}{8}}{1\frac{1}{8}}$ inch, covered with a diaper of dark green and yellow colours, the lid bearing a scene showing women tramping blankets, the inside covered with silver paper and bearing the maker's name, M'Callam, Cumnock.

Pewter Baptismal Bowl of late eighteenth-century date, with a narrow projecting brim, measuring 9 inches in external diameter at the mouth, and $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in height; it bears the maker's mark, that of Stephen Maxwell, Glasgow, a three-masted ship in full sail, in a square panel, with the inscription . . . UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, round the edges, stamped on the inside.

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