

MONDAY, 9th January 1928.

PROFESSOR THOMAS H. BRYCE, M.D., F.R.S.,
in the Chair.

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

JAMES FLETT, A.I.A.A., Hillhead, Bankend Road, Dumfries.

Miss I. F. GRANT, Balnespick, Tomatin, Inverness-shire.

ALLAN MACFARLANE HENDERSON, W.S., 23 Grosvenor Street.

WILLIAM E. F. MACMILLAN, F.S.A., 42 Onslow Square, London, S.W.7.

ROBERT CLARK MORRISON, 5 Atholl Place.

JOHN D. ROSS, LL.D., 8758 95th Street, Woodhaven, N.Y., U.S.A.

ALLAN WILLIAMS, Brook Cottage, Newcastle, Co. Down, Ireland.

ROBERT F. WILLIAMSON, 4 Grange Terrace.

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

(1) By Dr J. C. SIMPSON, Gracemount Farm, Liberton.

Stone Axe-hammer of Basalt (fig. 1) with deep semicircular indenta-

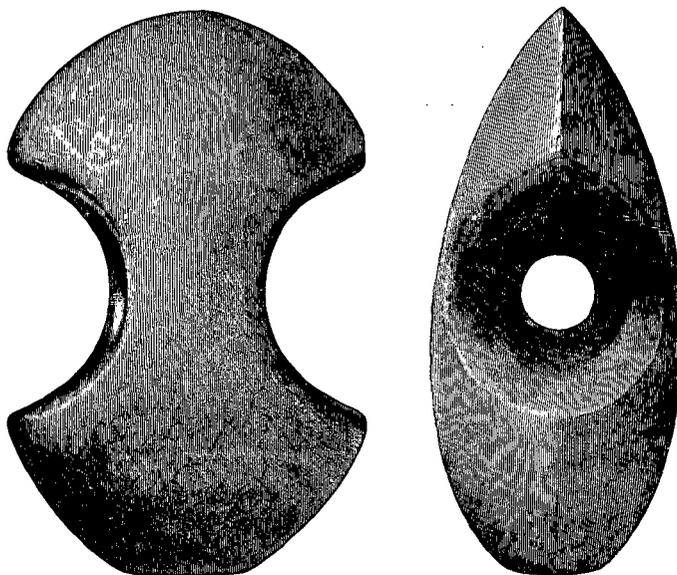


Fig. 1. Stone Axe-hammer from Wick Harbour.

tions on the top and bottom edges, measuring $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches long, $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches deep, and $2\frac{1}{16}$ inches thick; the perforation is bi-conical and measures $\frac{9}{16}$ inch in diameter at the centre. Dredged up in Wick Harbour from the bed of the estuary of the river of Wick, near the back of the North Quay.

Stone Axe with flattened top and bottom edges, measuring $6\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $2\frac{9}{16}$ inches by $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch; Flat Bronze Axe with very slight flanges and faint thickening at centre, measuring $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, one of the horns of the cutting edge being broken off; and cutting end of a Flat Bronze Axe, measuring $2\frac{1}{16}$ inches across the cutting edge. From Caithness; exact locality unknown.

Combined Lamp and Candlestick of sandstone, measuring 6 inches by $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. There is a large square cavity for oil on the top, and a sloping spout for the wick leading out of it at one corner; in each of the other three corners is a circular socket, $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in diameter, for a candle. Found, while cutting peats, in a moss at Kilminster, near Wick.

Stone Adze from New Zealand.

(2) By Miss MORAG MACLAGAN, F.S.A.Scot.

Collection of Old Blankets, specimens of Hand-woven Fabrics, and Wools dyed with native dyes, chiefly from the Highlands and Hebrides; Lint Skutch from Islay, and Wooden Beetle from the Hebrides.

(3) By CHARLES E. WHITELAW, I.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Lochaber Axe Head of Iron, from Rothie-Norman, Aberdeenshire.

(4) By SIMON BREMNER, Corresponding Member.

Stone Sinker with a groove round one end, 4 inches long, from Midtown, Freswick, Caithness.

Two Stone Sinkers, encircled by a single groove, measuring $4\frac{5}{16}$ inches and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and a Bronze Needle and two Wire-headed Pins, from a kitchen midden on Freswick Links.

Bronze Needle (eye broken) and two small fragments of Sheet Bronze, also a wall fragment of a Vessel of dark drab-coloured Pottery (the wall is only $\frac{5}{16}$ inch thick at most), inverted at the mouth, devoid of ornamentation, but having on the exterior some marks as if made by grass. Found beside the excavated earth-house on Freswick Links.

Part of base of a large Stone Vessel, from Everley Broch, Caithness.

(5) By J. HEWAT CRAW, F.S.A.Scot.

Old smith-made Dutch Hoe, which belonged to David Blythe, Yetholm, King of the Gipsies, born in 1795.

(6) By A. BASHALL DAWSON, F.S.A.Scot.

Fire Mark of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Company, showing two hands clasped and number 8210. The mark retains its original gilding and blue paint, having never been nailed up on the house. In faded ink on the back is the name ALEXANDER PRINGLE, ESQ., WHITEBANK (Selkirk), to whom it was probably issued.

(7) By Dr T. WALKER-LOVE, F.S.A.Scot.

Small Clay Pot, light yellow in colour, measuring $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch in height and $1\frac{5}{16}$ inch in greatest diameter, found when road-making on Fannyside Moor, Cumbernauld, Dumbartonshire, in 1895.

(8) By Miss K. D. GOURLAY, Daughter of the Finder.

Crucifix of Bone (fig. 2), imperfect, dug up by Robert Gourlay in his garden at Kirkton of Craig, Montrose, Angus, about thirty-five or forty years ago.

(9) By WILLIAM BIGGAR, late Inspector of Police, Castle Douglas.

Life-preserver of Iron, with sharpened blades in the shaft which spring out when grasped by an assailant.

(10) By J. S. ELLIOTT, 12 Priestfield Road.

Pair of Polo Sticks, used about 1875 by the Luffness Polo Club.

(11) By the Representatives of the late CHARLES STEWART, W.S., F.S.A.Scot.

Fragment of Samian Bowl with panels bearing human figures and phallic emblems, found at Inveresk, Midlothian.

(12) By W. L. JOHNSON, Esq., of Strathaird, Skye.

Beaker of yellowish-brown ware (restored), measuring from 8 inches to $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in external diameter at the mouth



Fig. 2. Bone Crucifix found at Kirkton of Craig, Angus. (†.)

6 inches at the neck, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the bulge, and $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches across the bottom. The vessel is encircled by two bands of ornamentation consisting of chevrons, lozenges, and transverse lines incised with a blunt-pointed tool. Found in a cist with burnt human remains in a long cairn at Kilmarie, Skye. (See previous Communication by J. Graham Callander, F.S.A.Scot.)

(13) By D. C. MACKIE, F.S.A.Scot.

Fire Mark of Copper, of the Insurance Company of Scotland, displaying a crown above a sword and two sceptres crossed.

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

(1) By Mrs M. E. CUNNINGTON, the Authoress.

The Pottery from the Long Barrow at West Kennet, Wilts. Devizes, 1927.

(2) By THE WYKEHAM PRESS.

National Ancient Monuments Year Book. Edited by John Swarbrick, F.R.I.B.A. Manchester, 1927.

(3) By Rev. A. M. MACFARLANE, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

Sea Myths of the Hebrides: a Paper read to the Inverness Field Club. Inverness, 1927.

(4) By the CURATOR OF THE MANX MUSEUM.

Journal of the Manx Museum. Vol. i., No. 13.

(5) By the ACTING DIRECTOR, National Museum of Ireland.

Catalogue of Irish Gold Ornaments in the Collection of the Royal Irish Academy. By E. C. R. Armstrong, F.S.A. Dublin, 1920.

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

North-east Doric Dramas. Aberdeen, 1927.

(7) By RICHARD QUICK, F.S.A.Scot.

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Bournemouth. Fifth Annual Report.

Souvenir of the Irving Collection.

(8) By D. C. MACKIE, F.S.A.Scot.

Fire Marks and Insurance Office Fire Brigades. By Bertram Williams.
London, 1927.

(9) By Miss MORAG MACLAGAN, F.S.A.Scot.

Old Highland Weaver's Pattern and Carding Book.

It was announced that the following Books had been purchased for the Library:—

The Druids—A Study in Keltic Prehistory. By T. D. Kendrick, M.A.
British Museum, London, 1927.

Ancient Egyptian Metallurgy. By Major H. Garland, O.B.E., M.C.,
F.C.S., and Professor C. O. Bannister, M.Eng., A.R.S.M., F.I.C. London,
1927.

The following Communications were read:—