

MONDAY, 14th May 1928.

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

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

WILLIAM BONNAR, 51 Braid Avenue.
Miss ETHEL R. BOOTH, 39 St Bernard's Crescent.
Mrs FLORA CAMERON, Ardsheal, Kentallen, Argyll.
JAMES M. COGHILL, 7 Downfield Place.
THOMAS WILLIAM HOARE, Viewbank, Kessock, Ross-shire.
JOHN LIGHTBODY, Solicitor, 46 Westport, Lanark.
CHARLES PATTERSON, F.R.S.E., 8 Dudley Grove, Trinity, Lecturer,
University of Edinburgh.
BRAMLEY NORMAN RADCLIFFE, 211 Mottram Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire.
Rev. HERBERT A. WHITELAW, Moss Street Manse, Elgin.

There was exhibited by Mr John Readman, Earlston, a Stone Axe-hammer (fig. 1) found in 1911 at Mossburnford, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire. The object is in a fine state of preservation and measures $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in thickness opposite the perforation, and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch at the butt; from the cutting edge, which is 2 inches in width, it contracts with a regular curve on the top and bottom to a depth of $1\frac{5}{16}$ inch, swelling out again behind the perforation to a depth of $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch, and then contracting to $1\frac{7}{8}$ inch at the butt. The hole, which is beautifully drilled and measures 1 inch in diameter, is placed equidistant from both ends.

The butt half of a somewhat similar Axe-hammer was found at Fairnington, Roxburgh; it was smaller in size and not so relatively deep.

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

(1) By H.M. BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR SCOTLAND.

Symbol Stone of Schist, bearing on one face two incised symbols, the so-called spectacle ornament and Z-shaped rod with foliated ends above, and the crescent symbol with divergent rods with foliated ends below. Found under the high-water mark at Fiscavaig, Loch Bracadale, Skye. (See *Proceedings*, vol. lxi. p. 241.)

(2) By VICTOR J. CUMMING, F.S.A.Scot.

Toddy-ladle and eleven Silver Spoons, bearing Tain, Elgin, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, and Edinburgh hall-marks.

(3) By Mrs T. S. SMITH, 6 South Clerk Street.

Cam-stane Coggie of Wood, with a single handle projecting upwards at one side, measuring 7 inches square at the mouth and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in

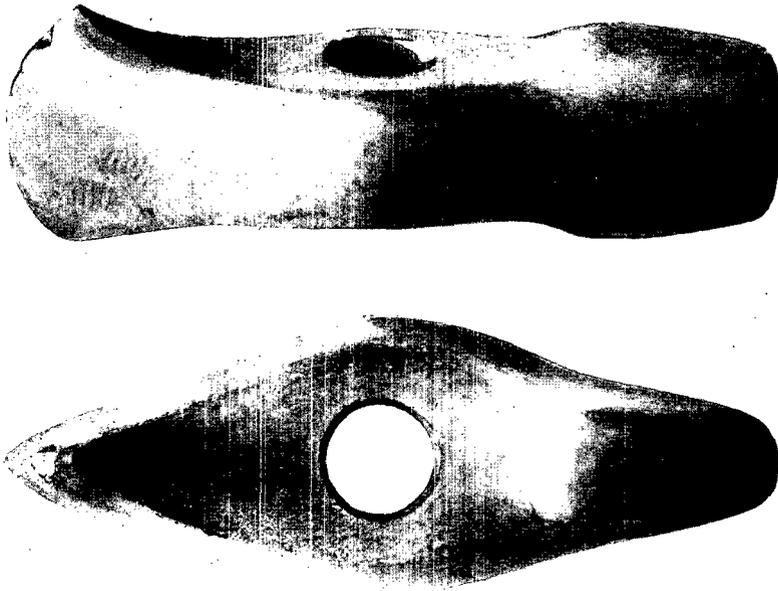


Fig. 1. Stone Axe-hammer from Mossburnford, Roxburghshire. (†.)

height, for holding cam-stane or pipeclay for hearths, stairs, and doorsteps.

(4) By THOMAS YULE, W.S., F.S.A.Scot.

Leith Town Council Baton of Ebony and Silver, measuring $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in diameter; at each end is a silver capsule, one bearing the royal monogram V.R., crowned, and the other the arms of Leith—a two-masted galley with Virgin and Child seated therein; round the centre is a silver band with the inscription LEITH TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN CLERK.

(5) By Mrs WAUCHOPE of Niddrie Marischal.

Flag of the Weavers of Yetholm, made of rose-coloured silk and measuring 5 feet 10 inches in width and 5 feet 2 inches in height. Painted on both sides are the following designs:—At the top a crown and the royal monogram G.R. III, with a wheat sheaf and motto INDUSTRIA DETAT below. In each of the four corners is a Scottish thistle. On the main body of the flag, on a blue shield with two leopards as supporters, is a gold chevron with a thistle on the angle, between three leopards' heads, each with a shuttle in its mouth. Above the shield is a helmet with a leopard's head and shuttle as above as the crest. Below, on a blue ribbon, in letters of gold, is the inscription: 17 · MENS · DAYS · ARE · SWIFTER · THEN · A · VEAVERS · SHUTTLE · 79.

(6) By Lieut.-General Sir AYLMER HUNTER-WESTON, K.C.B., D.S.O., R.E., M.P., of Hunterston.

Jet Bead of discoidal shape, measuring $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter and $\frac{3}{32}$ inch in thickness, found with a cinerary urn at Fences Farm, Hunterston, West Kilbride. (See subsequent paper by A. J. H. Edwards, F.S.A.Scot.)

(7) By F. C. B. CADELL, F.S.A.Scot.

Child's Knitted Cap and a Kerchief which belonged to an ancestress of the donor, and a Table Cloth, a Side-table Cover, and a Table Napkin of linen which belonged to William Cadell of Tranent, great-grandfather of donor.

(8) By JOHN R. FORTUNE, Corresponding Member.

Butt-end of a Stone Axe, measuring $2\frac{3}{16}$ inches in breadth, calcined Flint Scraper, and a Flint Flake, slightly worked, from Airhouse, Channelkirk, Berwickshire.

(9) By JOHN READMAN, Earlston.

Seventeen Pigmy Flint Implements (Tardenoisian), found on Craigsfordmains, Earlston, Berwickshire. Eleven are pointed tools, the first six with oblique dressed ends, and six small needle-like tools, some with battered backs.

(10) By J. JEFFREY WADDELL, I.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Cast of Fragment of Retable of Stone from Paisley Abbey. (See previous communication by James S. Richardson, F.S.A.Scot.)

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

Whaler's Harpoon and Lance. The iron head of the harpoon, which has a barb on one side only and is socketed, measures $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, the total length, with the wooden handle, being 4 feet 8 inches; attached to the shank of the iron head, and also to the top of the wooden shaft, is a loop of rope. The head of the lance, which has a leaf-shaped blade, long stem, and socket, measures 2 feet $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, while the shaft, which has part of the butt-end sawn off, measures 2 feet $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches, the total length now being 5 feet 7 inches. From Sound, Weisdale, Shetland.

Stone Axe of Porphyry, measuring 10 inches in length, 3 inches in breadth, and $\frac{1\frac{1}{8}}$ inch in thickness, found at a depth of 6 feet in a peat moss east of Sefster, by Bixter, Sandsting, Shetland.

Axe of Mottled Grey Flint, measuring $4\frac{1\frac{1}{8}}$ inches in length, $1\frac{1\frac{3}{8}}$ inch in breadth, and $\frac{7}{8}$ inch in thickness. Flaked all over, it is ground only at the cutting edge. Slightly behind the centre, where the haft had been fixed, it is highly polished in one or two places, possibly by the friction of the handle. Found in 1914 near the gravel bed of a peat bank, about 10 feet below the surface, at Tong, Lewis.

Beggar's Badge; a round Communion Token of Lead, with the letter T on the obverse and the date 1800 on the reverse, pierced at two places for suspension, and used as a beggar's badge.

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

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

Bulletin of the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Bournemouth. Vol. vii. No. 1.

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

Everyday Life in Anglo-Saxon, Viking, and Norman Times. By Marjorie and C. H. B. Quennell. London, 1926.

(3) By L. MILNER BUTTERWORTH, F.S.A.Scot.

Characteristics of Stained Glass. By Walter Butterworth, M.A. Manchester, 1928. Reprinted from the *Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society*, vol. xliii.

(4) By THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES, Cardiff.

The Museum and its Contents: a Short Guide. 1928.

(5) By Rev. DONALD MACKINNON, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.
Annals of a Skye Parish (Portree).

(6) By W. PERCIVAL WESTELL, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.
Roman and Pre-Roman Antiquities in Letchworth Museum.

(7) By J. SEYMOUR LINDSAY, 24 Stotsnest Road, Coulsden, Surrey,
the Author.
Iron and Brass Implements of the English House. Plymouth, 1927.

(8) By Professor W. J. WATSON, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot.
St Columba—Aberdeen University Review, March 1928. Vol. xv.
No. 44.

(9) By JOHN RICHARDSON, W.S., F.S.A.Scot.
Certificate in favour of Murdoch McDonald, who had come forward
as a substitute in the Army of Reserve for Alexander Goodsir, Clerk to
the British Linen Company, dated 9th August 1803.
Receipt for One Guinea paid by Alexander Goodsir to J. Renney for
his trouble in procuring the above substitute, dated 9th August 1803.

It was announced that the following purchases had been made
for the Library:—

A Catalogue of the Publications of Scottish Historical and kindred
Clubs and Societies. 1908-1927. With a Subject Index. By Cyril
Matheson, M.A. Aberdeen, 1928.
Reallexikon. Vol. xi.

The following communications were read: