

MONDAY, 12th January 1931.

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

On the recommendation of the Council, there were elected Honorary Fellows of the Society:—

Mrs M. E. CUNNINGTON, 33 Long Street, Devizes, Wiltshire.  
Monsieur ADRIEN DE MORTILLET, 154 Rue de Tolbiac, Paris, 13<sup>e</sup>.  
Professor Dr ROBERT ZAHN, Director bei den Staatlichen Museen,  
Honorar-professor an der Universität, Am Lustgarten, Berlin, C.2.

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

Rev. WILLIAM BARCLAY, M.A., Minister of St Magnus Cathedral, The  
Manse, Kirkwall, Orkney.  
Mrs J. C. CAMPBELL, Auchinellan, Balerno, Midlothian.  
Sir JOHN T. CARGILL, Bart., D.L., LL.D., 10 Lowther Terrace, Glasgow.  
WILLIAM COWE, Tweedville, Thorburn Road, Colinton.  
WILLIAM FORDYCE, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., 17 Walker Street, Edinburgh.  
WALTER OLIPHANT, S.S.C., 2 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh.  
J. MILLER THOMSON, W.S., 5 St Colme Street, Edinburgh.

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

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

Leaf-shaped Arrow-head of white Flint, measuring  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch by  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch, abnormally thick; lop-sided Arrow-head of dark grey Flint, measuring  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch by  $1\frac{1}{16}$  inch; sub-triangular Implement of grey Flint, measuring  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch by  $1\frac{3}{16}$  inch, and part of another; triangular Knife of grey Flint, one side flaked and the other serrated, measuring  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch by  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch; two broken Implements of grey Flint, and a fragment of a Jet or Shale Armlet, measuring  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length; found by the donor on Airhouse, Channelkirk, Berwickshire.

(2) By Mrs M. E. INVERARITY, Clermiston, Corstorphine, Midlothian.

Harp which belonged to Lady John Scott and hung in the Hall at Spottiswoode for fifty-one years. The sounding-box, which has two S-shaped openings on the front, measures 22 inches in length, exclusive of the head and foot, and 7 inches in breadth, and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in depth at the bottom. It has seventeen strings.

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

Rude hand-made Jug of reddish Pottery wanting the handle, and measuring  $5\frac{7}{8}$  inches in height. The body is decorated with lozenge designs and the neck and shoulder by vertical lines, all incised; found under 4 feet of peat beside the Lady's Drive, 4 miles from Lerwick, Shetland.

Purse embroidered with silver gilt and silver thread. On the front is a crown with a crossed sword and sceptre below, and a wreath with the words GOD SAVE THE KING above; on the back a dove with a twig in its bill, perched on a rectangular object of indeterminate character, with a wreath above showing the scanty traces of a legend. The inside, which is lined with green silk, is divided into two sections. The front of the silver clasp is decorated with hanging hatched triangles, and on the top of it are the initials R.F. It belongs to the third quarter of the seventeenth century. From Aldbar Castle, Angus.

Quaich made of wooden staves, feathered, and bound by a silver hoop, with three lugs, each decorated with an engraved plate of silver; on the inside is a silver print bearing the initials E.G.; measuring  $2\frac{1}{8}$  inches in diameter and  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch in height. The silver hoop which once encircled the foot is wanting. From Cairnfield, Enzie, Banffshire.

Steel Seal, bearing the arms of a family of Buchan, three garbs, and a crest, a galley, from Aberdeen.

Large Snuff-mull of Horn, with a hinged lid, a conical capsule at the foot and a thistle in front, all of silver. On the lid is the inscription PARLIAMENT HOUSE / FRIENDLY SOCIETY / INSTITUTED / 11th FEBRUARY 1797.

Waterworn Stone of irregular shape, with shallow indentations on opposite faces, measuring  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches by  $3\frac{3}{8}$  inches by  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch. Curved Saw of grey Flint, flaked on both edges, measuring  $2\frac{5}{8}$  inches along the outer curve. Knife of brown Flint, measuring 2 inches in length. Two Knives and a Blade of grey and white Flint, measuring  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch, and 2 inches in length. Part of a Borer of grey Flint, measuring  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch in length. Ten Scrapers of grey and brown Flint, measuring  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch by  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch,  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch,  $\frac{11}{16}$  inch by  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch,  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch by  $\frac{13}{16}$  inch,  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch by  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch,  $\frac{13}{16}$  inch by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch,  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch by  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch by  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch,  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch by  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch; all found on Crichton House Farm, Ford, Midlothian.

Stone Adze, of rather irregular shape, measuring  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, 3 inches broad, and  $1\frac{9}{16}$  inch thick, the perforation, which is near the butt end, being countersunk from both faces; found in Rodil Kirk-yard, Harris.

Bone Needle,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, and a thin square plate of Jasper ground on the faces and edges and measuring  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch by  $1\frac{5}{8}$  inch; found near an earth-house on Bernera, Sound of Harris.

Edinburgh Special Constable's Baton of Ebony, with a silver capsule at each end, measuring  $5\frac{1}{16}$  inches in length and  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch in diameter. On one end is engraved a crown and the Royal monogram G.R.; on the other end POL CIV, and round the edge 19 Ward No 2.

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

(1) By Major JOHN ROSS, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

The Land of the Gael: Its Story, Its Clans, and Its Tartans Glasgow, 1930.

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

The Deeside Field. Fifth Number, 1931.

(3) By THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

A Season's Work at Ur Al-'Ubaid, Abu Shahrain (Eridu), and elsewhere. By H. R. Hall, D.Litt., F.B.A., F.S.A. London, 1930.

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

Bulletin of the Russell Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Bournemouth. Vol. ix., No. 4.

(5) By Sir GEORGE MACDONALD, K.C.B., F.B.A., LL.D., D.Litt., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Forschungen im Römischen Britannien 1914-1928. Sonderabdruck aus dem XIX. Bericht der Römisch-Germanischen Kommission 1929.

(6) By J. MALCOLM BULLOCH, M.A., LL.D., F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

Inverness-shire Forts: The Neglect of Fort-Augustus. Reprinted from *The Inverness Courier* of 18th and 25th November 1930.

(7) By A. D. LACAILLE, F.S.A.Scot.

Newgrange, Co. Meath. By R. A. S. Macalister, Litt.D. Dublin, 1929.

The following Communications were read:—