

MONDAY, 9th January 1933.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ATHOLL, K.T., C.B., M.V.O.,
D.S.O., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the Meeting, the Chairman tendered to Sir Herbert Maxwell, Bart., who was present, the heartiest congratulations of the Society on his being created a Knight of the Thistle.

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

SYDNEY SPENCER GASKINS, 46 Centre Street, Rye, N.Y., U.S.A.

DAVID M'JERROW, Solicitor and Town Clerk, Highfield, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire.

JAMES M'MURDO, 8571 144th Street, Jamaica, N.Y., U.S.A.

THOMAS WALLER MARWICK, A.R.I.B.A., A.M.I.Struct.E., 48 Melville Street, Edinburgh, 3.

DAVID G. SMITH, M.A., 8 Bellavista Terrace, Perth.

Captain EDWARD DAYMONDE STEVENSON, Secretary and Treasurer, The National Trust for Scotland, 28 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh, 7.

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

(1) By WILLIAM COLLINS, The Cottages, Blinkbonny, Branxton, Northumberland, through J. LOGAN MACK, F.S.A.Scot., F.S.A.

Ball of Lead, measuring $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches in diameter, found on the battle-field of Flodden. Whether this was a cannon-ball, or a "mell" or mace-head, is doubtful. There is no perforation, but, if used in the latter way, it might have been attached to the haft by being enclosed in a leather bag. In the sixteenth-century poem, "Flodden Field," are to be found the lines:

... twelve thousand Scottismen strong,
Who manfully met their foes
With leaden mells and lances long.¹

References to the manufacture of mells or plumbs of lead occur in the *Accounts of the Lord High Treasurer of Scotland*. In vol. i. p. 65 (A.D. 1473-4) is an entry relating to "the makin of certane speris and

¹ Gregory Smith, *The Days of James IV.*, p. 174, *f.n.*

ledin mellis"; on p. 294 (A.D. 1496), for "castand (casting) plumbis"; on p. 295, "to cary plumbis of lead" and "for muldis (moulds) to cast the plumbis in"; and on p. 296, "for a ladil of irne, for the plumbis zetting (zet=to cast as a founder)" and "for talloune (tallow) to melt the lede with."

(2) By WILLIAM J. MACKAY, 46 Dalmeny Street, Leith.

Stone Axe, measuring 8 inches by 3 inches by $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch, found at Skerray, Tongue, Sutherland, by George Mackay, Skerray.

(3) By J. A. MASTERTON, 42 Drummond Place, Edinburgh.

Old Wooden Washing Machine, in the shape of a rectangular trough, measuring 2 feet 9 inches by 1 foot 6 inches at the mouth, and 2 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in depth. The trough decreases to a length of 21 inches at the bottom. Inside is a semicircular sparred wooden frame, which is swung from side to side by a vertical shaft rising from the centre. The machine has iron drop handles at the ends for lifting, and a brass tap at the bottom on one side. From Edinburgh.

(4) By Dr J. J. GALBRAITH, F.S.A.Scot.

Cast of a Cross-slab, standing near Raasay House, Skye (fig. 1). The cast measures 4 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and from 18 inches to 20 inches in breadth. At the top, within a square panel, is an equal-armed Maltese cross formed by intersecting semicircles, with a small circle in the centre, and a half-spiral springing from the right-hand side of the upper arm, which is suggestive of the Chi Rho monogram. The head measures about 16 inches square. The shaft, which is 15 inches long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad at the top and bottom, swells out sharply to a breadth of $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches about one-third of the way down. Beneath the cross is the so-called tuning-fork symbol and the crescent symbol with V-shaped floriated rods. The stone seems to have been trimmed down, as the head of the first symbol and some of the floriations on the end of one of the rods have been hewn off.

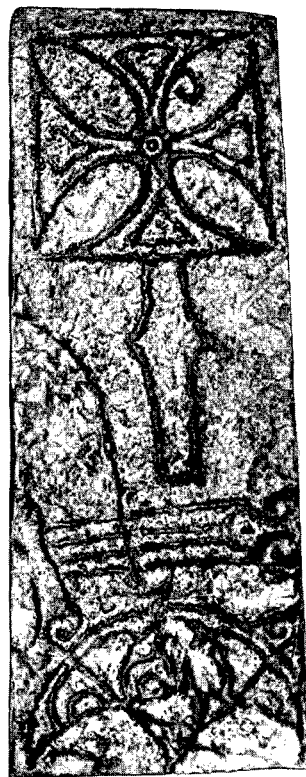


Fig 1. Cross-slab near Raasay House, Skye.

Cast of an almost similar cross carved on a rock on the shore at the old landing-place in front of Raasay House (fig. 2). The small circle in the centre of the first cross is wanting, but in the second there is an added central line in the shaft. The total length of the cross is 3 feet 7 inches. The head measures 1 foot 8 inches in height and breadth, and the shaft 1 foot 11 inches in length by 5 inches in breadth at its expanded part.



Fig. 2. Incised Cross near Raasay House, Skye.

The designs on both crosses are entirely incised.

- (5) By Admiral GREET, Rowhook Hill, Horsham, Sussex, at the request of his late wife, a daughter of THOMAS KNOX, J.P., Edinburgh.

Three pairs of Silver Shoe Buckles.

Brass Highland Brooch with original pin, measuring $2\frac{11}{16}$ inches in diameter. On the face it is ornamented with a four-pointed star voided in the centre, with circular panels and foliaceous designs between the points. In three of the circular panels is a rosette, while in the fourth is a simple interlaced pattern. Within the points of the star are two interlaced and two foliaceous patterns. On the back are the initials P. T. and the date 1710. All the designs and the date are engraved, but the initials are punctulated.

Silver Highland Brooch with original pin, measuring $2\frac{7}{16}$ inches in diameter. On the face are four circular panels filled with rosettes, the intervening spaces being decorated with foliage. On the back are the initials I. R. and the date 1727. All the designs are engraved.

Silver Highland Brooch with a late pin, measuring $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter. The face is decorated with four circular panels and anchor patterns between, all nielloed. Two of the panels are decorated with rosettes and two with interlaced designs; foliaceous scrolls fill the spaces between the nielloed parts. On the back are the initials M. C. and the date 1746.

Silver Highland Brooch with original pin, measuring $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the face are four alternating circular and anchor patterns, all nielloed. Three of the circular panels show rosettes, and the fourth interlaced designs. The spaces between these parts are filled with

foliaceous patterns. On the back are the initials J. McD. and C. McD. and the date 1567.

Ryal of Mary Queen of Scots and Darnley, dated 1567, and a Twenty-shilling Piece of James VI., dated 1582.

(6) By ALEXANDER MACLEAN, Achosrigan.

Stout Bone Bodkin, measuring $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in diameter at the top. The upper part, which is circular in section, shows seven flat facets filled with vertical incised lines; above and below is a band of pellets bordered with a single moulding. The pointed lower part, which is of an elongated pear shape and square in section at the top, shows on each face a circle surrounded on the top and sides with a concentric line, above all being radiating straight lines. Found near the foundations of an old house at Achosrigan, Appin, Argyll.

(7) By The Right Hon. WALTER RUNCIMAN, P.C., M.P., President of the Board of Trade.

Casts of fragments of four Cross-slabs and of a Cross-shaft at St Donnan's, Island of Eigg.

(1) A Cross-slab of red sandstone, broken across the middle and rejoined, the central part wanting (fig. 3). On the face is the ringed head of a cross, decorated with interlaced designs and a panel containing a key-pattern. On the back is a hunting scene, the figures shown as moving from the top to the bottom. A man on horseback with a dog and bird below and another dog above follow two pigs, in front of which are two more animals, the lower one being a horse. All these designs are in relief, but incised at a later time on the top border of the face are the letters Ihu and XPI, and in the centre of the back a cross with short lines across the ends of the arms.

(2) A small fragment of a Cross-slab of red sandstone showing part of a cross within a ring, with a triquetra more or less carefully cut between the arms (fig. 4).

(3) and (4) Fragments of two Cross-slabs, each showing the lower portion of a cross of unusual form (figs. 5 and 6).

(5) Cross-shaft of bluish schist, both faces decorated with leafy interlaced scrolls springing from the tails of four beasts, two on each face (fig. 7). Such designs appear on many crosses and grave-slabs in the west of Scotland. This monument bears a very strong resemblance to the disc-headed cross with short arms at Campbeltown and the one in the National Museum from Kilchoman, Islay. Their date is probably about the end of the fifteenth century.



Fig. 3. Cross-slab at St Donnan's, Eigg.



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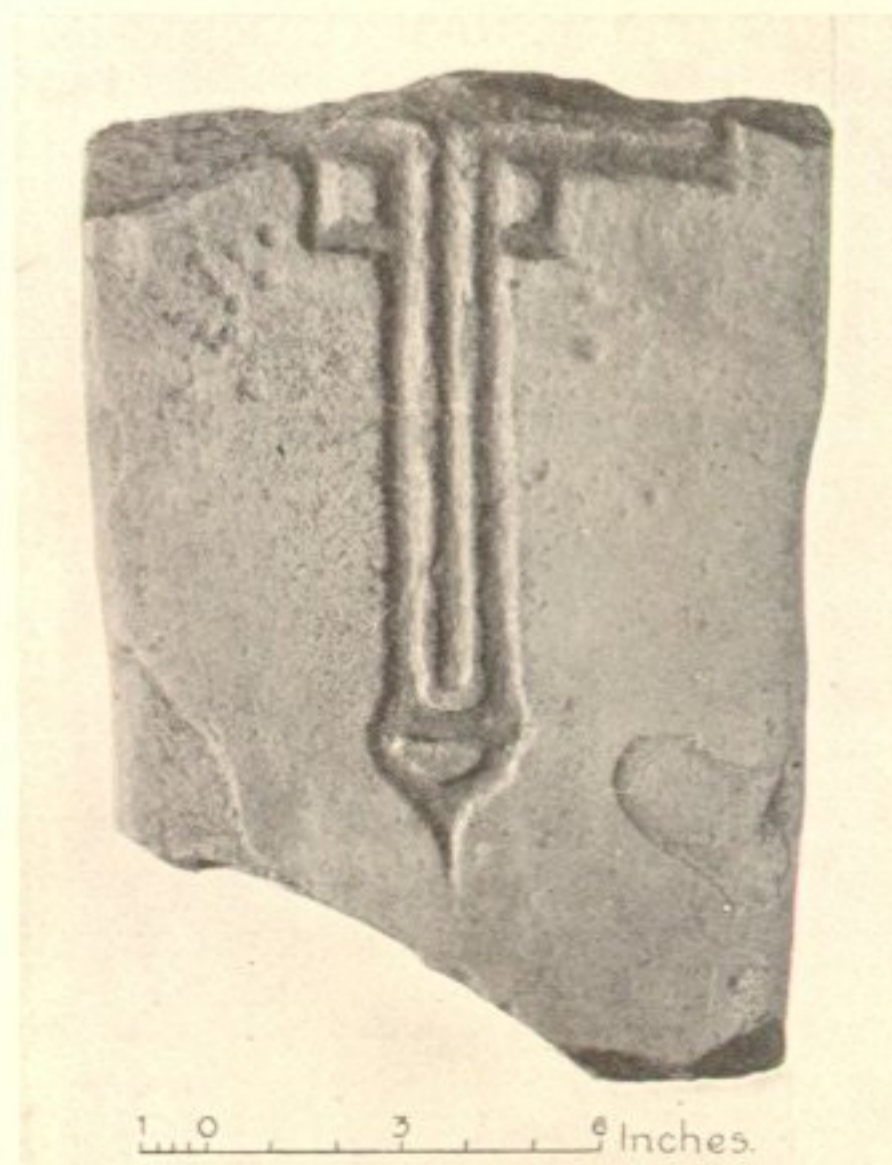


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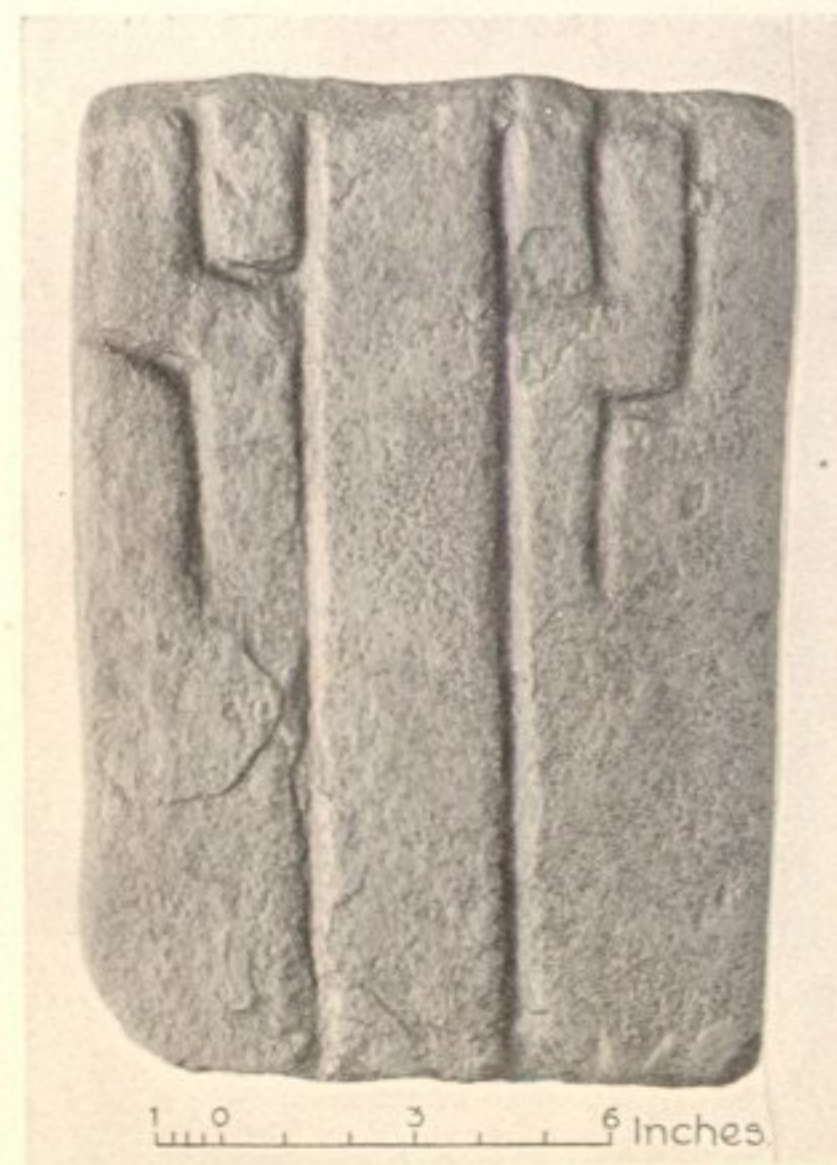


Fig. 6. Cross-slab at St Donnan's, Eigg.

The following purchases for the Museum were intimated:—

Three polished Shetland Stone Knives (1) of irregular oval shape and rather thick in the centre, measuring $8\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length, $7\frac{1}{16}$ inches in breadth, and $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in thickness; (2) of kidney shape, measuring

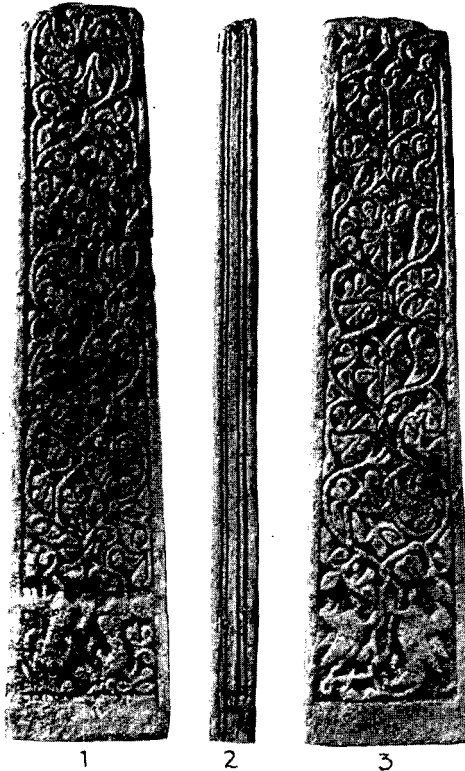


Fig. 7. Cross-shaft at St Donnan's, Eigg.

$8\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth, and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in thickness; (3) of sub-oval form, measuring $5\frac{11}{16}$ inches in length, $3\frac{7}{16}$ inches in breadth, and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in thickness—the last two are flaked along one edge; two Stone Adzes, measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $2\frac{9}{16}$ inches by $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and $4\frac{5}{16}$ inches by $1\frac{11}{16}$ inch by 1 inch; and a Perforated Stone Disc of irregular shape, measuring $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches in greatest diameter and $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in thickness, decorated on one side with two spirals connected by a

straight line, and on the other by indeterminate designs, all incised. From the neighbourhood of Braewick, Shetland.

Wooden Snuff-box, measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $1\frac{15}{16}$ inch by $\frac{13}{16}$ inch, with invisible hinge, of satinwood, the lid decorated with an engraved view of a town, and the rest of the box covered with a vine pattern in brown. On the inside of the bottom is the maker's name CRAW(FORD)? CUM(NOCK) ?
From Castle-Douglas.

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

(1) By HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

Sixty-second Annual Report of the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint, 1931. London, 1932.

(2) By ALISTAIR N. TAYLER, B.A.(Oxon.), F.S.A.Scot., and Miss HENRIETTA TAYLER, the Editors.

The Jacobite Cess Roll for the County of Aberdeen in 1715. From the MS. of John Forbes of Upper Boyndlie, now in possession of J. C. M. Ogilvie-Forbes of Boyndlie. Aberdeen, 1932.

(3) By THE SECRETARY, the Manx Museum.

The Journal of the Manx Museum. Vol. ii., No. 33. December 1932.

(4) By GILBERT ASKEW, F.S.A.Scot., the Compiler.

A Bibliography of the Bag-Pipe. Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1932.

Instruction Book for the Northumbrian Small-Pipes. By J. W. Fenwick. Second edition. Revised by William A. Cocks and Gilbert Askew, F.S.A.Scot.

(5) By Rev. JOHN ROCHE ARDILL, LL.D., Calry Rectory, Sligo, the Author.

The Date of St Patrick, a Reply to the Rev. Newport I. D. White, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity, Trinity College, Dublin. Third issue. Revised. Dublin, 1932.

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

The Gordons in Poland, "Marquises of Huntly," with a Line in Saxony. Peterhead, 1932.

Gordons in Germany. The Brandenburg Line. Arranged by the Donor. Aberdeen, 1932.

A Grim Edinburgh Murder. The Genealogy of a Legend about the Gordons of Ellon. Inverness, 1932.

(7) By THOMAS M'GROUTHER, F.S.A.Scot.

The Transition from Roman Britain to Christian England, A.D. 368-664. By Gilbert Sheldon. London, 1932.

(8) By G. A. DUNLOP, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

Three Dug-out Canoes found at Warrington. (Reprinted from *The Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society*. Vol. xlvii. Manchester, 1932.)

(9) By THOMAS M'LAREN, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

Perth's Roads and Streets—Old and New. (Reprinted from *The Perthshire Constitutional and Journal*. Christmas Number, 1932.)

(10) By ARCHIBALD MACLEAN, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

General Graham, Deputy Governor of Stirling Castle, 1800-1831. (Reprinted from *The Transactions of the Stirling Natural History and Archæological Society*, 15th March 1932.)

(11) By R. MURDOCH LAWRENCE, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

James Norval, M.A., and his Times. Aberdeen, 1932.

The following Communications were read:—