

MONDAY, 10th February 1936.

SIR GEORGE MACDONALD, K.C.B., President, in the Chair.

It was unanimously decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that the following Address should be sent to His Majesty the King:—

UNTO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty:

We, the President and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, incorporated by Royal Charter, most respectfully present our humble duty to Your Majesty.

Only a few short months have elapsed since Your Majesty's illustrious Father, our beloved Sovereign and Patron, King George the Fifth, was graciously moved to express His appreciation of our heartfelt wish that He might long be spared to rule over a happy and contented People. Already, by the inexorable decree of a Providence Whose ways are past finding out, the gates of death have been opened for Him, and He Who toiled so ceaselessly and so strenuously for the welfare of His subjects has passed to His eternal rest. Conscious as we are of the grievous loss which the Nation and the Empire have sustained, conscious, too, of a very real sense of personal deprivation, we nevertheless cannot but think first and foremost of Those to Whom the shadow that has fallen on the land must seem still deeper and more abiding. We therefore venture to offer our sincere sympathy to Your Majesty, to Queen Mary so sorely stricken, and to the whole Royal House, commending all to the infinite goodness of Him Whose rod and staff are a never-failing comfort.

At the same time, happy in the knowledge that, as with the golden branch of which Virgil tells, *primo avulso non deficit alter*, we beg leave to be allowed to tender to Your Majesty our dutiful congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession and with them a fervid assurance of our loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. It is our earnest prayer that Almighty God may continue to bless Your Majesty with health and strength and with a rich abundance of that wisdom in whose right hand is length of days.

Signed in the name and by the authority of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, in general meeting assembled, and sealed with the common seal of the Incorporation this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

GEORGE MACDONALD, *President.*

THOMAS YULE, *Vice-President.*

D. P. MACLAGAN, *Secretary.*

210 PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY, FEBRUARY 10, 1936.

The following reply to the Address has been received by the Secretary:—

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL,
March 1936.

SIR,—I have had the honour to lay before The King the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland on the occasion of the lamented death of His late Majesty King George the Fifth and have received the King's Commands to convey to you His Majesty's grateful Thanks for the assurances of sympathy and devotion to which it gives expression.—I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

(Signed) GODFREY P. COLLINS.

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

Mrs JANE INGLIS CLARK, Beaumont Lodge, 29 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh, 10.

Rev. I. HENRY CLYDE, B.A., Ross Memorial Manse, Dalmuir, Glasgow.

G. E. R. COLDSTREAM, W.S., 2 Walker Street, Edinburgh, 3.

Rev. JAMES HENRY REED, Wesleyan Manse, 142 Church Road, Turfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa.

WILLIAM HENRY WOOD, Missioner to the Deaf, 15 Kilburn, East Newport, Fife.

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

(1) By Miss MARIA STEUART, 2 Lynedoch Place, Edinburgh.

Luckenbooth Brooch of Silver, of the crowned-heart variety, with T M and LOVE ME EVER ELS(E) NEVER, inscribed on the back.

Livery Button of Silver, bearing the Buccleuch coat of arms, date about 1830.

(2) By A. FRANCES STEUART, 2 Lynedoch Place, Edinburgh.

Five wire-headed Pins, taken from Liddesdale vouchers (*circa* 1670) belonging to the Buccleuch family.

(3) By Mrs COLLINS, 9 Fitzherbert Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand, and her daughter, Mrs MILSOM, The End House, Malcolm Road, Wimbledon, London.

Three ornaments of Silver (figs. 1 and 2) from the Scoto-Viking hoard found at Skail, Orkney, in 1858, consisting of (1) Neck-ring formed of six plaited wires hammered together flat towards the ends, each of which terminates in a hook (fig. 1). The outside of the

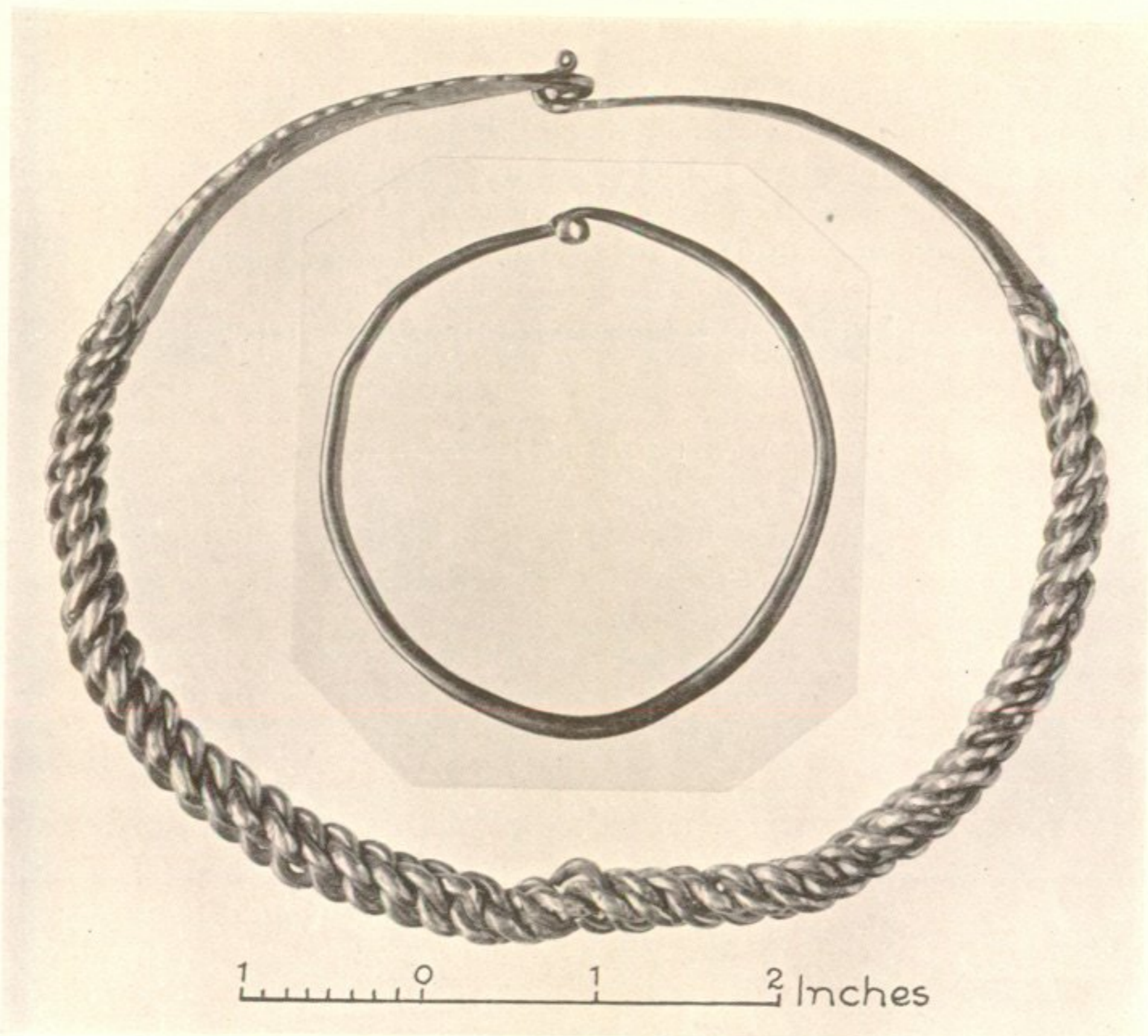


Fig. 1. Silver Neck-ring and Armlet from Skail.

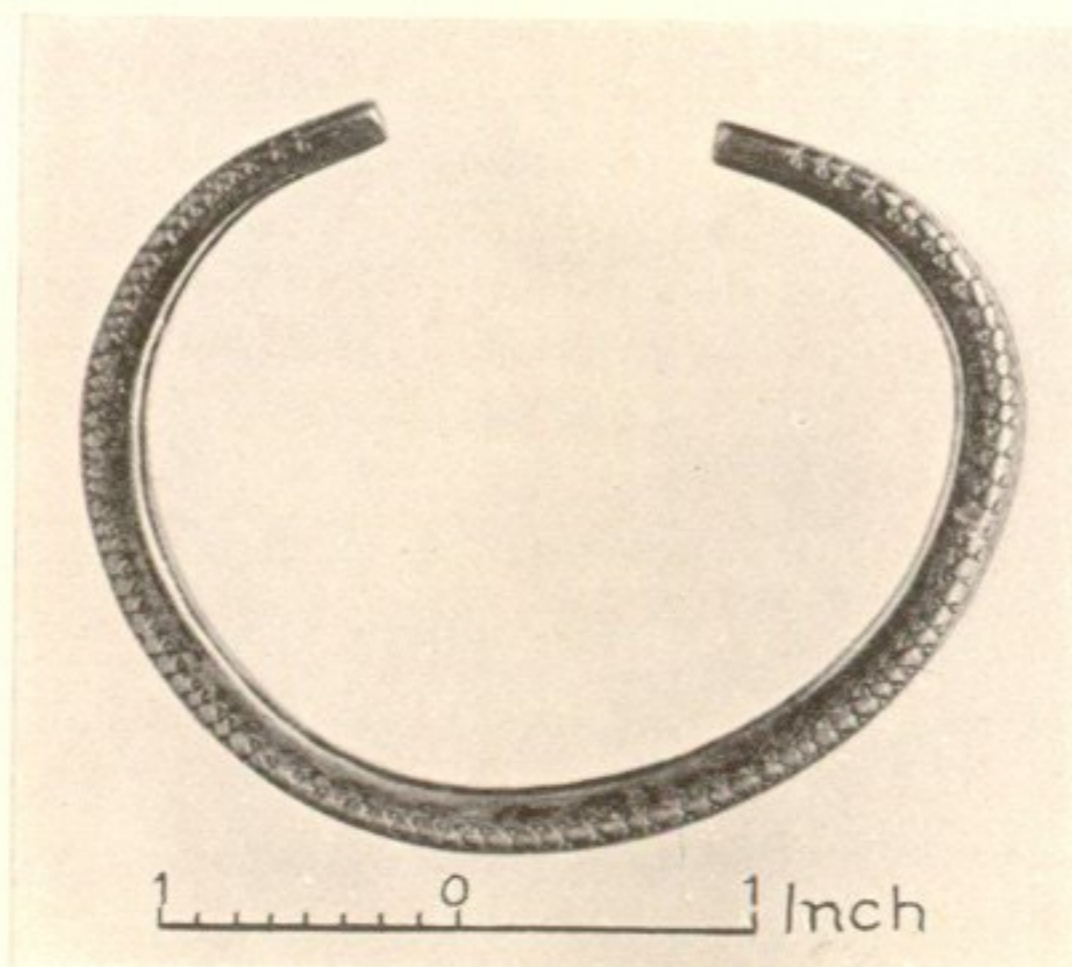


Fig. 2. Silver Armlet from Skail.

flattened ends is decorated with two rows of punched triangular designs, with three pellets in the field. The ring is broken at the centre and now measures $5\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in external diameters; (2) Armlet formed of a thick wire, measuring $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in average external diameter, one end forming a loop and the other a hook (fig. 1); and (3) penannular Armlet, measuring $3\frac{1}{16}$ inches in greatest diameter, the ring of quadrangular section and the periphery decorated by four lines of triangular punch-marks with a pellet in the centre (fig. 2).

(4) By Mrs L. MACDONALD, 26A High Street, Kirkcaldy.

Silver object, possibly the point of a lace, of tubular form, with an eye at the thick end, measuring $2\frac{3}{16}$ inches long, found about eighty years ago at Jarlishof, Shetland.

(5) By Mrs MONTAGNINI, 15 Scoonie Terrace, Leven, Fife.

Pair of oval Shoe Buckles, of German Silver.

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

Leaf-shaped Arrow-head of reddish Chalcedony, imperfect, measuring $\frac{7}{8}$ inch by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch: lop-sided Arrow-head, imperfect, measuring $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch by $\frac{11}{16}$ inch; two scrapers, measuring $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by $\frac{9}{16}$ inch and $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{5}{16}$ inch; Knife, flat on one side, and dressed on both edges, measuring 2 inches by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch; two triangular Tranchets, measuring $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch by $1\frac{11}{16}$ inch, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch by $1\frac{11}{16}$ inch, the second imperfect; and four worked objects, all of grey and brownish Flint; a hollow Bronze Mount, the lower part tubular with two rivet holes in the back; the upper part spheroidal in front with two wing-like projections behind, is decorated on the face with two oval pellets, with curved lines springing from a central stem between them (fig. 3). All found by the Donor on Airhouse, Oxton, Berwickshire.



Fig. 3. Bronze Mount.
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(7) By Miss A. L. RANKIN, 54 Hogarth Road, Earl's Court, London.

Wooden Casket covered with tooled leather, most of which, on the top, has worn away. The box is bound across and lengthwise by three thin brass straps. The cross-straps, which are carried right round the casket, are hinged at the back and front of the lid, the depending parts on the front forming three hasps, that on the left being amissing; the longitudinal straps are carried down the ends and along the bottom of

the box only. There are three large hollow bosses on each of the straps on the lid, and two on each of those at the ends. In addition there are two more straps, with three large bosses, fixed on the sloping ends of the lid. The corners of the box are bound with angle-straps, and round the edge of the lid is another, scalloped on the top side. In the centre of the front is the lock with key plate, and on each side a plate with a perforation for a pin, probably with a head, which turned to fix the hasp. On the top of the lid is a hinged handle. It is lined on the inside with red leather. The casket measures $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and bears the characteristics of an early sixteenth-century Scottish casket. It is said to have been given to one of the Lord Borthwick family by Mary Queen of Scots, as a marriage present.

(8) By M. B. DUFF, Chartered Civil Engineer, Edinburgh.

Ring of Shale of D-shaped section, measuring $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter, and $\frac{7}{16}$ inch thick, found 8 feet below the surface, and 12 feet from the burn, in excavating part of the Quarrel Burn Reservoir, Silverburn, Midlothian.

(9) By ANDREW WALTON, Edinburgh.

Stone Axe, $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch, from Magus Muir, Fife.

The following Purchase for the Museum was intimated:—

Cast of the shaft of Cristin's Cross (fig. 4), which now measures 6 feet 10 inches in height, 11 inches in width, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in thickness at the base, and tapers to $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches and 3 inches at the top. The head is awanting and the shaft is broken across the middle. On the front, at the top, are the remains of an inscription, MA'T/ ET VX/ OREI/ VS, with three niches below containing an erect figure in the attitude of prayer, a pair of figures embracing, and a bearded warrior on horseback, facing left, with a spear under his right arm and a sword at his left side. Below all is a casket showing its metal mountings. The greater part of the back is occupied by an interlaced foliaceous scroll, with two stems springing from the attenuated bodies of two beasts. Beneath is a galley with the sail furled, and above, a panel with a plait of eight cords. On one side is a plait of four cords and on the other a foliaceous scroll with the leaves springing alternately from each side of a single stem. When published in 1873 by Captain White (*Archæological Sketches, Kintyre*, p. 96), the inscription was read HE(C)/ EST/ CRVX/ CRIS/TINI/

MA'T (or D)/ ET VX/OREI/ VS, but the upper five lines have since scaled off. From Kilkerran, Campbeltown, Argyll.



Fig. 4. Cristin's Cross, Kilkerran, Argyll.

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

- (1) By F. G. SIMPSON, M.A., *H.F.S.A.Scot.*, I. A. RICHMOND, M.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot., R. G. COLLINGWOOD, M.A., F.S.A., F.B.A., F.S.A.Scot., JAMES MCINTYRE, K. St JOSEPH, B.A., and R. HOGG, the Authors.

Report of the Cumberland Excavation Committee for 1934. (Reprinted from the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archæological Society's *Transactions*. Vol. xxxv. New Series.) Kendal, 1935.

(2) By F. GERALD SIMPSON and I. A. RICHMOND, the Authors.

The Turf Wall of Hadrian, 1895-1935. (Reprinted from the *Journal of Roman Studies*, 1935.)

(3) By Sir GEORGE MACDONALD, K.C.B., LL.D., President.

The Advocate's Close: the Tale of a Tenement. By John K. Laidlaw, S.S.C. Edinburgh, 1927.

(4) By THE SOCIETY, Dunblane.

The Society of Friends of Dunblane Cathedral. Vol. ii., part 2. 1935.

(5) By R. N. de PINTO, F.S.A.Scot.

Banff and Neighbourhood. Banff, 1879.

Handbook of Building Clauses from the Edinburgh Municipal Acts and Orders, 1879-1901. Edinburgh, 1902.

Corporation of Squaremen; Short Historical Account. By J. S. S. (Reprinted from *The Scots Year Book*, 1935-36.)

(6) By Rev. JOHN STIRTON, M.V.O., D.D., F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

The Chantry Chapel at Glamis. Forfar, 1935.

(7) By CH. SCHLEICHER, F.S.A.Scot., the Author or Joint Author.

Curieux Fragment de Mandibule d' Ursus. Le Mans, 1933.

A propos du curieux fragment de Mandibule présenté par MM. le Dr Ch. Morel et Ch. Schleicher. By le Dr Ch. Absolon. (From the *Bulletin de la Soc. Préhist. Française*, 1934.)

Un Centenaire de Boucher de Perthes, 1832-1932. Par Paul de Givenchy, suivi de: Jacques Boucher de Crèvecoeur de Perthes, 1788-1868. Notice par Charles Schleicher. Le Mans, 1932. (From the *Bulletin de la Soc. Préhist. Française*, 1932.)

Un Cromlech à Paris et las legende de Sainte Geneviève (bergère). Extract from the *Congrès Préhistorique de France*. X^e Session, 1931.

(8) By the ARCHÄOLOGISCHEN INSTITUTS DES DEUTSCHEN REICHES.
Jahresbericht für das Haushaltsjahr, 1934-35.

(9) By E. E. EVANS, M.A., F.S.A., and O. DAVIES, M.A., the
Authors.

Excavation of a Chambered Horned Cairn at Ballyalton, Co. Down.
(Reprinted from the *Proceedings of the Belfast Natural History and
Philosophical Society*, 1933-34.)

Excavations at Clonlum Small Cairn, Co. Armagh. n.p., n.d.

(10) By M. l'ABBÉ LEROQUAIS, the Author.

Un Livre d'Heures Manuscrit à l'usage de Macon. (Collection
Siraudin.) Macon, 1935.

(11) By The Most Hon. THE MARQUESS OF BUTE, K.T., F.S.A.Scot.
Rothesay Town Council Records, 1653-1766. In two volumes.
Printed for private circulation, 1935.

(12) By JOHN MOONEY, F.S.A.Scot., the Author.
St Magnus, Earl of Orkney. Kirkwall, 1935.

The following Purchases for the Library were intimated:--

Kilmuir Easter: the History of a Highland Parish. By Helen
Myers Meldrum. Inverness, 1935.

The Princes Street Proprietors and other Chapters in the History of
the Royal Burgh of Edinburgh. By David Robertson, LL.B. Edinburgh,
1935.

Origins and Development of Applied Chemistry. By Professor J. R.
Partington, M.B.E., D.Sc. London, 1935.

The following Communications were read:—