

7. THREE PENANNULAR ARMLETS AND TWO FINGER-RINGS OF SILVER.

The Viking Armlets and Finger-rings shown on Pl. XCIX were found under 5 feet of peat in the moss of Dhibadail, Ness, Parish of Barvas, Stornoway, in February 1939. The armlets are bent to an elongated oval, and taper slightly towards the extremities, which are flattened. They are quadrangular in section and measure $2\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{2}$ inches, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and $2\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{2}$ inches in the long diameter.

The finger-rings, one of which is broken and much worn, are plano-convex in section, and measure $\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{2}$ inch and $\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter respectively.

Unornamented silver penannular armlets found in Viking Hoards vary somewhat in shape. Those, like the examples from Stornoway, that are quadrangular in cross-section and flattened at the ends, are the most finished in appearance.

Others with round cross-sections also have flattened ends. Many are less carefully finished, having round or roughly polygonal cross-sections and blunt ends. Of the four different finds listed by Anderson,³ the Skail Hoard has some twenty-six rings, besides numerous fragments, of which many look unfinished and none have flattened ends. Each of the other three small groups contains rings with flattened ends. Three subsequent finds, now in the Museum, include the Burray Hoard⁴ with thirty rings and many fragments, of which rather less than half are flattened.

The objects were probably the personal ornaments of some individual, and belong to about the tenth century A.D. A. J. H. EDWARDS, *Director*.

record evidently refers to the chain found at Greenlaw, a detailed account of which is given in *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 327.

¹ It has not been found possible to obtain a description of the chain.

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³ *Proceedings*, vol. x. pp. 583-586.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. xxiii. pp. 318-322.