NOTES ON AN URN AND A BULLET-MOULD.

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NOTES ON AN URN FOUND AT KENNYSHILLOCK, URQUHART, ELGIN, NOW PRESENTED TO THE MUSEUM, AND ON A BULLET-MOULD OF STONE, LENT FOR EXHIBITION BY MR J. MACDONALD, DUNPHAIL. BY JAMES MORRISON, URQUHART, CORR. MEM. S.A. SCOT.

1. URN.—In vol. ix. page 260 of the Proceedings there is a brief notice of a cairn partially explored in May 1871. It was about 8 yards in diameter, and being cut across from west to east, a grave 5 feet deep was discovered, 2 yards within the circumference on the east side. In the bottom of the grave there lay on its side a well-shaped urn, now in the possession of Canon Greenwell. The moor has been ploughed up during the past summer, and the farmer carted away the remains of the cairn. In doing this he came upon another grave of the same depth as the former one, but more oval in shape. On removing the large stones which filled the grave, a rude cist resting on a sandy bottom was exposed, covered over with flattish boulders. It was 4 feet in length by 2 feet in breadth, and was constructed of six rough sandstone flags, two on each side, and one at each end. From the surface downwards, and very thickly in the bottom, there was abundance of wood ashes and charred fragments of oak, but no trace of bones of any kind. In the south-east corner of the cist, which lay north and south, the urn now presented to the museum, was found, leaning inwards. It was entire when discovered, but broke in being lifted out. All the parts are preserved, and can be put together. The piece of flint was in the cist amid the ashes, most
probably placed there ere the grave was filled up, though it is possible it may have fallen in from the surface during the exploration. It is thought that another grave of the same character exists in the cairn. This will be ascertained by and by, and the result intimated to the Society. It will be seen in the volume of the Proceedings referred to, that the district around the cairn is rich in remains, and has yielded some rare and valuable flint and stone implements.

2. BULLET MOULD.—The mould is the property of Mr J. Macdonald, gamekeeper to Lord Thurlow, Dunphail, and he has sent me the following statement regarding it:—"The Rev. Charles Farquharson was a native of Braemar. He died Nov. 30, 1799, nearly 90 years of age. I believe he made the mould when a young man in Braemar. My grandmother was his niece, and got the mould along with other things belonging to the priest. Her husband, my grandfather, Donald Macdonald, my father, Donald Macdonald, and my brother Donald, all had it before me, I being the fourth Macdonald that has had it. James Farquharson of Balmoral, who was out at the head of the Mar men in 1745-46, was brother to Father Charles as they called him. There were lots of the bullets fired at the battles of Falkirk, Prestonpans, and Culloden, made in that mould. I have in good preservation Balmoral's sword,—a Highland one of course. It is said that Prince Charles made some bullets in the mould for his pistol."

The mould is of hard claystone, 5¼ inches in length, 2½ inches in breadth, and 1½ inch in thickness. It consists of two parts, which fit together and are kept in position by dowells of lead answering to corresponding holes in the stone. Both sides of each half of the mould are hollowed into cavities for casting shot of various sizes from ¼ to ¾ inch diameter. The number of different sized bullets that can be cast in it is thirty-seven.
MONDAY, 9th February, 1880.

JOHN R. FINDLAY, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A ballot having been taken, the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows:—

EDWARD GORELL BAXTER, Esq. of Teasses, Fife.
WILLIAM COLBECK DYSON, Batley, Yorkshire.
GEORGE HAMILTON, Esq., Sheriff Clerk, Kirkcudbright.
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The following Donations to the Museum were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donor:—

(1.) By the Rev. GEORGE WILSON, Free Church, Glenluce, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot:—

A Collection consisting of the following articles, which are described in detail in the subsequent communication by Rev. Mr Wilson:—

Stone Hammer, perforated, one side straight, the other curved inwards from opposite the haft-hole, from High Clare, Mochrum.
An elongated Sandstone Pebble, with circular central hollows wrought on both faces, from Gillespie, Glenluce.
An Arrow-head, leaf-shaped, not of Flint.
A Set of Flint Implements, namely, from Klachsiant and Torrs:—
Two elongated Spokeshave Scrapers; two flat Scrapers, with concave edge; one Scraper, concave on one edge and convex on the other; two slender trimmed Implements of a very rare type; one Flake, much worn, High Torrs, Glenluce. 18th April 1879.
Stone Hammer, perforated, one side straight, the other curved inwards from opposite the haft-hole (presented through Mr Wilson by Mr M’Caig, Farmer at Low Mye, Stoneykirk).

One Bronze Needle, imperfect, 1½ inch long, High Torrs, Glenluce 23d September 1878.

One Bronze Pin, with quadrangular head, 2½ inches long, High Torrs Glenluce. 14th April 1879.

Three Bronze Pins without heads.

A Bronze object like a Pendant, looped at one side, the first reported.

A Fragment riveted by a flat piece of Bronze like a paper fastener.

A Portion of a Bell, elliptical in section, with open angular handle, from Clachsiant, Stoneykirk. 27th March 1879. All the others from Torrs, Glenluce.

Object of coarse Blue Glass, perforated with five irregular rays, from Knockdoon, Glenluce. 10th April 1879. Very rare.

A small Clay Urn, from Craigenhollie, Glenluce.

There were also exhibited:

1. By Mr Robert Glen.
   A Collection of Water-colour Drawings, by himself, of ancient Musical Instruments. (In illustration of his communication on the Ancient Musical Instruments of Scotland.)

   A Series of Drawings of Clackmannan Tower, and Earlshall.

3. By the Right Hon. the Earl of Stair, through Rev. George Wilson, Glenluce.

Stone Hammer, perforated, from Machermore, Glenluce; Cylindrical Stone Implement, with indented circular hollows on each face, from Mull of Sunoness, Glenluce; Flat Bronze Celt or Axe-head from Innermossan, Inch; Flat Bronze Celt or Axe-head and two Socketed Bronze Celts from Knockandmaise, Leswalt.

[These are described in the subsequent Paper by Rev. George Wilson.]
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(4.) By Sir Herbert Maxwell, Bart. of Monreith, through Rev. George Wilson, Glenluce.

Leaf-shaped Bronze Sword from Monreith; Bronze Spear-head from Fell of Barhullion, Glasserton.

[See the subsequent Communication by Rev. George Wilson].

(5.) By Mr M'Keand, Newton-Stewart, through Rev. G. Wilson, Glenluce.

Socketed Bronze Celt found at High Knockglass, Portpatrick. (See the figure of this Celt on p. 134).

(6.) By John Douglas, M.D., Whithorn, through Rev. G. Wilson, Glenluce.

Two Stone Implements, with central hollows, from Glasserton.

(7.) By Rev. James Begg, D.D.

Collection of Bones of the Moa from New Zealand.

The following Communications were read:—