IV.

NOTE ON A PAIR OF IRON SHEARS AND A HONE STONE, FOUND ON THE SITE OF THE CRANNOG OF LOCHLEA, NEAR KILMARNOCK.

By Captain William Gillon, 71st Highland Light Infantry, F.S.A. Scot.

Having been in Ayrshire for the last five months, and within a short distance of "Lochlea Farm," I have had several opportunities of visiting the site of the "Crannog" which was discovered there in 1878, and has since proved so rich in relics. I obtained the account of the excavations from Dr Munro, Kilmarnock, to whom I am indebted for much information regarding the "Crannog," and who kindly showed me the collection of the various articles discovered.

Although the "Crannog" had been filled up, I determined to visit the site in the hope of finding some stray relic which might have escaped the eye of former explorers. In February 1881, Mr Drummond, farmer, Pockenave, went with me, and as he had been present at the previous excavations, he showed me the most likely places for a "find."

After looking about for half an hour, I was lucky enough to find the "Shears," which I forwarded to Professor Duns for examination, as I did not observe any articles similar to this in the "Museum" at Kilmarnock.

On a subsequent occasion I found the "hone stone." I did not notice any "hone stones" with a like groove in the Kilmarnock Museum, but on driving out to the "Crannog" which is being excavated at Buiston, near Kilmours, Dr Munro showed me one which was of the same nature as the one I had found, only the groove was shorter and across the

Iron Shears from Lochlea Crannog (6½ inches in length).
stone, and it had, in addition, a “cupped hollow” in the centre, while this one has the groove lengthways. I should have liked extremely to have been present at the meeting to have rendered a more lucid ex-

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planation, but circumstances will not permit, and I have asked Professor Duns to read this note. I have great pleasure in presenting the Shears and Hone Stone to the “National Collection,” and trust they may prove of some value.

Captain Gillon also forwarded a polished stone celt, found, in 1875, by Mr James Gall, farmer, Mountgarswood, Sorn, Ayrshire, in the Burn of Need close to the farm house, and now presented by him to the Museum. The celt measures 6 inches in length, 3 inches in breadth at the cutting edge, and 1\(\frac{7}{8}\) inch at the butt. In cross section it is oval. Its thickness, where the bevel of the cutting edge begins, is 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inch, and 6\(\frac{1}{8}\) inch near the end of the butt.
MONDAY, 15th June 1881.

REV. THOMAS MACLAUCHLAN, LL.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

JOHN CHRISTIE, of Cowden, Dollar.
WILLIAM D. ROBINSON DOUGLAS, Orchardton, Castle-Douglas.
J. W. YOUNG, W.S., 22 Royal Circus.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donors:—


Collection of Fragments of Roman Pottery, Glass, &c., consisting of portions of bowls of the red lustrous ware called Samian, Mortaria, &c., chiefly from Roman sites in the south of England.
Fragments of Old Glass from Ludlow Church, Salop.
Two old Knife-blades, two Spoons of Brass, two old iron Keys and one old iron table Fork.
Two specimens of bookbinding, viz.:—A Paradise of Prayers (London, 1665, 12mo), and the first volume of a Bible, printed at London, 1658, 12mo.

2. By Miss Barbara Bruce Irvine of Midbrake, Shetland.

Specimen of Leather Work, being a small purse or card case stamped with gilt ornament.


Urn of Clay, 14 inches diameter at the mouth, and 13½ inches high, the rim 3 inches deep, surrounded by a zig-zag moulding, and circular projections, implanted on the surface. At various distances small holes are pierced in the rim. It was found in grave No. 8 of the group at Alness,
described by Mr Jolly in the Proceedings, vol. i., New Series, p. 256. It was very much broken when presented, but has since been reconstructed,

and now forms quite a remarkable specimen, inasmuch as it differs from all others that are known in Scotland, both in its ornamentation and in the peculiarity of having the rim pierced with holes.

(4.) By Mrs Young M'Dowall, through the Right Hon. the Earl of Stair, F.S.A. Scot.

Sculptured Slab of greywacke from Craignarget, Gillespie, Glenluce, 3 feet 6 inches high by 17 inches wide, bearing the cross on the upper part, with the sun and moon in the usual position above the arms, and two
small crosses underneath, and below them a fylfot or swastika and various other devices, as shown in the accompanying woodcut.

(5.) By Robert Carfrae, F.S.A. Scot., Curator of the Museum.
Highland Brooch in Silver and Niello, 2½ inches diameter, ornamented with interlaced patterns and foliage. Engraved on the back are the initials G F and M I and the date 1777.

(6.) By James Gall, Mount Garswood, through Capt. M. GilLON, F.S.A. Scot.
Polished Stone Celt, 6 inches in length, found at Mount Garswood, Sorn, Ayrshire.

(7.) By Capt. William Gillon, 71st Highland Light Infantry, F.S.A. Scot.
Pair of Iron Shears and Hone Stone, found at Lochlea Crannog. (See the previous communication by Capt. Gillon.)

(8.) By James Waddell.
Linen-Smoother with handle of dark-coloured glass, from St Michael's Fife.
Small Bronze Ring with Stone Bead, dug up near St Fort, Fife.
Mr Waddell gives the following account of these objects:
"The supposed Glass Linen-Smoother was picked up by me on a rockery in the garden of Mrs Morrison, St Michael's Inn, Fife. All that the old lady could tell me about it was that it had been handed down from her grandmother's great-grandmother. The reason why I picked it up..."
was from seeing a similar one about twelve years ago in the possession of a gentleman named M'Hardy, now deceased. He used to show it to me among other relics, as the article used to dress linen by the ladies of old.

"The Earring was found in a trench in a mound in connection with the excavations on the Leuchars and Tay Bridge Railways, Fifeshire."

(9.) By Neill M'Neill, Kilchattan, through William Stevenson.
Bronze Octagonal Brooch, 2 inches diameter, found on Ardskinnish Sands, Colonsay.

(10.) By John Black, Kilchattan, through Mr William Stevenson.
Lint Heckle, from Colonsay.

(11.) By John Stuart Peter of Tigh'n Duin, Killin.
Circular Stone Ball, 2½ inches in diameter, with seven Circular Discs, found at Urlair, near Aberfeldy.

(12.) By John Glen, Bank Street.
Old Scottish Spinning-wheel made entirely of Iron.

Letter from George III. to the Bishop of London, appointing a collection for the poor of the city of London, 20th February 1769.

(14.) By The Secretary of State for India.
The Cave Temples of India. By James Ferguson and James Burgess.
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(15.) By James Gow.
Photograph of a Copy of the National Covenant 1638, described in the Proceedings, vol. xii. p. 216.
In a letter accompanying the donation Mr Gow says:—
"I have been requested by William Pearson, Esq. of Kilmany Park,
DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Gipp's Land, Australia, to send him the copy of the Solemn League and Covenant (signed by one of his forefathers) which was exhibited, in 1877, to your Society, by the late David Laing, Esq., LL.D. Before doing so I have had it photographed, and, as desired by Mr Pearson, I have great pleasure in presenting the Society with a copy.”

(16.) By The Ayr and Wigtown Archeological Association.

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(17.) By James Aitken, Solicitor, Falkirk.

Gold Thistle Noble and Crown of James I. of England; Silver Pennies of Canute and Alexander III.; Groats of James I. and III.; Plack of Mary; Quarter Thistle Mark of James VI.; Fortypenny Piece of Charles I.; Five Shilling Pieces, William and Anne; Thirty Copper Tokens, &c.

There were also exhibited—

By James Fraser, C.E., Inverness.

A series of Plans of Prehistoric Monuments in the neighbourhood of Inverness:—

1. Plan of Hill Fort on Craig Phadrig, Inverness.
2. Plan of Ancient Hill Fort on Torvean, near Inverness.
5. Plan of Dune Mor, an Ancient Hill Fort, west of Beauly.
7. Plan and Section of Broch at Birchfield, Strathkyle, Ross-shire.