Major WILLIAM A. BAIRD, Vice-President, in the Chair.

James MacLehose, LL.D., and W. K. Dickson, LL.D., were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for Office-Bearers.

The Ballot having been concluded, the Scrutineers found and declared the List of the Council for the ensuing year to be as follows:

President.
His Grace The Duke of Atholl, K.T., C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O., LL.D.

Vice-Presidents.
Colonel W. Anstruther-Gray.
Major William A. Baird.
Charles E. Whitelaw, I.A.
A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows:—

W. M. ALEXANDER, Journalist, Derrywood, Banchory.
ROBERT K. BLAIR, W.S., 20 Chester Street, Edinburgh.
WILLIAM A. CALLANDER, Writer, Rodona, Kelburn Avenue, Dumbreck, Glasgow, S. 1.
ALEXANDER M. COWIE, M.B., C.M., Glenrinnes, Dufftown, Banffshire.
FREDERICK I. COWLES, Librarian, Swinton and Pendlebury Public Libraries, 129 Station Road, Pendlebury, near Manchester.
ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

Major-General GRANVILLE G. A. EGERTON, C.B., 7 Inverleith Place, Edinburgh.

ALEXANDER GAMMIE, Journalist and Author, 105 Mosspark Drive, Glasgow, S.W. 2.

Miss ISOBEL HENDERSON, 4 Corrennie Gardens, Edinburgh.


DAVID M'NEILL, M.A., School House, Loanhead, Midlothian.

Rev. THOMAS MILLER, St Helen's Manse, High Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

Miss MARGARET E. CRICHTON MITCHELL, 246 Perry Road, Edinburgh.

ALISTAIR COMRIE STEVENSON, Achacorrach, Dalmally, Argyll.

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR, M.A., Norrieston, Bellfield Road, Stirling.

J. S. WEIR, Lecturer, 3 Church Street, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.


The Secretary read the list of Members deceased since the last Annual Meeting:—

Honorary Fellow.

Elected.

Senator RODOLFO LANCIANI, K.C.V.O., D.C.L., 17 Via Antonio Guattani, Rome .... 1926

Fellows.

Elected.

Sir ARCHIBALD BUCHAN-HEPBURN, Bart., D.L., Smeaton-Hepburn, Preston-kirk, East Lothian .... 1924

DONALD GRAHAM CAMPBELL, M.B., C.M., Auchinellan, Elgin .... 1906

Major HUGH BROWN COLLINS, Craigmorloch, Kilmacolm .... 1908

WILLIAM COWAN, 47 Braid Avenue, Edinburgh .... 1888

GEORGE CRABBE, 8 Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh .... 1882

JAMES E. CREE, Tusculum, North Berwick .... 1905

The Right Hon. LORD FORTLEVIO of Dupplin, Dupplin Castle, Perth .... 1923

MRS T. LINDSAY GALLOWAY, Kilchrist, Campbelltown .... 1912

VICTOR T. HODGSON, F.S.A., Cuilcheanna, Onich, Inverness-shire .... 1921

ALEXANDER W. INGLIS, 4 Rosebery Crescent .... 1891

JOHN IRVING, Aleyde, 44 Victory Avenue, Gretna Green .... 1921

JAMES F. KELLAS JOHNSTONE, LL.D., 67 Forest Avenue, Aberdeen .... 1920


CHARLES KIRKWOOD, Duncairn, Helensburgh .... 1915

WILLIAM C. M'EWEN, M.A., W.S., 9 Douglas Crescent, Edinburgh .... 1903

GEORGE G. MACKAY, Melness, Hoylake .... 1903

DAVID C. MACKIE, 10 Queen's Gardens, St Andrews .... 1921

NEIL MACKENZIE MACLEOD, 30 Barrington Drive, Glasgow .... 1921
The Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society:

The Council beg to submit to the Fellows of the Society their Report for the year ending 30th November 1929.

**Fellowship.**—The total number of Fellows on the roll at 30th November 1928 was 1016, At 30th November 1929 the number was 1046, being an increase of 30.

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 73, while 1 was reposed, 26 died, 9 resigned, and 9 allowed their membership to lapse. Although the increase in the membership of the Society is satisfactory, it is hoped that Fellows will continue to lay before their friends the advantages of joining the Society.

In addition to the distinguished Roman archaeologist, Senator Rodolfo Lanciani, K.C.V.O., D.C.L., who was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society in 1926, four of the Fellows who have died during the year deserve to be specially mentioned.

Sir Archibald Buchan-Hepburn, Bart., D.L., of Smeaton-Hepburn, joined the Society in 1924. He has bequeathed to the Society a unique collection of relics associated with Mary Queen of Scots.

James E. Cree was one of the most enthusiastic and active of our members. As a young man he acquired a ranch in New Mexico, where he spent a considerable part of his life. Having a strong bent towards the study of antiquities, he became a Fellow of the Society after his return to this country in 1905, and for three periods he served as a Member of Council. He regularly attended our meetings and contributed many papers to the Society, most of them dealing with excavations undertaken or supervised by himself. His first excavations...
of caves at Archerfield and of an extensive kitchen-midden in his own
garden at North Berwick yielded important results, but his name will
be chiefly associated with the excavations carried out by the Society
on the fort on Traprain Law. One of the first to realise the potential
importance of the site, he undertook practically the sole work of
supervision for four out of the seven summers devoted to its examina-
tion. Endowed with wonderful perseverance and patience, and care-
ful in his methods, he performed the duty in no perfunctory manner.
To him also belongs the credit of having realised the importance of
the cave deposits at Inchnadamph, which may prove to be referable to
palaeolithic times. He undertook the excavation of the caves, and,
though far from well, by sheer strength of will he was able to spend
two summers at the work. A charming host in his own home, and a
cheerful companion in the field, he has left Scottish archaeology poorer
by his death.

Mr Victor T. Hodgson was elected a Fellow in 1921. His enthusiasm
for archaeology induced him to play an important part in the founda-
tion of the West Highland Museum, of which he became Curator.
While residence in a remote part of Scotland prevented his participat-
ing regularly in the activities of the Society, he made a special point
of attending the meetings whenever possible.

Mr John Irving also joined the Society in 1921. For many years
his leisure time was devoted to Scottish History, and more particularly
to Franco-Scottish relations. His publications include a History of
Dumbartonshire, an expansion and revision of his further work,
Place-names of Dumbartonshire, and Scottish Royal Burghs.

Proceedings.—An advance of the Proceedings lies upon the table.
The Council feel that the volume will be outstanding on account of
the importance and variety of the papers reported. Five papers deal
with historical and thirteen with archaeological subjects.

The Museum.—During the past year there has been a steady flow
into the Museum of relics belonging to both the Prehistoric and the
Historic Periods, 781 having been received by donation and 56 by
purchase.

Amongst the most important acquisitions may be mentioned a
donation of 80 implements belonging to late Tardenoisian times found
on the Shewalton Sands in Ayrshire by the donor, Mr A. D. Lacaille,
which is of special importance inasmuch as the Museum has hitherto
had only one other comprehensive collection of Scottish pre-neolithic
flint implements. Two important additions to the palaeolithic col-
lections in the Comparative Gallery have been received from French archaeologists. The first, consisting of a type-collection of 50 implements of flint belonging to the various palaeolithic periods, was presented by M. Adrien de Mortillet of Paris, probably the last surviving link with Boucher de Perthes; and the second, consisting of a collection of casts of palaeolithic carvings and other objects in the French National Museum at St Germain, was given by M. Charles Schleicher, one of our Fellows. These collections will be of great help to students of the earlier prehistoric periods, and special thanks are due to the donors. A collection of 228 flint implements and a unique stone axe-hammer, found in Lauderdale and presented by Mr John Readman, Earlston, make a welcome addition to the flint collections in the Museum, as the south-east of Scotland has hitherto been poorly represented in this respect. Our display of Bronze Age pottery has been augmented by the gifts of a food-vessel from Darnhall, Eddleston, by Major W. M. Sime, O.B.E.; another from Sunnyside, Fyvie, by Mr S. A. Niven; and a cinerary urn from Blair Drummond, Perthshire, by Sir A. Kay Muir, Bart. Our fine series of flat bronze axe moulds has been added to by another good example from near Dufftown, Banffshire, presented by Dr Alexander M. Cowie, Glenrinnes. A jet button belonging to the same period, found at Edgerston, Roxburghshire, has been presented by Mrs F. S. Oliver. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr Charles W. Forbes of Callendar for presenting the relics found during the excavation of the Roman Camp at Mumrills, and to Sir John R. Findlay, Bart., for his gift of a model of the Bath-buildings discovered on the site. Two massive bronze loops which were found during the excavation of the Newstead Roman Fort, and have been since then in private hands, have been recovered and presented to the Museum by Mr James Curle, LL.D. Amongst other objects given by Mr Curle, two small beautifully polished flint axes, believed to be from Aberdeenshire, are deserving of special notice. A small bone hair-comb, found in a kitchen-midden near Freswick, Caithness, by Mr Simon Bremner, one of our Corresponding Members, has no counterpart in the numerous examples of these objects preserved in the Museum.

Coming to relics of the Historic Period, mention should be made of a Highland brooch of silver, enriched with niello, presented by the Countess de Latour; of a long staff, the upper part beautifully carved with Celtic interlaced bands, presented by Mr Charles E. Whitelaw; and of a finely made pint measure of copper, presented by Miss Cumming, 8 Grosvenor Terrace, Glasgow.

Two valuable bequests have been received by the Society during
the past year, one by the late Sir Archibald Buchan-Hepburn, Bart., of Smeaton-Hepburn, and the other by the late Dr Sievwright Davies of Blackburn, Lancashire. The Buchan-Hepburn bequest is a particularly valuable one, as it consists of a group of Mary Queen of Scots relics, and of a silver watch made by David Ramsay and believed to have been presented by James VI. to Robert Carr, first Earl of Somerset. The Sievwright Davies Bequest consists of a very fine early Highland dirk, a Doune pistol, a Scottish powder-horn, and a good selection of old hard tartans.

A Bronze Age gold torc, one of the famous Urquhart hoard, and a food-vessel urn with the remains of a jet necklace and a flint knife, found in a short cist near Berwick, are the most important purchases.

The Council would also draw attention to two groups of relics which have been deposited on loan in the Museum, and they desire to express their warmest thanks to the lenders. The first of these comprises a very interesting and important group of Bronze Age pottery, and other relics found on the Poltalloch estates, as well as the objects found during the excavations carried out last summer on the hill fort of Dunadd, on the same property. Through the kindness of Sir Ian Malcolm, K.C.M.G., D.L., J.P., all of these are now on view in the Museum alongside of the relics found at Dunadd in 1904, which were presented to the Museum by Colonel Malcolm. The second consists of a very extensive and valuable collection of Scottish fire-arms, weapons, accoutrements, and brooches deposited by Mr Charles E. Whitelaw.

Excavations.—A series of excavations were carried out last summer on the Poltalloch estates by Sir Ian Malcolm and the Society, under the supervision of Mr J. Hewat Craw. The principal part of the work was the excavation of certain portions of the fort on Dunadd which had not been examined during the earlier excavations. A large number of relics were recovered, consisting chiefly of small iron objects and fragments of clay moulds and crucibles. When the weather was too wet to permit of work in the fort, a number of previously disturbed and dilapidated cairns were examined, and some interesting structural features were revealed. An account of these excavations will be given to the Society by Mr Craw during the coming session.

The Library.—The additions to the Library amount to 124 by donation and 44 by purchase. Besides these, a considerable number of publications of learned societies, etc., have been received by way of exchange and by subscription. There have been two additions to the collection of manuscripts. His Majesty's Treasury having approved of a grant
towards binding the books in the Library, over 500 volumes have been bound this year.

The Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1929 will be delivered in April and May next by Mr Reginald A. Smith, the subject being The History of the Brooch. The lectureship for 1930 has been conferred on Professor John Garstang of Liverpool University, the subject to be one dealing with the Hittites.

Gunning Fellowship.—The Fellowship was again conferred on Mr A. J. H. Edwards, Assistant Keeper of the Museum, to enable him to visit and study the museums of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Mr Edwards visited museums in Oslo, Bergen, Stockholm, and Copenhagen.

Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—The district selected for the Chalmers-Jervise Prize for 1929 was Argyll. The Council are glad to report that six essays were received—the largest number ever sent in since this competition was instituted. The prize was awarded to Mr Duncan Colville, Kilgour, Machrihanish, for “Notes on Standing-Stones in Kintyre.”

ATHOLL,
President.

The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr James MacLehose, LL.D., seconded by Mr James S. Richardson.

Mr J. Bolam Johnson, Treasurer, read the annual statement of the Society’s Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. On the motion of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Johnson for his gratuitous services.

Mr George Mackay, M.D., expressed the Society’s appreciation of Mr G. P. H. Watson’s services as a Secretary of the Society during the past ten years, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Watson.
DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

MONDAY, 9th December 1929.

CHARLES E. WHITELAW, I.A., Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

ANDREW CLOW, Solicitor, Alma Villa, Aberfeldy.
Miss V. C. C. COLLUM, Well Bottom, East Melbury, Shaftesbury, Dorset.
Rev. KENNETH A. MACRITCHIE, Newmills Manse, Dunfermline.
FRANCIS M. MILNE, M.A., B.Sc., M.B., D.P.H., 66 Seafleld Road, Dundee.
ALEXANDER M. SLIMON, Moyhall, Kirkintilloch.
Mrs J. P. YOUNGER, Arnsbrae, Cambus, Clackmannanshire.

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

(1) By T. L. STIRLING, St Boswells.
Object of Jet with a tapering stem and oval foot, resembling a seal, measuring 1 1/4 inch in length, and the end 1/4 inch by 3/16 inch in cross diameters, from Woodhead, Ancrum, Roxburghshire; and a similar object, but with an oblong foot, measuring 1 5/8 inch in length and 1 1/8 inch by 3/16 inch at the end, from Butchercote, Merton, Berwickshire.
Anvil-stone, formed of a waterworn boulder, measuring 15 1/2 inches by 6 inches by 4 inches, the greater part of the top surface covered with small pittings closely set together; from Fairnington (south-east part of farm), near Roxburgh.

(2) By THOMAS ROSS, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot.
Carved Stone Ball with six knobs, measuring 2 3/4 inches in diameter, found by the donor in the river Earn, near Bridge of Dalreoch, Perthshire.

(3) By GEORGE BEVERIDGE of Vallay, North Uist.
Leg Bone of a bird, cut at both ends, measuring 4 7/8 inches long, found in a sand-bunker north of the graveyard, at Clachan, North Uist; Hollow cylinder of Bone, measuring 1 3/4 inch long and 1 1/3 inch in greatest diameter, found near the earth-house at Sithean an Altair, Vallay, North Uist; and Stone Whorl, measuring 1 5/8 inch by 1 3/8 inch in cross diameters, and 3/8 inch thick, from Berneray, Sound of Harris.
(4) By B. Graham, 13 Northfield Terrace, Edinburgh.
Perforated Stone, of irregularly oval shape, measuring 8\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches in length, 4\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches in breadth, and 1\(\frac{1}{8}\) inch in thickness, the perforation, which is countersunk from each side and measures \(\frac{1}{2}\) inch in diameter at centre, is placed 2\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches from one end. Found 4 feet down in peat, at Sandwick, 1 mile east of Stornoway, Lewis.

(5) By Miss J. C. C. Macdonald, F.S.A.Scot.
Purse of green silk thread, with a clasp of brass and a tassel of the same metal at the foot.

(6) By J. Graham Callander, F.S.A.Scot.
Burr end of a Roe-deer Antler, broken off 2\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches from the root, and encircled at the broken end by a hollow, worn by friction, possibly, of a cord; found by the donor in a kitchen-midden on south side of the Dornoch Firth, east of Tain.

(7) By Charles E. Whitelaw, I.A., F.S.A.Scot.
Staff of Wood, measuring 4 feet 11\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches long and 1\(\frac{1}{8}\) inch in diameter at the top, shod with an iron ferrule and spike. For a length of 12\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches at the top it is encircled with a carved interlaced pattern, with small pellets in the angles between the plaits—eighteenth century.
Iron Dagger, measuring 13 inches in total length, with a hilt of heather root (imperfect)—close of fifteenth century—found in Millrig Moss, Lanarkshire, about 1880.
Love Charm in Copper, in form of a heart pierced with nine holes in the centre in lozenge shape, and an isolated perforation in each lobe. At the point is a larger hole for suspension—eighteenth century—from Aberdeenshire.
Half set of Silver Sleeve-links, the ends of hollow hemispherical shape, and each bearing an engraved tulip—about 1700—found on the sands at Ayr.
Late fifteenth-century Finger-ring of Bronze, with a wedge-shaped bezel, each side bearing a foliaceous design. The hoop shows oblique flutings, suggestive of a twist. Found while trenching at Balmyle House, Broughty Ferry, in 1906.
Eighteenth-century Finger-ring of Silver, with a transverse oval bezel, rudely engraved and bearing the initials MM.
Early nineteenth-century Silver Finger-ring, with a square bezel cut at the corners and set with a blood stone; on the shoulders of the hoop are short engraved straight lines.
(8) By James Curle, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Two Pitchers of green glazed pottery, measuring 12\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches and 14\(\frac{3}{8}\) inches in height, and 10\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches and 11\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches in diameter at the widest part. The body of each is encircled with slight corrugations and the bases are slightly convex—restored; found 4 feet deep at a spring, 300 yards from the public road, at Whitton, Morebattle, Roxburghshire.

(9) By James S. Richardson, F.S.A.Scot.

Clasp Knife with ox-horn haft, from a cottage at Scotstarvit Tower, Ceres, Fife.

Axe of Felstone, ground flat on the top and bottom edges, measuring 4\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches by 2\(\frac{1}{16}\) inches by 1 inch, found near Penicuik, Midlothian.

(10) By Miss Cumming, 8 Grosvenor Terrace, Glasgow, W. 2.

Peebles Standard Pint Measure of copper, the body barrel-shaped and the upper part tapering to a narrow mouth which has a cap lid with an urn-shaped ornament on the top. It has two handles springing from the body of the vessel, and recurving to opposite sides of the neck—total height, with cover, 9\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. On the upper part is engraved PEEBLES STANDARD MEASURE, on the body SCOTCH PINT/3 lb. 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) oz. 40 gr. or 26200/ TROY GRAINS/. Stamped by the DEAN OF GUILD/ FROM THE EDINBURGH STANDARD/ WHICH WAS ALL ADJUSTED BY PROF. JOHN ROBERTSON. Dean of Guild stamp on neck D G. On the inside of the lid are the figures 1 to 8.

(11) By Mrs Pearce, 67 Craiglea Drive, Edinburgh.

Old Thimble.


Hair Comb of horn, from Kirk of Shotts, Lanarkshire.

(13) By Major Dugald Baird, Kaimshill, Muirkirk, Ayrshire.

Two eighteenth-century Drain Pipes, of red clay, with spigot and faucet ends, measuring 13\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches and 13\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches in length, and from 3 to 3\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches in internal diameter at the wide end and from 2 to 2\(\frac{1}{8}\) inches at the narrow end. Found by the donor, 1 mile south of Muirkirk, on the northern slope of Cairntable, near a spring known as the Cairntable Cauldron, which still supplies domestic water to the south side of Muirkirk village. The donor has discovered in a Minute of a meeting
of the Muirkirk Iron Company, dated 27th September 1790, a reference to the purchase of these pipes:

"Mr Gillies and Mr Gordon represented to the meeting that, when they were here in the month of June last, they saw a necessity of finding good water for the use of the family at Kaimshill and of the people at the Works, and there being none of good quality known to be nearer than a spring of water of excellent quality above the Canal from the Garple called 'Cairn Table Cauldron,' they wrote to several Potters for estimates of what they would furnish and lay 2-inch earthen pipes for. Peter Moir, Potter at Drongan, having offered to do it at 6d. per yard, which was lower than any of the others, they accordingly agreed with him for it, the Company to be at the expense of cutting the tract for them and filling it up."

(14) By Alan D. Pilkington, F.S.A.Scot.

Fragments of a large hand-made Pot of dirty yellow clay. It has been of large size, with a slightly everted lip, rounded shoulder, and wall sloping inwards to a flat base. Encircling the vessel, just under the rim, is a row of finger-nail and finger-tip ornamentation. The clay contains a slight admixture of fairly large pieces of crushed stone. As the vessel is crushed out of shape, the only measurements available are the thickness of the rim and wall—\( \frac{7}{10} \) inch and \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch. Found on Reay Links, Caithness. (See Proceedings, vol. lxiii. p. 139.)

(15) By the Trustees of the late Donald Innes, Reay.

Stone Axe, much weathered, measuring \( 3\frac{5}{8} \) inches by \( 2\frac{1}{8} \) inches by 1 inch, apparently only partly made, as it shows no grinding. It has been picked into shape, not flaked or ground. Fragments of a Beaker of reddish clay, several pieces being ornamented by transverse and oblique impressions of a twisted cord; two small fragments of hard grey Pottery (neolithic), the exterior being black and highly burnished; perforated Bone, the first phalanx of a small ox, found with human remains in the floor of the chamber; several fragments of two Beakers of dirty brown clay, one having been ornamented with impressed transverse lines made by a toothed stamp, and with short oblique incised lines. Found in a ruined chambered cairn at Lower Dounreay, Caithness, at various levels, from near the surface to the floor of the cairn. (See Proceedings, vol. lxiii. p. 140.)

(16) By William Naylor, 8 Horne Terrace, Edinburgh.

Massive cruciform Implement of brown Flint, measuring \( 12\frac{3}{8} \) inches long and \( 11\frac{1}{2} \) inches across the arms, from Honduras.
DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

(17) By David Hunter, Route 8, Box 67, San Antonio, Texas (48 Garscube Terrace, Edinburgh).

Collection of 98 Flint and Chert Implements, found by the donor in Bexar County, Texas, U.S.A.

(18) By Major W. M. Sime, O.B.E., Darnhall, Eddleston, Peeblesshire.
Food-vessel found at Darnhall. (See subsequent paper by J. Graham Callander, F.S.A.Scot.)


Montrose Beggar’s Badge of Lead, of oval shape, with two holes at the top for suspension. *Obverse* NO. 10/MONTROSE/BEGGING POOR, and a five-petalled rose in a shield; round the edge a border of pellets. This badge was carried by a local character, “Singing Willie,” in Montrose, attached to a crooked walking-stick which was dressed with coloured ribbons.

Two native made barbed Arrow-heads of Iron, measuring 5½ inches and 4½ inches long, made by Santhals, Bengal. The first was taken out of the shoulder of a boar, and the second out of a wolf, both shot by the donor near Baurisal, Bengal, about 1907 or 1908.

(20) By Hugh Marwick, D.Litt., F.S.A.Scot.

Shovel formed from the scapula of an ox, with part of the spine broken off, from the underground galleried building at Rennebister, Orkney.

(21) By M. Adrien de Mortillet, Paris.

Collection of forty-six Palaeolithic Implements, chiefly of flint, from France, and seven other nuclei and flakes of flint and stone.

(22) By Ch. Schleicher, F.S.A.Scot., Paris.


(23) By Eric Gardner, M.B., F.S.A.

Flat Highland Brooch of Brass, measuring 4½ inches in diameter, very much corroded. The front has been decorated with four engraved circular panels of ornamentation, the intervening spaces being also engraved—owing to corrosion the designs are not determinable. The back bears an engraved zigzag. The pin has the top of the head split for insertion on the hinge. Found close to a tidal islet, Eilean an Torr, Benbecula, Inverness-shire.
Objects found beside a ruined earth-house, in a sand dune at Bruthach a Tuath, Balivanich, Benbecula — two portions of Deer-horn Tines, sharpened at the point and showing cuts at the opposite end, measuring 4½ inches and 2½ inches long; thin flat Bone, pointed at one end, measuring 1¾ inch in length; Borer made from a splinter of bone, measuring 4¼ inches in length; piece of the Rib of an Ox, seemingly pointed at one end, 8 inches long; splinter of Bone, showing signs of rubbing at one end, measuring 3½ inches in length; Spatulate Instrument, formed of a very thin plate of bone, measuring 4⅛ inches in length; piece of Deer-horn, partially broken across at one end, the other end, where it is broken, being thinned down on one side and showing signs of being worn by the friction of a cord, measuring 3½ inches in length; bent piece of Bone of circular section, with a knob the size of a pea at one end and a hole drilled through below it, measuring 4⅛ inches in length and ⅛ inch in diameter; small segment of a Cup, made from one of the vertebrae of a whale; Hammer-stone, abraded at both ends, measuring 6¾ inches in length; seven small fragments of hand-made Pottery.


Mould of grey Sandstone, of irregular oblong shape, for casting flat Bronze Axes and Bars. On the upper side are two matrices for casting flat bronze axes and one for bars or ingots; on the under side are traces of another flat axe matrix and on one edge a matrix for a bar. Found in a drystone dyke, about 200 yards from Glenrinnes House, Dufftown, Banffshire.

(25) By Mrs F. S. Oliver, F.S.A.Scot.

Jet Button of irregularly circular shape, flat below and domed on the top, with a V-shaped perforation on the under side, measuring ½ inch in diameter and ⅝ inch in height, found in a landslip on a burn side at Edgerston, Roxburghshire.


Bone Hair-comb with bow-shaped back and a single row of small teeth, from Freswick Links, Caithness. (See subsequent communication by J. Graham Callander, F.S.A.Scot.)

Hammer-stone of Coral, measuring 3½ inches long, found in a kitchen-midden, Midtown, Freswick, Caithness.

Whorl made from the proximal end of a cetacean bone, of domical shape, measuring 1⅛ inch in diameter and 1 inch in height; the hole is eccentrically placed. From the foundations of a stone and lime building at the north end of Freswick Links. All found by the donor.
Silver Tea-spoon with marks GE (Geo. Elder), Virgin and Child, and B (Banff). On the front of top are the initials P.K.F.

(28) By William Brook, F.S.A.Scot.
Silver Tea-spoon with marks T.S. (Thomas Stewart), a thistle, and INS (Inverness). On the front of the top are the initials J.M.R.
Silver Tea-spoon with marks R.S., head of George III., a castle and thistle for Edinburgh, date letter 'n' (1819-20), and J. and W. M. (James and William Marshall). On the front of the top is the initial R.
Silver Tea-spoon with marks R.N., castle and thistle for Edinburgh, date letter M (1843-4), and Queen's head.

(29) By Miss MacGibbon, 23 Learmonth Terrace.
Thirty-one Communion Tokens.

Wooden case containing a pair of eye-glasses with circular lenses in copper frames, round which are the words FEINE CHRISTIAN GULDEN BEILN, from Morayshire.

(31) Bequeathed by Dr Sievwright Davies of Blackburn, Lancashire.
Highland Dirk, measuring 16½ inch in total length, with a blade of triangular section, pierced with three holes and inlaid on the back with brass. The grip is encircled with three bands of interlaced design, as are the haunches of the butt. The pommel is covered on the top with a circular bronze plate.
Steel Highland Pistol with scroll butt, engraved and inlaid with silver. The original ramrod remains, and the pricker and trigger have oblate silver terminals. On the lock plate is the name of the maker, THOS. CADDELL of Doune. Length of barrel 7½ inches.
Scottish Powder Horn with pewter nozzle, measuring 10½ inches in length, bearing fan-shaped, interlaced, and geometrical designs and the initials I.D. on the front, and three circular panels of rosettes and interlaced designs on the back. On the lid is the monogram ID.
Tappit Hen of pewter, 10 inches in height, with initials L.M. on the lid.
Three pairs of old tartan Hose.
Coat of old hard tartan.
Plaid of old hard tartan.
Kilt and Plaid of old hard tartan (Macgregor).
Two Kilts of old hard tartan, one unthreaded (Macgregor).
Kilt of old hard tartan (Murray of Atholl).
Belted Plaid of hard tartan (Hunting Stewart) which belonged to Theodore Napier.
Part of a Plaid of old hard tartan (Royal Stuart) decorated with a needlework thistle.
Pair of tartan Trews (Macgregor—Rob Roy).
Three large pieces of old hard tartan (one Macpherson—Chief).
Pair of hand-woven Garters.

(32) Bequeathed by Sir ARCHIBALD BUCHAN-HEPBURN, Bart., F.S.A. Scot.

The Buchan-Hepburn relics of Mary Queen of Scots, consisting of:

Letter to the Laird of Smeaton sent from Carlisle on the 25th June 1568 and signed by the Queen.¹ The letter, which has been transcribed by Wm. Angus, F.S.A.Scot., Curator of the Historical Department, Record Office, H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh, runs:

Rycht traist freind, we wryte to zow laitly anent our proceed-
ingis than, thanking zow ay off zour constance and fidelitye anent
ws and our seruice quhilk ze sall not repent, wyth goddis grace
not doubting bott ze will continew tharin wythout feir other of
our ennemeis or tinsell off guiddis for to the ane we sall putt
ordour godwilling belyve and the other we sall refound and wpsett
ze evin to the leist d [penny]. The last imbassadour departit fray
ws the xxiij of this instant and gettis his answer fray the quein at
his bypassing. Giff scho uill not assissist (deleted) assist ws we
sall have bayth men & money of France incontenent. We luk also
shortly for our answer becaus Middilmvre on quhayis returning
fray the erle off Murray it was delayit passit by heir wp throucht
the xxiij of this instant. We have in the meintyme gottin be
chance sum wrytingis off our ennemeis quhilkis discovris mony
thingis especialy quhow sindry of the courte of Ingland and counsell
promesis the erle of Murray all kyndnes aganis ws quhilkis wryt-
ingis quhowson the quein seis (for we have send thame to the lord
Hereis to that effect) we ar assurit scho wilbe offendit ze and abill
remove thame fray forder melling wyth our afaires. This referring

¹ A reproduction and transcription of the letter appear in the Proceedings of the Berwick-
shire Naturalists' Club, vol. 1901-2, pp. 40 and 64, but the transcription is faulty.
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our service to zour faythfullnes we committ zow to the protection of god almychttye. At Carlislye the xxv of Junii 1568

Marie R

(On back) To oure richt traist freind
The Lard of Smytoun etc.

Gold mourning Finger-Ring set with seven opals in a claw-setting, the shoulders of the hoop chased and inlaid with black enamel. Said to have been worn by the Queen in memory of the Dauphin, her first husband, but probably of later date.

Cabinet of Oak, measuring 6 feet 10 inches in height, 5 feet 9 inches in breadth, and 2 feet 4 inches in depth. The doors, which each have two leaves with iron hinges and lock plates on the outside, are divided into sixteen carved panels, each containing a representation of human head (eight men and eight women) within a circular wreath, with foliaceous designs in the spandrels and the upper part of the panel. In the centre at the junction of the two halves of the door is a rebated stile with a baluster-shaped pilaster carved with foliaceous designs and a figure of the Virgin Mary and Child at the top, in front. The two ends consist of six panels, each carved with linen-fold pattern.

Altar Cloth of Red Velvet formed of two strips of material embroidered with similar designs and sewn together at the top. It measures 7 feet in length and 5 feet 6 inches in breadth. The designs, which are embroidered with silver-gilt and silver thread and coloured silks, show the Assumption of the Virgin with three winged angels, the lower standing on a wheel and carrying a scroll with DA GLORIAM DEO on it. In the field are fleurs-de-lys and conventional floral designs. Along the top and bottom edges is a yellow fringe. This article seems to have been formed by cutting down two copes of the type shown in the Victoria and Albert Museum Catalogue of English Ecclesiastical Embroideries of the Thirteenth to Sixteenth Centuries, Pl. xxii. Its date is late fifteenth century.

Fragments of a Black Satin Jacket.

Flat rectangular Tortoise-shell Hair-Comb, 10½ inches long by 5½ inches broad.

Silver Watch of oval shape, said to have been given by James VI. to Robert Carr, first Earl of Somerset. The case, which has a hinged lid on either side, is richly chased and engraved. On the outsides of the lids, front and back, are scenes from Scripture—"The Last Supper" and "Mary Magdalene washing the feet of Our Lord." On the inside of the back lid are what appear to be engraved portraits of King James and his Queen, Anne of Denmark, standing in front of a canopied and
curtained throne, on the arras of which are the Royal arms with the supporters of the United Kingdom. On the inside of the front lid is a quartered shield of arms, within the Garter of the Order of that name, above which is an Earl's coronet. The arms on the shield are 1 and 4 azure on a chevron or; three mullets, in the dexter chief a lion passant; 2 and 3 or a lion rampant; the fields and the chevrons are lined and spotted for blue and gold. The watch shows the time of the day, the days of the week and month, the phases of the moon, and signs of the zodiac. It is contained in an old case which is believed to be contemporary with the watch. It was made by David Ramsay, Scotus.

The following purchases for the Museum were intimated:

Brass Belt-plate of the Strathspey Fencibles, bearing a thistle with a Crown above and STRATHSPEY FENCIBLES round the edge of the upper half of plate.

Brass Belt-plate of the Craigellachie Grantown Strathspey Volunteers, bearing a Crown between crossed sprays of a thistle and a rose, with a rock (Craigellachie) above, and CRAIGELLACHIE GRANTOWN STRATHSPEY VOLUNTEERS round the edge.

Leaf-shaped Arrow-head of grey black flint, measuring \(1 \frac{1}{2}\) inch by \(\frac{3}{4}\) inch, and three Scrapers of grey flint, from Crichton House Farm, near Pathhead, Midlothian.

Irregularly shaped waterworn stone, with large picked indentation on both faces, measuring \(3 \frac{1}{16}\) inches by \(3 \frac{7}{16}\) inches by \(7 \frac{1}{8}\) inches, and Stone Polisher formed of half an oval pebble, worn smooth on the under side, measuring \(2 \frac{3}{8}\) inches by \(2 \frac{7}{8}\) inches by \(1 \frac{3}{8}\) inch, from Ancrum Mains, Roxburghshire.

Stone Polisher, made of half of a flat, nearly round pebble, worn smooth on the under side, and measuring \(2 \frac{1}{8}\) inches by \(2 \frac{1}{16}\) inches by \(1\) inch, from Whitebank, Clovenfords, Peeblesshire.

Flat turned Snuff-box of Wood, with a view of Edinburgh Castle, and soldiers drilling, painted on the lid, measuring \(3 \frac{1}{2}\) inches in diameter.

Mauchline Snuff-box of Wood, measuring \(3 \frac{1}{8}\) inches by \(2 \frac{1}{8}\) inches by \(\frac{3}{8}\) inch, covered with a reticulated design in double black lines on an olive ground. On the lid is painted a scene showing Tam o' Shanter, Soutar Johnny, and the Landlady, with the inscription NOW TO OUR TALE/TAM O' SHANTER, and below, the air and words of the first verse of Auld Lang Syne, the makers' name Paterson & Compy., Mauchline, being stamped inside the bottom.

Snuff-box of Wood, made in Auchinleck, measuring \(3 \frac{7}{16}\) inches by \(1 \frac{1}{16}\) inch by \(\frac{1}{2}\) inch, showing a man raising a gun near a tree with two birds perched on it, and the words A BRACE OF BIRDS, BY JOVE,
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on the lid, and the maker's name W. JOHNSTON/ AUCHINLECK, stamped inside the bottom.

Brass Needle, measuring 3\(\frac{1}{16}\) inches long, found in a grave in the kirkyard of Colinton, Midlothian.

Twenty-seven Communion Tokens.

Round Snuff-box with painted lid, showing an old man seated, supping porridge, and his wife standing beside him with a whisky bottle in her hand; below is the inscription HIS WEE DRAP PARRITCH.

Small Snuff-mull of sheep's horn with silver band round the mouth and silver mounted lid; on a plate on the latter is the inscription TO A D B FROM, and on the former JOHN GRANT.

Mauchline Cigar-case, with a scene from the Battle of the Boyne, entitled BOYNE WATER, printed on one side, and a panel with an equestrian statue of William III., and the inscription TO THE GLORIOUS MEMORY above, and the date 1690 below, all within a ribbon bearing the names LIMERICK, DERRY, AUGHRIM, BOYNE. The maker's name, SMITH, MAUCHLINE, MAKERS TO HIS MAJESTY, with Royal coat-of-arms above, is stamped inside the lid.

Brass Tinder-box with three lidded compartments, one containing flint and steel; on the top is engraved J. NORMAN.

Edinburgh policeman's Rattle, bearing the maker's name GEO. WATT/ TURNER/ EDIN" stamped on it.

Pair of iron Pincers for cutting the points of quill pens.

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Aberdeen’s “Aristocratic” Church: Notable Records of St Paul’s. By Rev. Harry Allen, M.A.
Our Ancient Parishes, or a Lecture on “Quatford, Morville, and Aston Eyre 800 years ago.” By Rev. George Leigh Wasey, M.A. Bridgnorth, 1859.

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Mémoires présentés à l’Institut d’Egypte et publiés sous les Aupsices de Sa Majesté Fouad ler, Roi d’Egypte. Tome III. A Bibliography of Works relating to Mummification in Egypt.

Yesterday and To-day. Edinburgh, 1929.
The Northern or Gordon Fencibles, 1778-83.

(19) By J. P. O'Brien, B.A., Secretary to the Irish Tourist Association.
A Book of Dublin. By the Corporation of Dublin.

(20) By Cyril Fox, Director, National Museum of Wales.
Guide to the Collection of Welsh Bygones. By I. C. Peate, M.A.
Cardiff, 1929.

(21) By S. N. Miller, M.A., F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

(22) By The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, City Chambers, Edinburgh.


(24) By Dr J. F. Tocher, Crown Mansions, Union Street, Aberdeen, the Author.
The Physical Characteristics of the Eskimo of Southampton Island, etc. Peterhead, 1902.

(25) By J. Graham Callander, F.S.A.Scot.
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(27) By Thomas Sheppard, M.Sc., the Author.
Hull Museum Publications:—
No. 158. The Evolution of the Miners' Safety-Lamp and Record of Additions.
No. 159. Archery Medals and Memoranda.

(28) By William Moncreiffe, Easter Moncreiffe, Bridge of Earn, the Joint Author.

(29) By Professor H. Dragendorff, Honorary Fellow, the Author.
Amphora Strengen Stils in Freiburg im Breisgau. Berlin, 1928.

(30) By Léon Coutil, Honorary Fellow.
Louviers et ses Environs à travers les Ages. Caen, 1929.

Leaves from my Manuscript Portfolio. Forfar, 1929.

(32) By Professor V. Gordon Childe, D.Litt., F.S.A.Scot., the Author.
The Danube in Prehistory.

(33) Bequeathed by Dr Sievwright Davies of Blackburn.
Map of Lothians and Linlithgow. By Jan Jansen, Amsterdam, 1659.
Map of Scotland. By John Speed, 1610.
Maps of Knapdale, Liddesdale, Ewesdale, and Eskdale, Caithness, some of the Smaller Western Isles, and Arran. By Timothy Pont.

The following Purchases for the Library were intimated:—

Mary Queen of Scots. By David Hay Fleming. London, 1897.

Genealogy of the Family of Rose of Holme Rose, Nairnshire, as compiled by the late Henry Rose, Esq., of Ruallan, Nairn, and brought down to date: with Introductory Sketch by H. T. Donaldson, late County Clerk, Nairn. Nairn, 1929.


The following Communications were read:—