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Donations.

(1) Axe of quartzite, polished, measuring 3 7/16 inches in length, 1 5/8 inch across the cutting edge, and 1 inch in thickness, and Knife of brown flint with white patina, measuring 1 27/32 inch in length, 1 1/6 inch in breadth, and 1 5/16 inch in diameter from the farm of Nearhouse, Rousay, Orkney. Presented by Mr Walter G. Grant of Trumland, F.S.A.Scot.

(2) Three pieces of vitrified stone from the vitrified fort at Knock Hill, Largs. Presented by Professor V. Gordon Childe, F.S.A.Scot.


(5) Sampler worked in silk thread by Rachel Bruce, in 1858. Rachel Bruce was a cousin of the donor’s father, and was born in 1837 (daughter of Margaret Steuart and Thomas Bruce of Langlea)—the young friend and neighbour of Sir Walter Scott (Pl. XXXIII, 1).

Minishing Glass, eighteenth century.

Two Archery Scoring Cards, in use about a hundred years ago at Archer’s Hall, Edinburgh, and a “Pricker” for marking the scoring cards. Presented by Miss Maria Steuart, 2 Lynedoch Place, Edinburgh.


(7) Oval Flake of grey Flint, measuring 3 9/32 inch in length and 1 7/32 inch in breadth, from the south side of the quarry at North Berwick Law. Military Gorget of the time of George I. The gorget is a gilt crescent-shaped badge, suspended from the neck and hanging on the breast, formerly worn by officers on duty; it is engraved with the letters “G. R.,” surmounted by a crown. Circular wooden Snuff Box made in halves, the upper having a picture of Jedburgh Abbey c. 1820, and the lower painted in imitation of tortoiseshell; it measures 3 1/6 inches in diameter. Presented by James S. Richardson, F.S.A.Scot.

(8) Bronze Needle, 1 3/8 inch in length, found north of St Mary’s Temple, Vallay, Lochmaddy, North Uist. Socketed Spear-head of iron, measuring 12 5/8 inches in length, of normal Viking type except that the shaft has been made of iron and is held in the socket by a split-pin of copper (Pl.XXVII, 3). The blade is 1 3/4 inch in greatest width and has a well-developed mid-rib. The weapon is much corroded and about half an inch of the point is wanting. It was found beside some skeletal remains north of the cattlefold, Vallay, Vol. LXXXVII.
(9) Communion Tokens from the collection of the late Mr James Goalen, Leith. Presented by Mrs Goalen, 15 Russell Place, Edinburgh.

(10) Beaker Urn of clay, found in a short cist at Boghead Farm, Sandhaven, Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire. Presented by Mrs Helen Simpson, Moss-side, Rathen. (See current volume, Note No. 2, p. 187.)


(12) Mason's Chisel of iron, eighteenth century, found under a hearthstone at the Red Lion Inn, Craigie, Ayrshire. Presented by Mr William Calderwood, 2 Ellis Street, Kilmarnock.

(13) Fishing Tackle comprising two collapsible salmon landing nets with whalebone frames (one without net); brass "pirn" or fishing reel in leather case with horse-hair line; reel or "pirn" of wood with iron mountings; two horse-hair salmon lines; three books containing salmon fishing flies. This tackle was in use about 1870. Presented by Sheriff George Brown, F.S.A.Scot.

(14) Sampler, sewn in silk, by Mary Man. The subject depicted is the offering of Isaac as a sacrifice by Abraham. Early eighteenth century. Presented by Mr George Ritchie, "Dunamure," Lanark Road, Currie.


(16) Polished Axe of porphyritic greenstone, measuring 6½ inches in length, 2½ inches across the cutting edge, and 1½ inch in thickness, found in a field near Swinton, Berwickshire. Presented by Mr R. H. Dods, Avenue House, Berwick-upon-Tweed.


(18) Leaden Bulla of Pope Honorius III, 1216–1227. Obv. HONORIUS PP. III. Rev. the heads of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, above them SPASPE (Sanctus Paulus Sanctus Petrus). It was Honorius III who issued the Bull establishing a Provincial Council or Synod in Scotland in 1225, a very important step in our ecclesiastical history. The Bulla was found near Inchaffray Abbey, Perthshire. Presented by Mr C. S. T. Calder, F.S.A.Scot.

(19) Six early Scottish Silver Spoons (Pl. XXXII (1) with fig-shaped bowl and seal-top handle, dated 1573; on the back of the stem is the Edinburgh town mark, a castle; WC, for William Cok, Maker, and AC, for Adam Craige, Deacon. On the back of the bowl is a slight rat-tail with,
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Early Scottish Silver Spoons, bequeathed by Mr. George Henderson.

1. Edinburgh, 1573.

2. Edinburgh, c. 1611–1612.

3. Perth, 1675.


5. Dunbar, 1720.

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Flag of the Kobe Skinners and Glovers Society.

Sampler worked in silk thread.
Presented by Miss Maria Stewart.
above, the initial letters HC, with a Y-shaped figure, a heraldic shake-fork, between them. The spoon probably belonged to one of the Cunninghame family. Length, 6\frac{1}{4} inches, width of bowl 2 inches, weight 1 oz. 4\frac{1}{2} dwts.;

(2) with circular disc at the top of the stem, on which are the initials S IM. Below the disc is an oval transverse panel and below the panel a crude conventional foliaceous design. At the junction of the stem and bowl there is a hatched triangular pattern. On the back of the stem is the Edinburgh town mark—a castle; GK for Gilbert Kirkwood, Maker, and DP for David Palmer, Deacon. The length of the spoon is 6\frac{1}{4} inches, and the width of the bowl is 2\frac{1}{2} inches. Weight, 1 oz. 6 dwts. 2 grs. Date c. 1611-1612; (3) trifid, with oval bowl and rat-tail. On the back of the stem is the old town-mark of Perth—a lamb bearing a flag (this is the mark prior to the double-headed eagle being adopted); WM, the maker's mark (unrecorded) and the letter B. At the top are the initials B HE; length of spoon 7\frac{3}{4} inches, width of bowl 1\frac{3}{4} inch. Weight 1 oz. 10\frac{1}{4} dwts. 5 grs. Date c. 1675; (4, 5) pair of trifid Spoons with oval bowl and rat-tail. On the back of the stem is the town-mark of Perth—a lamb bearing a flag; RG for Robert Gardiner, Maker, and the letter “B.” At the top are the initials KC. Length 7\frac{1}{2} inches, width of bowl 1\frac{3}{4} inch. Weights 1 oz. 13 dwts. 7 grs. and 1 oz. 12 dwts. 8 grs. respectively. Date c. 1680; (6) with rounded end, having a small notch at either side, oval bowl and rat-tail. On the back of the stem is the town-mark of Dundee—a two-handed pot of growing lilies—the letters IS (twice) for John Steven, Maker, and the letter M. At the top of the stem are the initials TS. Length 7\frac{1}{4} inches, width of bowl 2\frac{1}{16} inches. Weight 2 oz. 6 dwts. 15 grs. Date c. 1730. Bequeathed by Mr GEORGE HENDERSON, 9 Rookery Road, Southport.

(20) One Pound Note of the Stirling Merchant Bank Company, dated 28th October 1803. This bank failed in 1813. Presented by Mr J. LIGHTBODY, F.S.A.Scot.

(21) Encrusted Cinerary Urn of the Bronze Age, found at Melgund Muir, Aberlemno, Angus. Presented by Mr STEWART A. SMITH of Blackden Farm, near Aberlemno. See Note 5, p. 189.

Purchases.

Flag of the Kelso Skinners and Glovers Society, made of yellow silk with a fringed border. It measures 5 feet in width and 4 feet 9 inches in height, and is painted on both sides with a device consisting of Ermines, three ducal crowns in chief or. Crest, a leopard passant reguardant proper. Supporters: Dexter, a leopard rampant gorged with a wreath proper:
Sinister, a hound rampant gorged with a collar proper. Below is a scroll with the motto "TO GOD BE ALL GLORY." The date, 1829, is written in small letters at the bottom of the shield (Pl. XXXIII, 2).

Circular Brooch of silver, 2⅛ inches in diameter, engraved with a stem and trilobe leaf pattern, the intervening spaces being hatched. The pin has an incised cross at its base and a notch near the point. On the reverse are engraved what appear to be the letters "NA." Date about 1780.

Snuff-horn, silver mounted, engraved with figures of ships and prominent buildings in Edinburgh, bearing the following inscriptions: "Presented to Mr JOHN DUNCAN, PLUMBER, BY D G 1852." "CARVED BY D. GOURLAY PLUMBER EDINR ANNO DOMINI 1852 AETAS 67." The horn measures 10½ inches in length. The thistle-shaped silver mounting at the tip appears to be later than the lid. A purple faceted imitation gem, made of glass, is inserted in the top of the thistle.