cour Hall, Wumfries april 5th 1878 The seventh and last Ordinary Meting 7 meeting of the session macheld here at 8 00 Pm. when 26 members were present. Dryleting. presiding -The minutes of last meeting here head and approved of. Whow Chemist Wi Thomson, Son-New Mombers monger In Wom Brown Bart, and Mr. Culton Wildawn, Castle Douglas, were elected Ordinary Members. Mr. mc Fadgean, Co. Salway was elected a Corresponding Member, Mr moodie exhibited an egg of Exhibits a Common Fowl tombich a corrugated Coil of Calcareous matter mas attached at the small end. Immordie also showed annulenofmall pieces of glass which & had been rounded and mothed by the action of the Jisquird of a Common Fowl. Mr. G. armetrong Corberry College exhibited a silver Boddle of Chao! found in the Corberry hursery and a

Eschelit Com supposed to be of some Mohammeda Ration- found in alargo of Seams from farroche. The Repart from the Committee was Report from Committee Then considered. It was agreed that the Field Meetings should be held acree= commended by the Committee as follows. May - Lindluden and Holywood June - Walswinson and Auldgirth July . Threave Castle and district augst. - Walk betwiset Macko & bochmaber Station . Sept. - Hills Tower Considerable discussion then took place on the next proposal of the Committee. that a selection of the Society Proceedings and Transactions be prepared during the summer for publication -Wa Service moved, seconded by kn. f.g. anderson that the Committee's recommendation, be adopted, Mr. Beattre moved an amendment seconded by m. Mascwell that the proposal beheld over till neat annual electing. On a division being taken 15 x voted for the amendment and 8 for the

or Gelchrist on zoophytes" in which he showed and explained then structure and economy, by means of a large and beautiful series of specimeno and some excellent colowed drawings -The meeting thew adjourned. I tutherford Field Mostings. 1848 Reports new furnished to the newspapers by the Ceretary, Robert Service as follows-Treld Meetings First meeting at Lincluden, Holywood to on 45/78 18 49 NA URAL HISTORY, &c., SOCIETY. The first field meeting for the summer session of the

Dumfries hire and Galloway Antiquarian and Natural History Society was held on Saturday last. Although the weat er was threatening, and during the early part of the afternoon some very heavy showers of rain occurred, there was a fair turn-out of members. The party left Maxwelltown about 11 o'clock, and the first place visited was Lincluden Abbey. Mr J. Glover Anderson conducted the party round the ruins, pointing out the sites of the various buildings and pertinent which composed the ancient structure. He also directed attention to the peculiarities of the architecture which distinguish Lincluden, and also the uses and signification of several parts of the chancel. Some regret was expressed that nothing had yet been done to protect the ruins from mischievous youths and others, who apparently look on the ruins as a playground specially erected for their benefit. After a vote of thanks had been passed to Mr Anderson for his it. ructive remarks, the party proceeded to Holywood Kirk, where a few hours were spent in looking the old epitaphs and inscriptions on the tombstones. A good many of the tombstones are dated from the early part of the 17th century. The very intelligent sexton pointed out some places where, in digging the graves, he had come upon traces of the abbey which in ancient times stood on the ground now occupied by the churchyard.

This abbey was at one time a place of some celebrity. It is said to have been founded between 1121 and 1154. No trace of it now exists above ground, but the sexton remembers having been in the vaults belonging to it, which are situated below the present stable of the Abbey farm, close to the churchyard. In 1860, while digging a grave, he came upon the fireplace of the abbey kitchen. Some of the ashes were given to local antiquarians, but the grate crumbled to dust on being handled. A short distance off, and at about a depth of three feet lower, a very beautiful piece of ornamented flooring was exposed. A memorial of the abbey exists in two excellently toned bells which do duty in the belfry of the kirk. The party, through the kind permission of the Rev. Mr Davidson, were allowed to examine them. They do not seem to have suffered much from the tear and wear and ding-dong of centuries. One of them bears the following inscription, which is quite legible-IWFTEN ABBAS SACR ME FIRST FECIT AGOVICE, and which was translated by some of those present as "The Holy Abbot Iften caused me to be made." The party were here joined by the Rev. Wm. Lytteil, M.A., the eminent philologist, author of a standard work on place names, entitled "Landmarks," and from whom a large amount of information on the meaning of numerous names of the surrounding places was derived. The Druids' Circle on the farm of Kilness was next visited. It consists of 11 large boulders arranged in the form of a druidical temple enclosing a space of ground about 80 yards in diameter. Mr Lytteil was strongly of opinion that the Druids had never had any connection with it. However, the generally received opinion is that the circle was connected with a grove of oak trees, which seems anciently to have stretched away from the spot 6 or 8 miles north-westward into the parish of Glencairn, and this sacred grove, this "holy wood," is said to have given its name to the parish. The botanists present, although remarking a very noteworthy difference in the appearance of vegetation from what it had at the meeting held at same time last year, attributable to the genial weather we have had lately, did not find any rare plants. Some insects were secured, amongst them being the scarce Incurvaria muscalella and a remarkably small example of Pieris Napi, seasely more than an inch broad across the expanded

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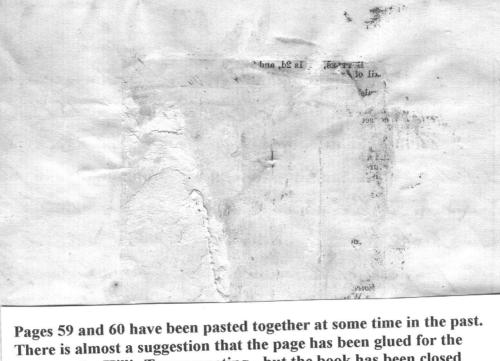
DUMFRIESSHIRE & GALLOWAY NATURAL HISTORY, &c., SOCIETY.

The most successful of the field meetings which this Society has yet held took place on Saturday, the 6th inst., in the neighbourhood of Bridge of Dec. The mst., in the neighbourhood of Bridge of Dee. The morning was showery, and fears of a wet day no doubt prevented some members being present, but the day turned out one of the most pleasant description, the hot sunshine being tempered with intervals of shade and a cooling breeze. The party proceeded by the 8.32 A.M. train to Bridge of Dee Station, where they were met by Mr Grierson, of Keltonhill School, under whose experienced guidance they explored a large part of the district. The Botanical section of the Society mustered in strong force, but of the other sections the only representatives present were an entomologist and an anti-quary, and these gentlemen, to avoid "isolation," wisely determined to co-operate with the botanists. The first plant of interest met with was growing in the hedge side, not far from a dismantled cottage. It was a single white Rose, of a species not indigenous to Britain, and quite unknown to those present. Near the same place a hedge of Privet—a true British Olive, as Dr Gilchrist strated—in full bloom was scenting the air with its delicious fragrance. In the sluggish waters of a shallow stream were found some large patches of Ranunculus aquateis, studded with pretty white flowers. It was pointed out that while the submerged leaves were simple, those above water (the capillary leaves) were all pinnated and curied so as to bear a strong resemblance to parsley. Mr Shaw stated that the plant was scarcely known as a native of the Tynron district, and that more of it grew in this burn than he and seen all his life. Numerous species of Grasses were gathered on the farm of Threave Mains, but nothing of special mote. Near Threave Castle a large extent of marshy ground, from which, as the party approached, rose flocks of Wild Ducks, with Herons, Snipes, Sandpipers, and other aquatic birds, was next explored, and a number of curious plants found. The explored, and a number of curious plants found. The wetter portion was covered with a strong growth of the Bottle Carex, amidst which a white variety of the Cardanine protensis was not uncommon. A great floral treat awaited the party at a small, black, deep pool, on whose waters floated a quantity of the Nymphica alba, the exquisitely beautiful white flowers presenting a most abstract to the black traits. Nymplaca alba, the exquisitely beautiful white flowers presenting a most charming contrast to the black water. At considerable risk of a "ducking" as many flowers were gathered as formed bouquets for all present. Near the edge of a muddy bay form d by the Dee the graceful little Loveria Don the "ta" and the queer looking Alisma ranunculoids, were noticed, and a number of specimens secured by Dr. silchrist and Mr Grierson, who waded in for them. A thicket of a large species of Juncus, over 6 feet in height, was growing cear the same place. On, dry banks near at haid was a plentiful growth of the Lila Devil's-bit Scabious (Scabious succisa) intermingle with which was the Sea Plantain (Plantago may ") in flower. It was explained that the plant gre ty from the neighbourhood of the sea only where the soil contained potash. The party next proceeded across the wellneighbourhood of the sea only where the soil contained potash. The party next proceeded across the well-known stepping stones to the island on which Threave Castle is situated. At the edge of the Dee a bed of a curious little plant (Helosciadeum nundatum) was seen, the flowers of which are remarkably tiny and white. The party were not disposed to examine Threave Castle from an antiquarian point of view, so a brief stay only was made. A large plant of the Hemlock (Conium maculatum) almost the up the hole in the west wall made by the strength of the west wall was a stre

Ferns were very abundant in the crevices, the whole of the eastern wall being covered as high as the eye could distinguish it by a dense growth of the Asplenium, Ruta-murari, Asplenium a. nigrum A. trichomenes; two or three others were also found. The north wall of the castle is of a dirty greenish yellow caused by the growth of a Lichen (Lichenora parietina) on the stones. This plant only grows on a northern aspect, consequently none of it is found on the other walls. On returning across the Dee a great number of fresh-water sponges were noticed on the stones, and of them is a curious little sponge about the size of a shilling, and a quarter of an inch thick, of precisely similar texts e to the sponge of commerce. The next place visited was Kelton Hill, the scene of the famous fairs of the olden time, and from the top of it a splendid view of the surrounding country was obtained. After a short rest in Mr Grierson's residence, where they were shown some antiquarian relics—amongst which were a broad sword, which last saw service on Culloden Moor, and some granite balls, measuring from 5 to 8 incles in diameter, numbers of which were found round the walls of Threave a few years since—the party went on by the Kirkcudbright road to the Billey's Glen. A fine patch of Geranium pratense was found on the wayside, and a nice white variety of Valeriana dioi a. small burn-side was covered with the poisonous terhemlock, and farther up grew plentifully the c. ... on Butter Burr, which is very local in the district glen would have repaid a much more minithan could be made. However, some good thing secured. The common Mercury covered almost entirely the whole of the interior of the glen, and on the locker of the states were numerous protects of the ledges of the rocks were numerous patches of pink-flowered grass—Melica unifora. Mr Grierson pointed out a place where earlier in the season that curious little fern, the Moonwort, graws in the but it is, of course, too late for it now. A mi sunk in expectation of finding lead was pointed c It is sunk about 30 yards deep into the east side of the glen, and the entrance is through a very fine natural arch, which one of the party sketched at the request of Dr Gilchrist. Some large blocks of beadenium were found but no other necessary. found, but no other noteworthy minerals. Several porphyry ledges were seen, and showed where the stones of which many of the dykes were composed had been got. In the field above the glen some bare rocky knowes were covered with masses of the little white Sedum Anglicanum. On others were found the Rock Rose, the blue Jasione montana, and the W. wort (Lysimachia nemorum). In a boggy place foot of the glen a number of rare Butterfly Orch s.v. secured, thus worthily finishing the gathering of day. Altogether nearly a hundred species of day. plants and grasses were found, leaving out of cound in tion such species as are of general distribution in district. Little time remained to catch the 5.1 at Bridge of Dee, so that vasculums had to be hurriclosed, and a rapid walk to the station ensued. party arrived at Dumfries about 6.30 P.M., spending a most enjoyable and in the see day.

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entry on the Hillis Tower meeting - but the book has been closed without the news-cutting inserted.

The pages are inscribed with the page numbers 59 and 60 which are part of an early series.

At some secondary time in the past they have been pulled open - as shown by their present appearance.



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The Chairman having read the notice of the Field Meeting to be held at Hills Tower on Sat. It nick the meeting then adjourned.

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Mechanics Institute, ounfries 25 th Sept. 1878

The Committee held a making here this evening preparatory to the annual meeting of the Society - Present Mesors. Retherford (preiding) Hart, Glove Anderson, Libson, Grierson, Service & Thomson.

What presented his a few for the past Session which were found correct and ordered to be paid. It was a greed to recommend the adoption of the following Rule "That all members whose subscriptions have been suppaid for two years shall have their names deleted from the Roll if after receiving who here from the creasurer they shell refers neglect to pay".

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Session 1848.79.
Mechanics Institute
Oct 4th 1848

The annual Meeting beginning a new Session was held here at 8 oc; 18 members were present and mr. Rutherford occupied the Chair. The minutes of Ordinary meeting held April 5th and Special Meeting of Sept. 4th were read and approved of.

Rev. W. Lytteil M. a. Kirkmahoe Manse, and

Mr. Mundoch, Rosemount Gerrace Mascwell town were elected Ordinary Members. Mr. P. Cameron fr.

Elasgow, and Mr. J. Thomson, Estelaubridge were It elected Corresponding landers, the latter being transferred I

from the list of Ordinary Cambero mutel his return from

africa whether he is about to proceed with an Exploring Expedition.

M. J. W. Grierson exhibited alarge Herbarinn of a Ohanerogamous and bryptogamic plants collected

during the past season, and also an mistrument to

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The lecretary read his Annual Report, which led to long discussion, as some thought that certain allusions which had been made ought to be deleted. In Moodie, headed by M. Thomson moved that the reference to the Correspondence which followed the field Meeting at Rulewinton should be crased. An amendment that the Report he adopted without alteration

has moved by Miservice, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by 8 votes to 5.

The Treasurer then keed his annual Report from which it appeared that the Lociety was in a good financial position having abalance to the credit of \$3.17.52 with 25 labore phones get impaid most of which would yet be secovered. On the motion of Mr. Moodie the Report was unanimously adopted.

Milyrierson then read the Report from the Botanical Section on the work of the past year, enumerating the plants

and their habitats, which had been met with when at the

Field meetings and elsenbere. On the motion of Mr fines

Lennose the resport nasadopeted.

Mr. Glover Anderson read the Report of the Archaelogical Section, briefly going over the objects of anhigh man where that had been visited by the Lociety, during the part Summer and concluding with a regret that the efforts of the

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The Chairman then made some remarks
explanatory of two beautiful Microscopic Photographs
he had brought with him, one of them a flys tongue
enlarged to two and a half weles in length and the
other a specimen of Redeciles restiment enlarged
to same size.

of the district in which he mentioned the Carpian and fesser Gerns and the Crossbell as having occurred during the past year. On the motion of Mr. Service the Report in adopted.

Therecommendations of the Committee (who had held a neeting preferration to the Committee than came up for consideration the Committee Recommended that the following New Rule be adopted"
"That all members whose subscriptions have been supaid for two years shall have their names deleted from the Role if after receiving notice from the Treasures they still neglect to pay"
This was agreed for its the escreption that the time shated be altered to fifteen months. It was also

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agreed to acrecommended that the furcheden Committee should be continued for another Session. It was then moved by Willover Anderson, beconded by me Hart that the Society Proceedings be printed Muservee secondedby Mobile henrose moved that the meeting approve of the principle of having the Proceedings printed and that it be remitted to the Committee to prepare a scheme for the approval of the Society at next meeting which was carried by 1200 testo I . The Election of Office Bearers and Committee was then proceeded with. It was internated that Wilchrist ded not wish to be reelected to the office of President and on the motion of the Houson it was unanumously agreed to transmit the special Thanks of the Jociety to Dralebrish for his untiring endearours to promote the interests of the beachy during the past two Sessions. Mr. Stacke yr. of Troqueer Holm was appointed President. M. M. Elleraith, Vice President, Intervice Lecretary, Majames Lennoc, assistant Secretary, M. Har Treasurer, Committee - Dr Gelchrist, Messer. Nobl, Lennon, Thomson, Hutton, Maxwell, anderson and Otobbie. It was then agreed that consideration offurther business be adjourned and the meeting reparated Will W Shuraith

Mechanics Institute Oct. 17 " 1878 The Committee methouat & oclock P. M. - present Drylchrist (presiding) besors. Nobb, hennose Service anderson, Thomson, I tablie, and Autton. The Committee took up the remit from the annual meeting to make out a scheme for printing the Jociety Proceedings. Arras agreed that the following should be recommended for adoption - 1st a short account of the two preliminer, meetings including alest of the original nembers and the Kules 200 a condensed Report of all the lubagrees Ordinary and Field meetings in the orde of their occurrance and 300 the following papers Origin of the Permian Pasia of Thombell by Mr. Thomson, Melitaca didyma by m. Lennon, dribute to the Memory of Rachy by or greeten Collas Edusa mi 1877 hym. Boroce, Then Glacial Definis by mr. Thomson, Carer Coleoptera of the Dumpies District by Mr. Lennon, and Noteson Lucluden by Mr. Anderson. Messro. Robb and anderson nere appointed to go over the Minices with the Secretary and arrange what is to be printed. Willell Thuraith

69 . Mechanics institute Dumpries Dec 6 # 1848 The third meeting of the Session macheld here at 8 oe P. n. W. Mc Shuraith in the Chair - 17 members benig present. mesors James Williamson, Seddes Race and James anderson, Glasgon St nere elected Ordinary Monbers. m. John Starvie Brown og Dunipace Larbert was elected a Corresponding Member. The Chairman drew attention to the duplicate copies of the former Society's Fransactions now in possession of their Joseity and moved that sets be presented to the Dumpres and Maxwelltown Mechanics Sustitute, Kirkenedbright Tuble Library, Inverses tatural History Josephy, and the ayrshine and Wigtourshire archaeological Society; that the three remaining exerchebound for the use of the members; and that all the other duplicate copies le distributed amongst the members present at neset meeting and to other members who applied for them The motion was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Dodds and after some concreation was unanmously agreed to. Im Glore anderson moved that the books and specimen belonging to the Society behrought over to the meeting slace for greater convenience of referen access but after discuss the motion has negatived. Mr. Glorer anderson seconded by Imfames Thomson

moved that a consider with a view to increasing the membership of the Society, a circular setting forth the aims of the Society be prepared and sent to gentlemen in the district who were likely to become members.

Rev mr Dodds seconded by mr. moodie moved the previous question which was carried on a division being beken by 11 votes to 5.

Imfames Thomson asked why the Committee appointed to look for a more suitable room for the meetings had not pet reported, and it was explained that no meeting of the Committee had yet been held. It was then agreed that mr. Thomson be appointed Convener of the said Committee.

The Rev. W. Lytteil, In a. Kickmahoe then delivered a long address on "Standing Stones" in the course of which he referred to the local rames in Scotch and Gaelie tymbich many of these rude upreght pillars are designated. With regard to the testimony of our forefathers he alleged that they spoke of the anexist Standing Stones as the work of the Peagleto or Pieto and as indicating the graves of heroes and distinguished persons. Many of the names of Shounding Stones were in sled Scotch and the signification of such manes was generally intelligible. Other names were in the Gaelic tonque and by his study of that language

he found that the said names usually spoke of the Standing Stones and circles of rude pillar stones as the burial places of heroes, harrors and distruguished persons. after a short discussion which followed, Dr Gelchrist proposed that a vote of thanks be awarded to midy Heil which was cordially agreed to. Mr. Glover auderson read a paper on the Provosts of kincluden" with epecial reference to the Provost whose coatogarns was sculptured on the stone recently foundat Asthoido. On the conclusion of Mr. audersous paper Mr. Homan remided the meeting that the gate and other protection at Lincluden abbey had been crecked by Capt Clasenell as had been suggested by the Society and moved that the Jociety request the President Mr. J. Gibson Stacke to convey the thank of the Society to leaft. Masswell for so kindly meeting its nishes. The motion was seconded by Dr Ellebrish and after some conversation was agreed to. the articles laid on the table of were then escarnised. A number of old unplements or tools found in a Cairn on Walton Park hell were sent by mr. Maxwell. These nece pronous.

- ced by the antiquaries to be unmistakably. modern. Drylchrist exhibited Rome large and fine specimens of the plants of the Carboniferon rocks. Mr. Service exhibited a specimen of the water Rail Killed by the telegraps wies last month at Holywood Shatron. The species is very scarce in the destrict. The meeting then adjourned. Gebran Starke The Committed held a meeting at the close of the ordinary, meeting - present mesors. Mc Shuraith (presiding) Stobbie Modele, Thomson, Elchrist, anderson, Service and Lennose. The Secretary baid on the talle the estimates he had received for printing 200 copies of the Fransactions and Trockedings of the Tociety as had been agreed. These were as follows. Courier Office & 9 Standard Office £11 and Kirkoudbrightsbine advertises 49. The publisher of the Herald it was eschlamed refused to estimate: It was unammonely agreed that the offer of the publisher of the Courses be accepted. Tibson Marke