MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY, 30th November 1956, AT 4 P.M., THE RIGHT HON. LORD CLYDE, LL.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr T. A. Davis and Mr S. Maxwell 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.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD CLYDE, LL.D.

Vice-Presidents.

Dr A. I. DUNLOP, O.B.E., LL.D., D.Litt. A. R. Cross, M.C., B.A., LL.B. A. R. B. HALDANE, LL.B., D.Litt., W.S.

Councillors.

HORACE FAIRHURST, M.A., Ph.D.
WILLIAM KIRKNESS.
KENNETH A. STEER, M.A., Ph.D.,
F.S.A.
A. R. BURN, M.A.

E. A. CORMACK, M.B., Ch.B.
Lady BROUN LINDSAY.
M. R. APTED, M.A.
Miss MARION CAMPBELL of Kilberry.
J. G. Scott, B.A.

Secretaries.

ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A., F.S.A.

J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A.

For Foreign Correspondence.

Professor Stuart Piggott, D. Litt. Hum., Miss Anne S. Robertson, M.A., F.M.A. Litt.D., F.B.A., F.S.A.

Treasurer.

JAMES J. LAMB, M.B.E., M.A., LL.B., W.S.

Expert Advisers.

JAMES S. RICHARDSON, LL.D., H.R.S.A. ROBERT KERR, O.B.E., M.A. Professor IAN A. RICHMOND, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., F.S.A.

In addition the Keeper of the Museum (R. B. K. Stevenson, M.A., F.S.A.) is ex-officio, a Member of Council and also The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington,

K.T., M.C., T.D., while he is one of the Society's representatives on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland.

The President then expressed the gratitude of the Society to the retiring Office-Bearers for their work as Members of Council.

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

Honorary Fellow.

Professor V. Gordon Childe, D.Litt., F.B.A., Emeritus Professor of European Archæology and Director of the Institute of Archæology, University of London.

Fellows.

Kenneth D. Baird, 17 Bellevue Crescent, Edinburgh, 3.

Miss Elizabeth Burley, M.A., Maggots End, Manuden, nr. Bishops Stortford, Herts. Donald G. Duff, M.B.E., M.C., F.R.C.S., Achintore, Fort William.

Eric B. Mackintosh, C.A., "Gledswing," 11 Inchape Road, Arbroath.

Alexander M. Meek, 78 Liberton Brae, Edinburgh, 9.

The Hon. Rosalind Rollo, 15 Albany Street, Edinburgh, 1.

James Whittaker, F.R.G.S., 240 Russell Court, London, W.C. 1.

Mrs Gweneth Whitteridge, M.A., D.Phil., F.S.A., 10 Spylaw Road, Edinburgh, 10.

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1955-56:

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The following have intimated their resignation: I. M. Campbell; A. M. Carstairs; J. M. Cook; Miss A. Dalrymple; H. W. Durnell; J. Grant; Rev. A. L. Harriss; Thomas McCrae; Group Captain S. L. Quine; Rev. W. Y. Whitehead; H. G. Wilkins.

The Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of Society.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report for the year ending 30th November 1956.

Fellowship.—The total number of Fellows on the roll at 30th November 1955 was 908. At 30th November 1956 the number was the same. The number of Fellows elected during the year, including 1 Honorary Fellow, was 46. There are at present therefore 11 Honorary Fellows and 1 Lady Associate, 23 Fellows died, 11 resigned and 12 allowed their membership to lapse.

Meetings.—Meetings of the Society have been held regularly during the year from October to May, and there was an additional meeting last spring to hear Professor Richmond describe his previous year's work at Inchtuthil. In September there was a joint meeting with the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society. The Council notes with satisfaction that the attendance at meetings is generally good.

Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1956 were delivered earlier this session by Mr W. F. Oakeshott, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, his subject being "Classical Inspiration in Mediæval Art." Next year's lectures will be given by Professor S. P. O'Riordain, University College, Dublin.

Proceedings.—Volume LXXXVIII has unfortunately been somewhat delayed in going through the press, but publication should not now be long postponed. It will cover the years 1953–55, thus bringing the record of meetings and Museum acquisitions more up to date.

A considerable portion of Volume LXXXIX is already in the hands of the printers.

The Society exchanges publications with 126 British and foreign Societies and 72 libraries subscribe to the *Proceedings*.

Excavations.—Although a number of grants for excavations were recommended earlier this year, the bad weather during the summer prevented them being used. Only Mr James Whittaker took advantage of his grant and undertook excavations in Isley.

Gunning Fellowship.—The Gunning Fellowship was awarded to Miss A. S. Henshall, Assistant Keeper, who visited Scandinavian Museums.

This Report was unanimously approved on the motion of the President seconded by Dr E. W. M. Balfour-Melville.

The Treasurer then made a statement regarding the funds of the Society for 1955-56, which had been duly audited. The Accounts were unanimously approved on the motion of Mr A. MacLaren seconded by Dr G. Donaldson.

Professor Stuart Piggott moved the following amendments to the Laws of the Society:

Law 8 to read as follows: "Before the name of any person is added to the List of Fellows, such person shall pay to the funds of the Society Four Guineas as an entrance fee and Two Guineas for the current year's subscription, provided that if such person be under 30 years of age on admission his entrance fee shall be Two Guineas."

Law 9 to read as follows: "... Fellows whose membership has lapsed may do so either..., or (2) on payment of the subscription for the current year and an entrance fee of Four Guineas."

Professor Piggott explained that the increase in the entrance fee was necessitated by rising costs, particularly in the production of the *Proceedings*, and it was hoped by raising the entrance fee to keep the annual subscription at its present level of Two Guineas. The motion was seconded by Mr A. R. Cross. The Rev. J. D. Lyford-Pike inquired if the possibility of providing the *Proceedings* with paper covers had been considered and was assured that it had but that the saving in costs was not considerable. The motion was then put to the Meeting and carried.

The following Communications were read:

- I. The Use of the Term "Great Britain" in the Middle Ages, by Professor DENYS HAY.
 - II. The Fetternear Banner, by the Rev. DAVID MCROBERTS, F.S.A.Scot.
 - III. The Carriden Stone, by K. A. Steer, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.