ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Minutes of the Anniversary Meeting held in the Lecture Theatre, Royal Museum of Scotland, on Saturday 30 November 1991, at 4.00 pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The scrutineers for the ballot for office-bearers, Mr R Callander and Mr J Davidson, were appointed and the ballot was closed.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary read the following Annual Report:

Membership

The Fellowship of the Society now stands at 2721. In the past year 126 Fellows have taken up election, or been reinstated, and 98 names have been removed from the Roll, due to resignation, death, or lapse of subscription. In December the Society elected one new Honorary Fellow, Professor Dr W Groenman-van Waateringe of the University of Amsterdam. We are sorry to record the death of another of our Honorary Fellows, King Olav V of Norway, in January. There are, at present, 21 Honorary Fellows.

Meetings

The Society has held a full programme of activities through the year. General meetings were held monthly from October to June. In the second half of the session these took place in the University, in the lecture theatre of the David Hume Tower, as the Museum lecture theatre was out of use. We are pleased to be back, once more, in the Museum, and look forward to returning to the newly refurbished lecture theatre. In accordance with custom, the session included a Public Lecture and this was a great success, as was an open lecture held during the Science Festival. In order to strengthen our links with fellow Societies, one lecture was held jointly with the Prehistoric Society and another with the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland.

In addition to the monthly lectures, the Rhind Lectures took place in November, when Dr David Walker delivered a series of papers on The revival of medieval and early renaissance architecture in Scotland, 1745–1930. This was a very popular Rhind series, and attracted a large audience from all over Britain. There was also a very successful conference in May on Scottish Pottery from 1700 to the Present.
In June we were able to enjoy the good weather of early summer for a combined excursion and acquisitions meeting to Shambellie House and other sites in New Abbey, Dumfriesshire. One Buchan Lecture took place, in October, when Mr John Barber spoke in Kirkwall, Orkney.

The North-East Section

The Section held eight meetings with essentially the same programme as in Edinburgh. Following the Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen Art Gallery, the President of the Society spoke on *The Jarlshof Graffiti: was the artist a Pict or a Viking?* The lectures were well attended, and membership of the Section stands at 253. Summer excursions were organized to Balbegno Castle and Benholm Mill, Grandholm Estate, some stone circles on Deeside, and the Marine Labs at Torry Research Station.

The committee for 1990-91 was: Judith Stones (chairman), Juliet Cross (vice-chairman), Neil Curtis (secretary), John Cruse (treasurer), with Judith Cripps, Betty Dransart, Alexandra Shepherd, Graham Steele, Bob Watt, and Clare Yarrington. At the AGM in May, Mrs Alexandra Shepherd was elected chairman, and Frank Donnelly and Anne Johnston were elected as committee members.

Research

The Society received several applications for research grants, and we were able to assist a range of projects:

- **Survey**: gravestone survey in lowland Scotland (Mrs E Willsher, St Andrews);
- **Excavation**: the southern Hebrides Mesolithic Project (Dr S Mithen, University of Cambridge);
  - The Early Christian site at Whithorn, Dumfries & Galloway (Mr P Hill, Whithorn Trust);
  - possible Early Christian levels at Tarbat Old Church, Easter Ross (Ms G Harden, Glen Urquhart);
- **Post-excavation**: the South Nesting Palaeolandscape Project, a study of burnt mounds on Shetland (Dr T P O’Connor and Mr S J Dockerill);
- **Documentary analysis**: the Inventory of the Scottish Church Heritage (Mrs E Proudfoot, Council for Scottish Archaeology);
  - research on Duncan Mackenzie and his contribution to the study of the archaeology of Crete (Dr N Momigliano, University of Oxford);
  - work on the deserted post-medieval settlements of Sutherland (Dr M Bangor-Jones, Dundee).

There were no applications for Young Fellows Bursaries to attend conferences, but 1991 was a year for the Chalmers-Jervise Prize, and this was awarded to Dr Ian Smith for his essay on *Sprouton, Roxburghshire, an early Anglian centre of the eastern Tweed basin*.

Publications

*Volume 119* of the *Proceedings* was published in January 1991, and this is a fine addition to the series. *Volume 120* has been subject to some delay, but we hope that it will be published soon. The Editor and his Assistant Editors must be thanked for the work that they put into the production of the individual volumes to ensure a series of which we can be proud. In an effort to improve the production schedule for the *Proceedings*, the decision was taken to employ professional help in copy-editing, rather than continue to rely entirely on the goodwill and spare-time of the Editor and the Assistant Editors. The latter, Mrs Fionna Ashmore, and Mr George Dalgleish, have kindly stepped down in order to make way for a copy-editor, and we are most grateful to them for all their hard work on the Society’s behalf over the years.

No Monographs were published in 1991, but one volume is nearing completion, and several further volumes are in the pipeline. Mrs Shepherd, editor, and Mr Campbell, administrator, must be thanked for their work, which enables the Society to maintain a flourishing series. All previous monographs are selling well, though we still have good stocks of each and a new leaflet about the series has recently been circulated to Fellows.

Two issues of the Newsletter were produced to keep Fellows up to date with the affairs of the Society. The date of the Spring issue is to be changed to February.

In July, we were pleased to see the publication of a recent series of Rhind Lectures, when Edinburgh University Press published *The Ancient Slavs* by Dr Martin Gojda of the Archaeological Institute in Prague.
The Work of the Society

Society activities continue to flourish. In addition to the regular affairs of the Fellowship, the Society has maintained an active position in the wider field of heritage management. Throughout the year, we have been consulted on many issues by a variety of bodies, and our own representatives have worked hard to provide an input to other bodies. The Society is now a member of the Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link, and this provides much information on the activities of voluntary bodies working in related fields, as well as helping to ensure the place of the archaeological and historical heritage in wider conservation matters.

Society work such as this draws on a broad range of skills, and members of the Heritage Committee work particularly hard to assist the Secretary in these wider matters. Membership of any Society committee is no sinecure, however, and all those who play a part in the complex affairs of the Society must be thanked.

Perhaps the most exciting development for the Society during the year has been the progress of plans for the new Museum of Scotland. This is something for which the Society has waited long, and it is a particular pleasure to be able to report that the National Museums of Scotland are now well underway with the development of this project. The winners of the architectural competition for the design of a building to house the new museum have been announced, and individual museum departments are already considering the exhibitions that will be on display. During the summer, the museum mounted an excavation on the Chambers Street site where the new museum will be built.

The new building will also provide facilities for the Library, which is to move from Queen Street. In recognition of the long and close relationship between the Society and the Museum, an appeal for funds to assist the development of facilities for the new Library and Information Centre was launched in September. As a part of the Appeal, Fellows and their guests, attended an informal and entertaining evening in October to assist our efforts. We are grateful to all those who donated objects, time and money, and who did so much to make this appeal a success.

Administration

This year has seen a major change to the Office, when Mrs Meldrum retired from her work with the Society at the end of October. Mrs Meldrum has had a long association with the Society, including twelve years as Assistant Treasurer, and the Society has benefited greatly from her expertise over the years. Mrs Meldrum's successor is Mrs Maureen McLeod who will doubtless become a familiar face to Fellows over the coming years.

One other administrative change has taken place, namely the amalgamation of the three ballots for new Fellows into an annual ballot, to take place at the Anniversary Meeting. This should ease the office workload considerably, and allow Mailings to Fellows to be spread more evenly through the year, with the January Newsletter put forward to February. We hope that this might be more satisfactory to Fellows than the long gap without any communication which previously took place between January and September. The election of Councillors and other Officers will take place in November at the Anniversary Meeting, as before, and new Fellows elected in November will be entitled to the volume of the Proceedings published for the year of their election.

Meanwhile, the Office work is considerably eased by the voluntary help provided by Fellows. If you think you could spare one morning two or three times a year then please consider putting your name down on our volunteer list. Thanks for voluntary work are due in particular to Mr H Tilling for checking Fellows' post codes, and to the band of envelope fillers: Miss M E Doull; Mr R Callander; Lady Elliot; Mr H G Ford; Miss M F Froude; Mrs A Gray; Mrs S Grossmith; Mr K Hay; Miss M R Hilton; Mrs B J Murray; Mrs A Macaulay; Mr & Dr R W Munro; Mr J P Shepherd; Miss J Sym; and Mrs M N Weston. Thanks are also due to the various members of the Museum staff who help with bookings, with projection, and with our other arrangements.

The Treasurer read the following Treasurer's Report:

As predicted in the last financial report, the relatively healthy surplus for the years 1988-9 and 1989-90 has not been maintained, and in 1990-91 the accounts show a surplus reduced to £1125 with the prospect of a deficit in the present financial year. Although income from Fellows' subscriptions has continued to rise, there has been a slight decrease in the income from other sources and, with the general
The drop in interest rates, the Society will no longer benefit to the same extent as in previous years from cash held at the bank. The investment income from stocks and shares has also shown a small drop which may be expected to continue into the current financial year. On the other hand, the Society’s capital, on which it will rely in the long term for its financial stability, has grown.

The Society’s expenditure continues to rise, partly because of inflation but also as a result of the increase in the number of the Society’s activities and its enhanced role in Scottish archaeology. The salary bill has shown a modest increase which hardly reflects the extra burdens that we are placing on the staff, both paid and honorary. It is becoming more difficult to run the Society on voluntary lines and, in future, it will be necessary to devote more of our resources to pay for the services that are essential for the smooth running of what is now Britain’s largest archaeological and antiquarian society.

It is five years since the last rise in the subscription and in that period the Society has worked hard to contain expenditure while, at the same time, increasing services. If, however, the present level of activities is to be sustained and the long-term financial health of the Society secured, it will be necessary to raise the Society’s subscription income, and revised subscription rates of £25 for Fellows, £20 for retired Fellows, and £10 for family Fellows are proposed for the subscription year beginning July 1992. The additional income will be used to ease pressure on the staff, to further the publication aims of the Society, to underpin research through meetings, conferences and grants to scholars, and, in the longer term, to bolster the Society’s investments. The latter is an important consideration as, unlike other large antiquarian societies, such as the Society of Antiquaries of London or Newcastle, we have not benefited to the same degree from substantial legacies in this century, and consequently we still rely heavily on subscriptions for our income. It is in our long-term interest to build up the Society’s capital reserves through subscriptions and legacies.

The Treasurer closed with a personal note of thanks to Mrs Meldrum for all that she had done for the Society, and for being a great source of support and advice to him.

Both Reports were accepted unanimously.

The Subscription Rise

The President drew attention to the rise in subscriptions, proposed in the Treasurer’s Report, and this was approved unanimously by the meeting.

The Ballots

The ballot for Council resulted in the election of Dr Richard Fawcett as Vice-President, and Mr R Maurice Carmichael, Mrs Jane Murray, Mr Trevor Cowie, and Professor Christopher D Morris as new Councillors.

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* In view of the recent resignation of the Editor, an Editorial Board has been appointed in order that the production of the Proceedings may continue, but the election of a new Editor is deferred until the next Anniversary Meeting in 1992.

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The President welcomed new officers and Councillors to the Society, and all new Fellows. The Honorary Fellows were especially welcomed. Dr Anderson is to leave Scotland in the new year, to take up office as Director of the British Museum: the best wishes of the Society go with him, in his new post.

The Roll

The record of the deaths of the following Fellows, intimated during the year 1990–91, was not read at the meeting:

Mrs Agnes Rona M Barr, MA, 24 St Ninian’s Terrace, Edinburgh 1962
Miss Elizabeth Paterson Beattie, 47 McDonald Road, Edinburgh 1975
Gordon McKenzie Booth, 16 rue Chenier, Blainville, Quebec, Canada 1976
David Robert Bellamy Cay, 12 India Street, Edinburgh 1985
Michael Denzil Grierson Clayton, 6 Cobden Crescent, Edinburgh 1974
Ian Borthwick Cowan, MA, PhD, 119 Balshagry Avenue, Glasgow 1977
John Stone Craig, TD, FRIBA, FRIAS, 58 Whitehouse Road, Edinburgh 1983
Mrs Margaret Bannatyne Cross 1963
The Rt Hon Lord Dunpark, TD, BA, LLB, 17 Heriot Row, Edinburgh 1973
Reverend Harold C M Eggo, TD, MA, Millholme, East Linton, East Lothian 1965
Reverend J J Crawford Finnie, 6 Horseleys Park, St Andrews, Fife 1958
William Sharpe Dobson, Milton, Nethy Bridge, Inverness-shire 1963
Mrs Mary Agnes Hamp-Hamilton, SSStJ, LRAM, Glentye, Sheriffmuir, Dunblane, Perthshire 1981
Charles Hoy, 91 Comely Bank Road, Edinburgh 1979
Mrs Margaret Kooijman, 62 rue Rothschild, Geneva, Switzerland 1974
Retiral of the Editor

The retiring Editor was thanked for all the work that he has undertaken on behalf of the Society and presented with a book, in token of the appreciation of the Society.

The President outlined the editorial changes mentioned in the Annual Report; she informed Fellows that Dr Ann MacSween has been appointed Co-ordinating Editor for the year, and that a new Honorary Editor will be recommended for election at the next Anniversary Meeting.

Retiral of the Assistant Treasurer

The President thanked the Assistant Treasurer for all her work throughout her long association with the Society. The good wishes of the Society go with the Assistant Treasurer into her retirement, and she was presented with a cheque on behalf of Council and the Fellows.

Mrs Maureen MacLeod, the new Assistant Treasurer, was introduced to the Fellows and welcomed to the Society.

The Society’s appeal for the new Museum of Scotland

The President reported that so far the appeal has raised just over £8000. The fundraising evening had been a very enjoyable and successful event, raising c. £4000, though the Society still has some way to go before it approaches the original target of £60,000 for the appeal.

The following Communication was read:
‘On the drawing room from Hamilton Palace’, by Godfrey Evans, MA, AMA, FSA Scot., Curator of European metalwork and sculpture, Royal Museum of Scotland.
Instructions for Contributors to these Proceedings

(Volume 122 onwards)

Papers and shorter notes are invited on all aspects of the archaeology and history of Scotland.

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Contributions (three copies) must be typed on one side of A4 paper, with double spacing and wide margins. Those using word-processors should consult the Editor as to whether the additional submission of a disk will be of assistance, as this can significantly reduce costs.

Each paper should be preceded by an Abstract of no more than 200 words.

Lengthy papers (eg reports of large excavations) which contain extensive appendices, tables, or specialist reports, may be most efficiently published, in part, on microfiche. Authors considering this medium must consult the Editor at a very early stage about the presentation of this material, for which separate guidance notes are available.

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