The Right Hon. Lord Abercromby, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Mr James Mackenzie and Mr Symington Grieve were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for the election of 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 Abercromby, LL.D.

Vice-Presidents.
Erskine Beveridge, LL.D.
Patrick Murray, W.S.
David MacRitchie.
A Ballot having been taken, the following were duly elected Fellows:

Robert H. Gilbert Bruce, M.B., C.M., Eastgate House, Friockheim.
W. M. Burke, City Chamberlain, Dundee, “Avondale,” Bingham Terrace, Dundee.
J. Storer Clouston, Smoogro-House, Orphir, Orkney.
Hugh Alexander Forsyth, Murroes Schoolhouse, near Dundee.
ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

JOHN N A I R N M A R S H A L L, M.D., 7 Battery Place, Rothesay.
JULIUS ADOLPHUS SHAW, 4 Grosvenor Road, Whalley Range, Manchester.
JOHN ALEXANDER STEWART, 104 Cheapside Street, Glasgow.
FRANK J. TAYLOR, Librarian, Public Library, Barnsley, 5 Regent Street South, Barnsley.
WILLIAM TRAILL, C.E., 4 Warrender Park Crescent.
GEORGE WILLIAMSON, J.P., of Westquarter, Lanarkshire, 5 Chamberlain Road.

The following list of members deceased since the last Annual Meeting was read:

**Corresponding Members.**

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<td>C. G. Cash</td>
<td>15 Barnton Gardens, Davidson's Mains</td>
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<td>I.S.O., 32 Hermitage Gardens</td>
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**Fellows.**

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<td>His Grace The DUKE OF ATHOLL</td>
<td>Blair Castle, Blair Atholl</td>
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<td>JOHN G. ALEXANDER BAIRD</td>
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<td>HIPPOLYTE J. BLANC</td>
<td>25 Rutland Square</td>
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<td>HORATIUS BONAR</td>
<td>3 St Margaret's Road</td>
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<td>Bart., Coodham, Kilmarnock</td>
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<td>ALEXANDER HUTCHESON</td>
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<td>JAMES LENNOX</td>
<td>Eden Bank, Dumfries</td>
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<td>JAMES RONALDSON LYELL</td>
<td>Bantuscal, 30 Blacket Place</td>
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<td>W. A. MACFARLANE-GRIEVE</td>
<td>of Penchrise and Edenhall, Roxburghshire, Impington Park, Cambridgeshire</td>
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<td>WILLIAM MACGILLIVRAY</td>
<td>32 Charlotte Square</td>
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Elected.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir ALEXANDER BURNESS M′HARDY, K.C.B., 3
Ravelston Park .................................................. 1889
CHARLES MACPHERSON, 96 Langside Avenue, Glasgow .......... 1913
THOMAS A. NELSON, St Leonard′s, Dalkeith Road ............ 1906
HENRY K. SHELLS, C.A., 141 George Street .................. 1892
DAVID CRAWFORD SMITH, Croft Lodge, Craigie, Perth ...... 1898
WILLIAM STEELE, Marlborough Cottage, Kelso .............. 1891
FRANK SYKES, Brookfield, Cheadle, Cheshire ................ 1910

The meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society had sustained in the death of these members.

In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society for the year ending 30th November 1917, which, on the motion of the Chairman, was duly approved:—

The Council beg to submit to the Fellows of the Society their Report for the year ending 30th November 1917.

Membership.—The total number of Fellows on the roll at 30th November 1916 was 682. At 30th November 1917 the number was 677, being a decrease of 5.

There were 21 new members added to the roll during the year, while 19 died, 2 resigned, and 9 allowed their membership to lapse. Two Corresponding Members died, and two were elected. The Council feel that the way in which the membership of the Society is being maintained is a matter of sincere congratulation.

In the list of those who have died during the year will be found the names of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Alexander M′Hardy, K.C.B., and Mr Mackinlay, two regular attenders at the meetings of the Society, whose presence will be much missed.

Sir Alexander M′Hardy was elected a Fellow in 1889; he was a member of Council for many years, and was at one time a Vice-President of the Society. He was especially interested in the question of vitrified forts, and made a series of experiments in the vitrification of stone, the result of which he communicated to the Society in February 1906. The interests of Mr Mackinlay, on the other hand, lay more particularly in hagiology and ecclesiology, in regard to which he published several valuable works and contributed papers to our Proceedings. Mr Mackinlay, who immediately preceding the date of his
death was a Member of Council, had been blind for many years as
the result of an accident, and was thus obliged to do his research work
through others. That the result attained should have been so excellent
is a testimony to the enthusiasm which he carried into his work and
a wonderful example of triumph over physical disabilities.

We have also to regret the death of Mr J. G. A. Baird, who had only
of recent years found leisure to associate himself in the active work of
the Society. In 1915 he was a member of the Traprain Excavation
Committee, and from time to time rendered valuable service by personally
superintending the workmen engaged on the hill. On his own estate
of Muirkirk he was fortunate to find several cairns and other monu-
ments of prehistoric times, and these he was systematically excavating
up to the time of his death.

Through the death of Mr Matthew Livingstone, formerly Deputy-
Keeper of the Records of Scotland, the Society has lost a friend to
whom it owed much. Members will remember that Mr Livingstone
devoted a great deal of valuable time to examining and cataloguing
the large collection of charters belonging to the Society, the result
of his labours being published in the *Proceedings* of the Society in
April 1907.

Another keen antiquary in the person of Mr William Steele has been
removed from our midst. His interest in the Society is evidenced after
his death, for he has bequeathed to it his small collection of prehistoric
implements, to which after reference will be made.

The Society has also to mourn the death of the Duke of Atholl, who,
although he never took an active part in the work of the Society, was
keenly interested in its doings and was a not infrequent visitor to the
Museum.

Another name, that of Captain Nelson, falls to be added to the roll of
those of our Fellows who have fallen for their country. Lastly, almost
on the eve of our meeting, we have had intimation of the death of Mr
Alexander Hutcheson of Broughty Ferry. Mr Hutcheson was well known
as an architect with keen antiquarian tastes, and throughout a long period
of years was a member of this Society, having joined it in 1882. He was
one of the most frequent contributors to our *Proceedings*, in the course
of his connection with the Society having given to us as many as thirty
papers covering a wide range of subjects, from records of prehistoric
burials to sculptured monuments. His interest in all antiquarian matters
made him a most valued Fellow of the Society. In the latest volume, an
advance copy of which is on the table to-night, we have his last com-
munication dealing with some interesting carved panels seen by him
many years before and with characteristic care noted with a view to
subsequent record, also giving us an inventory of the household plenishing of a daughter of Cardinal Betoun, which he had obtained in a collection of old papers. Besides contributing to our Society, Mr Hutcheson was a not infrequent contributor on antiquarian matters to his own local press.

Proceedings.—There is again a decrease in the number of papers read, there being only fourteen this year as against eighteen in the preceding year. Four papers dealt with historical and ten with archaeological subjects. Mr Goudie and Mr MacRitchie both contributed interesting papers dealing with earth-houses and their inhabitants, which led to a good deal of discussion. Mr Fraser read a paper on the Artificial Island of Loch Kinellan, giving the results of further investigations into the origin and composition of these interesting structures; and Mr Callander in his paper on a Flint Workers’ Factory directed attention to a series of sites such as might easily be passed over without antecedent knowledge. Mr James Curle’s paper on Samian Ware, its production and evolution, was of exceptional interest and importance, and will be found to repay careful study. Additional interest was added to the papers of Miss Hanna and Mr Scott-Moncrieff by the exhibition of the actual objects described—in one case the heart of King Henry III. of England, and in the other three needlework hangings inventoried as having at one time belonged to Mary of Guise, and afterwards to her daughter, Mary Queen of Scots.

Museum.—The number of objects added to the Museum during the past year has been 37 by donation, 12 by bequest, and 6 by purchase. Owing to the War, and the need to refrain from employment of labour unnecessary for the welfare of the country, no excavations have been conducted by the Society during the past year, and this cause, taken in conjunction with the fact that the Museum is still closed, largely accounts for the great falling off in acquisitions as compared with normal times.

The most interesting object added to the Museum within the last year is a gold ring set with a natural uncut diamond, found in the grounds of Holyrood Palace while a shrubbery there was being cleared up. It is believed to be a relic of fourteenth-century date. The probability is that such a relic must have belonged to some important personage, but that is a point upon which it is idle to speculate.

As previously mentioned, a small collection of prehistoric relics was bequeathed to the Museum by the late Mr William Steele of Kelso, a Fellow of the Society. Among them was included a small circular button of jet, plano-convex, and having a V-shaped perforation on the flat side. Buttons of this form in this country belong to the Bronze Age, and on the Continent are found associated with neolithic interments.
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There has also been added to the Museum a plaquette medal to commemorate the late Joseph Déchelette, one of our Honorary Fellows, and one of the most eminent archaeologists in Europe.

A private excavation conducted by Mr G. P. H. Watson on a sandhill near Bogside in Ayrshire has yielded a very interesting collection of fragments of pottery, probably of fourteenth-century date, which will form a useful series for comparative purposes for the student of mediaeval ceramic.

Library.—The Museum still remains closed to the public and the collections stored away, but the Society will be pleased to learn that the books have been restored to their shelves and that the Library is once more available for their use. Unfortunately, owing to the restrictions as to lighting, it will be impossible to hold the meetings of the Society there during the winter, and we are again indebted to the Royal Society for the use of their rooms.

The number of books added to the Library during the past year is 39 by donation and 14 by purchase. In addition, a considerable number of publications of learned societies, etc., have been received by way of exchange.

Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1916 were delivered in the autumn of the year, the lecturer being Professor Watson, and his subject being “Celtic Place-Names in Scotland.” The lecturer for 1917 was Mr Charles J. ffolkes, Curator of the Armouries in the Tower of London, his subject being “Arms and Armour.” The lectures for 1918 will be delivered by Mr A. O. Curle on “The Prehistoric Monuments of Scotland.”

The Gunning Fellowship and the Chalmers-Jervise Bequest.—Owing to the War, no grants have been made in respect of these during the year.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

ABERCROMBY.

Mr John Notman, F.F.A., Treasurer, made the annual statement of the Society’s Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members; and, on the motion of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Notman for his gratuitous services as Treasurer.
MONDAY, 10th December 1917.

The Right Hon. Lord Abercromby, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

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

J. J. Bonar, Lieutenant, Royal Scots, 3 St Margaret's Road.
Robert McCulloch Kater, Dean View, Kilmarnock.
James McLean, Drumelzier School House, Broughton, Peeblesshire.
Courtenay John Shiel, C.A., 141 George Street.
Robert Finnie McEwen, B.A. Cantab., Advocate, of Marchmont and Bardrochat, Marchmont, Berwickshire.

There was exhibited by Miss Bruce, 59 Great King Street, a Stone Mould for casting buttons, which was found in a field at Edenshead, Gateside, Fife. It is described as follows by Mr Alexander O. Curle:—

The mould, which is a pentagonal fragment of claystone about ½ inch in thickness, has a circular matrix on each face. The larger, which has been for a small brooch or button, with a subconical centre, is surrounded by a lettered border, and measures 1½ inch in diameter. The central portion is divided into five equal segments by radial lines, and each segment is ornamented with a chevron, placed point inwards, resting on the inner edge of the border, with a single pellet in advance of its point. The lettering on the border does not appear to make an intelligible inscription.

The smaller matrix has been for a slightly convex circular button measuring 1½ inch in diameter. It has been divided by beaded radial lines into four equal segments, and is ornamented with identical designs in the opposing segments. These consist respectively of a chevron placed point inwards, and of two pellets with an object resembling a boar's head between them.

The following Donations, received during the recess from 14th May to 30th November, were announced:—

(1) By Lord Balfour of Burleigh.
Four plates of photographs of a twelfth-century enamelled Ciborium, stated to have been presented by Mary Queen of Scots to Sir James Balfour of Burleigh, from whom it has passed by descent to the donor. For descriptive details see Scottish National Memorials, 1890, pp. 45-53.

(2) By the Rev. William M'Millan, F.S.A. Scot.
Sixteen leaves of manuscript containing copies of Notarial Instruments, made for the most part at Selkirk between the months of April and June 1591; probably part of a Protocol Book.
DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

(3) By Mr J. H. Jamieson, 12 Sciennes Gardens, Edinburgh.
Two Church Tokens—Whittinghame, 1822, and Knox Free Church, Haddington, 1858.

(4) By the Misses Robertson-Macdonald, 66 St John's Road, Oxford.
Impression in red wax of the Great Seal of Charles II., dated 1660.

(5) By G. P. H. Watson, F.S.A. Scot.
Fragments of Mediaeval Pottery, probably of thirteenth-century date, from excavation at Kidsneuk, Bogside, Parish of Irvine, Ayrshire.

It was announced that the purchase had been made of an Oblong Plaquette of oxidised silver, commemorating Joseph Déchelette. Obv. Portrait bust in medallion; underneath, JOSEPH DECHELETTE, MDCCCLXII-MCMXIV. Rev. Trophy of Arms, wreathed, between the legends GALLIAE RELIQUIAS ILLUSTRAVIT and PRO GALLIA MILES CECEDIT.

The following donations of Books for the Library were also intimated:

(1) By His Majesty's Government.

(2) By Robert Munro, M.A., M.D., LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

(3) By the Right Hon. Lord Arercromby, LL.D., President, the Author.

(4) By the Curator of the Castle Museum, Norwich.
(5) By Lieutenant DAVID N. MACKAY, R.N.V.R., H.M. Naval Depot, Inverness, the Editor.


(6) By ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Editor.

The Burgh Records of Dunfermline, transcribed from the Original Manuscript Volume, Courts, Sasines, etc., 1488-1584. Edinburgh, 1917. 4to.

(7) By FREDERICK T. MACLEOD, F.S.A. Scot., the Editor.

Eilean a' Cheò (The Isle of Mist), comprising Articles on Skye by Skyemen. Edinburgh, 1917. 8vo.

(8) By T. J. WESTROPP, M.A., 115 Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin, the Author.


(9) By DAVID MURRAY, LL.D., F.S.A., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.


(11) By the COUNCIL OF THE RYMOUR CLUB, Edinburgh.


(12) By the Rev. J. ARNOTT HAMILTON, M.A., The Manse, Kirkfieldbank, Lanark, the Author.

Purchases of Books for the Library were announced:—

Scottish Record Society. Parts LXXV. and LXXVII. Calendar of Writs preserved at Yester House, 1166-1536. 13th February 1502—1st June 1536; 2nd November 1536—6th October 1598. Edited by Charles C. Harvey.


Dumbarton Castle: its Place in the General History of Scotland.


Der Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes des Römerreiches. Lieferung 42: Kastell und die Erdlager von Hedderenheim. Kastell Frankfurt a M.

The following communications were read:—