Mr Thomas Innes of Learney and Mr John W. M. Loney 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.
Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Bart., K.T., D.L.

Vice-Presidents.
Sir Francis J. Grant, K.C.V.O., LL.D., Lord Lyon King of Arms.
William Angus.
J. M. Davidson, O.B.E., F.C.I.S.

Councillors.
Professor J. Duncan Mackie, M.C., M.A.
W. G. C. Hanna, O.B.E., C.A.
Thomas Innes of Learney, Albany Herald.
David Robertson, M.A., LL.B., S.S.C., J.P.

W. Mackay Mackenzie, M.A., D.Litt., H.R.S.A.
F. A. Ferguson.
David Russell, LL.D.
E. W. M. Balfour-Melville, M.A., D.Litt.
Brigadier-General E. Craig-Brown, D.S.O.
A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: James Farquharson MacLaren Anderson, Lieut., R.N.R.; James Michie Mavor Anderson; Charles Begg; John Bremner; George Watson Campbell; Walter T. Currie, M.A.; Will Grant; Alexander L. Gray; Rev. Douglas McNeill Livingstone, M.A.(Hons.), Squadron-Leader (Chaplain), Royal Air Force; William L. McAdam, M.B., Ch.B.; Rev. Archibald MacFadyen; Charles William Macfarlane, Ph.C.; James McIntyre, F.S.A.; A. Roy Maddock; Miss Elizabeth Margaret Mein, B.L.; James Milne; Robert Brand Oliphant; Alexander Redford; Charles Thomson Reid, M.A., LL.B., W.S.; R. C. Reid; B. H. Sumner, M.A., F.R.Hist.S.; Donald Waters; George Watson, M.A.

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

The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report
for the year ending 30th November 1944.

Fellowship.—The total number of Fellows on the Roll at
30th November 1943 was 840
At 30th November 1944 the number was 809
being a decrease of 31

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 39,
while 48 died, 3 resigned, and 19 allowed their membership to lapse.

It is with particular regret that we record the deaths of Dr James
Curle, one of our most distinguished Fellows, and of Mr A. J. H. Edwards,
Director of the Museum since 1938. A biographical note on Dr Curle is
being prepared by Mr I. A. Richmond, and an appreciation of Mr Edwards's
work for the Society and the Museum by Professor V. G. Childe. These
will be printed in the Proceedings.

Proceedings.—No advance copy of Volume LXXVIII is yet available
for exhibition. This volume will contain eight papers, four of which deal
with the prehistoric periods and four with mediaeval and later times. There are also several notes on new discoveries.

The Museum.—On 26th July through the sudden and greatly deplored
death of Mr Arthur J. H. Edwards, referred to elsewhere in this Report,
the Museum was deprived of its head, while the Keeper is still on active
service. Pending the meeting of Council, Dr A. O. Curle, at considerable
personal inconvenience, took charge. The Council on 2nd August recom-
mended the appointment of Professor V. G. Childe as Interim Honorary
Director, and Mr J. S. Richardson undertook the supervision of the Museum
pending that appointment. Professor V. G. Childe was appointed Interim
Honorary Director on 1st September pending a permanent salaried
appointment.

Cordial thanks are due to those gentlemen for their ready help in this
emergency.

During the past year 667 objects have been added to the collection as
donations and 3 have been purchased. Micro-burins from Culbin Sands
illustrate a significant extension of this mesolithic type fossil, which was
discussed by the donor, Mr A. D. Lacaille, in a recent paper in the
Proceedings. Other noteworthy additions to the prehistoric collections
include a handsome Beaker Urn from West Fenton, Drem, presented by
Mr John A. Morrison.
The collections representative of later periods have been signally enriched by 621 Communion Tokens from the collection of the late Alfred W. Cox, presented by Mr E. W. M. Cox; a Playing Piece of cetacean bone decorated with interlacing patterns found by Dr and Mrs Clark in a cave on the island of Rhum, and presented by Lady Monica Bullough; and a fragment of a carved sandstone panel that about 1670 formed part of the interior decoration of "Laird" Giffard's House at West Linton, and has been presented by Mr J. R. Lockie, F.S.A.Scot. A handsomely carved wooden Toddy-bowl from Caithness, gifted by Mr T. Barlow, a horn beard-comb donated by Dr W. Douglas Simpson, and a witch's "Cursing-bone," consisting of a peat-stained deer's marrow-bone fixed in a ring of bog oak and formerly the property of a reputed witch in Glen Shira, which has now been presented by Miss Helen J. Warwick of Fochabers, form noteworthy enlargements of the collection of bygones.

By the Will of Angus Roderick Macdonald, 23rd Chief and Captain of Clanranald, who died on 17th March 1944, the Museum has become the proprietor of the exceedingly valuable collection of Jacobite and Family Relics deposited in the Museum by the Testator, supplemented by additional specimens through the courtesy of Mrs Macdonald of Clanranald and Mr S. H. Easterbrook, the executors.

The Library.—The Library has remained open throughout the year and, although the ban on the lending of books had to be kept in force until October, it has been made use of both by Fellows of the Society and by the general public. The ban has now been lifted, and books may be borrowed from the Library under the conditions obtaining before the 3rd September 1939. The Library has acquired 73 volumes by donation and 4 by purchase, the number of publications received by exchange with or by subscription to learned Societies remaining small owing to war conditions. Rebinding and repairs have been kept up to the extent permitted by reduced funds and increased prices.

Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1944 were given by our Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, Professor V. G. Childe, D.Litt., D.Sc., F.B.A., V.P.S.A., his subject being "The Development of Tribal Society in Scotland." The lectures for 1945 are to be given by Dr W. Mackay Mackenzie on "The Scottish Burghs."

The Gunning Fellowship.—No award was made for 1944.

The Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—This prize was not advertised in 1944.

FRANCIS J. GRANT,
Vice-President.
Mr John W. M. Loney moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was seconded by Mr W. T. Ketchen.

The Accounts of the Society for the year 1942–43, which had been circulated amongst the Fellows, were unanimously approved.

Mr William Angus moved the adoption of the Accounts and Professor W. C. Dickinson seconded the motion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer.