

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION, 1853-54.  
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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, *November 30, 1853.*

ROBERT CHAMBERS, Esq., succeeded by  
THE HONOURABLE LORD MURRAY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Office-Bearers for the year were elected as follows :—

*President.*

THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUESS OF BREADALBANE.

*Vice-Presidents.*

REV. WILLIAM STEVENSON, D.D.  
WILLIAM FORBES SKENE, Esq.  
PATRICK CHALMERS, Esq. of Aldbar.

*Councillors.*

ROBERT CHAMBERS, Esq., F.R.S.E.  
SIR JAMES RAMSAY, of Balmff, Bart.  
ARCHIBALD T. BOYLE, Esq., Advocate.  
SIR JOHN WATSON GORDON, Kt., P.R.S.A.  
JOHN M. MITCHELL, Esq.  
ROBERT COX, Esq., W.S.  
THE HONOURABLE LORD MURRAY.  
THOMAS A. WISE, M.D., H.E.I.C.S.  
GEORGE SETON, Esq., Advocate.

*Secretaries.*

JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D.  
 ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, Esq. A.R.S.A.  
 REV. ALEXANDER BRUNTON, D.D. } *for Foreign Correspondence.*  
 DAVID LAING, Esq.

*Treasurer.*

THOMAS B. JOHNSTON, Esq.

*Curators of the Museum.*

ROBERT FRAZER, Esq.  
 JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., R.S.A.  
 WILLIAM H. SCOTT, M.D.

*Librarian.*

ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, Esq. A.R.S.A.

The following Gentlemen having been proposed for admission, and balloted for, were declared to be duly elected Fellows of the Society.

The Right Honourable Lord ELCHO, M.P.  
 FRANCIS ABBOTT, Esq., Secretary to the General Post-Office for Scotland.  
 JAMES ARCHER, Esq., A.R.S.A.  
 ALEXANDER CRAIG, Esq.  
 WILLIAM ROSS, M.D.  
 ANDREW SMALL, Esq.

Mr ROBERT CHAMBERS proposed that a letter of thanks be written to Dr DANIEL WILSON, and signed by one of the Vice-Presidents, expressive of the sense entertained by the Society of his zealous and most efficient services whilst acting as their Secretary.

Mr LAING, in seconding this proposal, stated, that a vacancy in the number of Honorary Members having occurred by the decease of M. ARAGO, he begged to move, in conformity with the unanimous consent of the Council, that Dr WILSON be now elected an Honorary Member of the Society.

Both propositions were cordially approved of by the Meeting.

The Honourable Lord MURRAY, the Senior Vice-President, who retires by rotation (and who had unavoidably been prevented coming at an earlier hour), having taken the Chair, after some remarks on the commencement of another Session, suggested the expediency of forming small Committees for promoting the leading objects of the Society, by devoting their attention more exclusively to separate branches of Archæological investigation; his Lordship suggested, that there might be, for instance, a Committee on Scottish Antiquities in general, another for Roman Antiquities, and a third for Mediæval and Ecclesiastical Antiquities.

Mr SETON, in reference to this proposal, stated, that an effective Committee had been appointed for the express purpose of collecting information and contributions of Prints, Drawings, &c. connected with the Topographical History and Antiquities of the Three Lothians and the County of Peebles. He regretted to add, that, in answer to numerous circulars, the success was not commensurate with the exertions of the Committee. Notwithstanding such discouragement, as the appointment of these Committees might be of advantage to the Society, he had much pleasure in seconding his Lordship's proposal; and the same was referred to the Council to consider which of the Members would be most likely to render active service on such Committees.

On the motion of Mr J. M. MITCHELL, a vote of thanks was given to the Honourable Lord MURRAY, for his conduct while Vice-President of the Society, and for the great interest he has always taken in the Society's welfare.

#### CONVERSAZIONE.

In the evening, a *Conversazione* was held, when a valuable collection of Antiquities, contributed by various Members, was exhibited.

*December 26, 1853.*

THE HONOURABLE LORD MURRAY in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Fellows :—

JOHN STUART, Esq., Cor. Mem. S.A. Scot., Aberdeen.

JAMES BAYNE, Esq., S.S.C.

EDWARD HUIE, Esq.

The Donations laid on the Table included—

A selection of the various Coins which have recently been found in different parts of Scotland ; and also two Bronze Swords and the Bronze Point of a Scabbard, found at Cauldinghame, near Brechin. From the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury ; presented through JOHN HENDERSON, Esq., Queen's Remembrancer.

Two specimens of Green Proconesian and Carian Marble from the Pavement, and a piece of Glass Mosaic from the Walls, of Santa Sophia, at Constantinople : by DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, M.D.

Scottish Silver Coins, found at Edzell, near Brechin : by ALLAN N. SCOTT, Esq., H.E.I.C.S. Cor. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Drawings of Doorways at Roslin ; and 12 Engravings of Views of Edinburgh, by the Honourable JOHN ELPHINSTONE, dated 1760, as contributions to the Society's Topographical Collections : by WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Esq., A.R.S.A.