

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION, 1945-1946

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1945.*

SIR FRANCIS J. GRANT, K.C.V.O., LL.D.,
Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Rev. Archibald E. Robertson and Mr J. S. Richardson 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. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.C., T.D.

Vice-Presidents.

WILLIAM ANGUS, LL.D.
J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S.
Professor J. DUNCAN MACKIE, C.B.E., M.C., M.A.

Councillors.

Sir JOHN STIRLING MAXWELL, Bart., K.T., D.L., <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i>	E. W. M. BALFOUR-MELVILLE, M.A., D.Litt. Brigadier-General E. CRAIG BROWN, D.S.O.
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DAVID RUSSELL, LL.D.	

* *Note.*—In this volume the Minutes of the Anniversary Meeting for 1945 and Annual Report for 1944-45 are printed at the beginning, and those for 1946 at the end, so as to co-ordinate the Report with the List of Donations and Purchases.

With the same object in view, the Annual Report and Minutes of Anniversary Meeting will in subsequent volumes be printed at the end.

Secretaries.

DOUGLAS P. MACLAGAN, W.S. | ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A., F.S.A.

*For Foreign Correspondence.*Professor V. GORDON CHILDE, D.Litt., | Professor W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D.,
D.Sc., F.B.A., V.-P.S.A. | F.B.A.*Treasurer.*

J. BOLAM JOHNSON, C.A.

Curators of the Museum.

JAMES S. RICHARDSON. | IAN A. RICHMOND, M.A., V.-P.S.A.

Curator of Coins.

ROBERT KERR, M.A.

Librarian.

W. DOUGLAS SIMPSON, M.A., D.Litt., F.S.A.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: James Francis Gordon Baynham; William A. Cocks; Godfrey William Iredell, S.S.C.; Mrs Anne Grant Kilgour; Robert Alexander McKinnon, F.Comm.A.; Captain Wm. R. M. Watson of Ardlamont; Lieut.-Colonel J. G. O. Whitehead, R.E.; Arnold Whittick.

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased since the last Anniversary Meeting: *Honorary Fellows*—Professor H. Dragendorff; O. M. Dalton, M.A., F.B.A.; Professor Dr Ernst Fabricius. *Corresponding Member*—John Mathieson, F.R.S.E. *Fellows*—Rev. Robert S. G. Anderson, B.D.; Lieut.-Colonel Angus J. Beaton, C.M.G., V.D.; Sir D. Y. Cameron, LL.D., R.S.W., R.S.A., R.A.; Francis Chalmers, W.S.; Mrs Dorothea Chaplin; James Christison, J.P., F.L.A.; The Hon. Sir Hew H. Dalrymple, K.C.V.O., H.R.S.A.; Archibald Fairbairn; William Gemmill Chalmers Hanna, O.B.E., C.A.; Rev. Alban Heath; Miss Sybil Horn Henderson; George Erskine Jackson, O.B.E., M.C., W.S.; Mrs E. N. Kershaw, J.P.; Colonel James Hamilton Leigh; Thomas Mackenzie, J.P., F.E.I.S.; Neil Linklater McNabb; Rev. Duncan Macrae; Sir Ian Malcolm of Poltalloch, K.C.M.G., D.L., J.P.; John Nairn Marshall, M.D.; James Mathew; David Randall-MacIver, M.A., D.Sc.; John Reoch; Joseph Robison; George Souter; T. Aikman Swan, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.S.; Lieut.-Colonel William Thorburn, O.B.E.; John Hill Watson.

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

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report for the year ending 30th November 1945.

<i>Fellowship</i> .—The total number of Fellows on the Roll at	
30th November 1944 was	812
At 30th November 1945 the number was	832
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being an increase of	20

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 61, while 27 died, 7 resigned, and 7 allowed their membership to lapse.

Proceedings.—Volume LXXIX is still in the press, but it will contain eight papers (including Lord Normand's Address at the reopening of the Museum), together with several Notes. Of the papers, one deals with a prehistoric subject, the remaining six with subjects of later periods. Professor Childe, who has been acting as honorary Editor, has been regretfully compelled to divest himself of this responsibility after the completion of this volume.

Directorship.—During the year Professor V. Gordon Childe continued to act as Director without salary. The Council takes this opportunity of expressing its most cordial thanks to him for his untiring and public-spirited efforts, and more particularly for the splendidly successful exhibition that he organised in the Museum, as will be described in detail shortly.

Steps towards Re-opening the Museum.—The Society's Council and the Director feeling that, in view of the City's immunity from enemy attack and the large number of Dominions and American service-men visiting it on leave, some effort should be made to give such visitors and the public generally an opportunity to see specimens of Scotland's national antiquities, decided to recommend the opening of a token exhibition on the ground floor to display only objects already in the galleries and such duplicates as might be placed there without risk of significant loss to the National Collection through enemy action. Accordingly the Director and Mr J. S. Richardson, one of the Curators appointed by the Society, planned an exhibition on the ground floor that, within the limits imposed by security considerations, should give a picture of the development of culture in Scotland and also, in view of the bicentenary, commemorate the Jacobite rising of 1745. Thanks to the cordial co-operation of the Ministry of Works the ground floor was rearranged. Cases were set back to back so as to allow space for viewing the contents; the choicest sculptured stones were made visible for the first time by consigning the remainder to the stairs or cellars; inferior articles were removed from the annex to give space for movement, and the Maiden was set up on a scaffold where it could be seen. The subsequent arrangement of exhibits in the south aisle (devoted to prehistoric and Roman and Viking relics) was undertaken by the Director, in the north aisle (containing

Early Christian, mediæval and Jacobite relics) by the Curator, to whom the Society and the Nation are deeply indebted for his voluntary and eminently successful labours. The restricted number of exhibits were set out so as to tell a story and supplemented by distribution maps, photographs, plans and explanatory labels, so as to be intelligible and attractive to the general public. A number of institutions and individuals generously loaned for the occasion articles relevant to the '45 or to replace specimens in the National Collection that the Security Regulations forbade us to remove from the safety of the cellars. A six-page guide to the exhibition was prepared by Professor Childe and Mr Richardson, 500 copies being at first printed for sale at 3d.

The exhibition, under the title "From the Stone Age to the '45," was formally opened on 21st March by The Right Hon. Lord Normand, P.C., K.C.; the Lord Provost of Edinburgh being in the chair. (Lord Normand's address is printed *in extenso* in Volume LXXIX of the Society's *Proceedings*.)

On 11th April the Council of the Society decided, in view of the large number of service-men stationed in the vicinity whose only opportunity of viewing the exhibition was on Sunday, to recommend the opening of the Museum on Sunday afternoons for the present. Effect has been given to this recommendation as from Sunday, 20th May.

Since the end of hostilities in Europe, steps have been taken to give effect to the recommendation of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries by withdrawing from the cellars and placing on exhibition the finest pieces in the National Collection, such as the Torrs Chamfrain, the Monymusk Reliquary, St Fillan's Crozier, the Guthrie Bell, the Clanranald Collection. On the recommendation of the Council, some of these have been withdrawn from exhibition since Professor Childe gave up responsibility for the collections. At the same time, as far as the depleted staff would allow, casts and inferior duplicates in the exhibition were replaced by the choicest original specimens, and the Guide was adjusted to include these alterations before the second re-printing.

During September, with the return of attendants from service, a start has been made reinstating in their old positions in the 1st-floor gallery and the annexed safe those prehistoric objects removed for security to cellars six years previously. The Beakers, Food-Vessels, Bronze Age hoards, Cauldrons and contents, Broch relics, Azilian finds and gold ornaments have thus been restored to their appropriate places and checked against the catalogue cards. It is gratifying to report that nothing of importance has been lost or damaged in the hasty evacuation.

Attendances.—Since the exhibition was opened to the public on 21st March to 12th October, it was visited by 32,043 persons. Since this is the first record of visitors to the Museum of Antiquities alone (as distinct from

those entering the building to visit the Museum or the Portrait Gallery, or both), the monthly attendances are here tabulated:

March . . .	1582	July . . .	5308
April . . .	3020	August . . .	5956
May . . .	4111	September . . .	5695
June . . .	4397		

The success of Sunday openings is strikingly demonstrated by the following table:—

20/5/45	453	
27/5/45	249	
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3/6/45	291	
10/6/45	195	
17/6/45	361	
24/6/45	186	
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1/7/45	221	
8/7/45	193	
15/7/45	153	
22/7/45	225	
29/7/45	210	
	<hr/>	1002
5/8/45	197	
12/8/45	205	
19/8/45	213	
26/8/45	218	
	<hr/>	833
2/9/45	201	
9/9/45	212	
16/9/45	255	
23/9/45	257	
30/9/45	322	
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The first 500 copies of the Guide sold out in a month and a 1000 extra copies were printed. In three months these were exhausted and a revised edition of 1000 was ordered. In all, 1952 copies have been sold. These figures prove that the relics of Antiquity that the Society has done so much to amass have a wide appeal to the general public if suitably displayed, and justify the Museum's existence not only as a laboratory for historical and archaeological research, but also as an educational institution. The large attendances during the brief Sunday openings show that these meet a real demand, and provide perhaps the best opportunity for reaching those wide

masses on whose active co-operation the augmentation of the collections and the increase of archæological knowledge so often depend.

Since Professor Childe was no longer prepared to take responsibility for the safe custody of the collections after 12th October, the Council felt all articles of bullion value and unique national treasures should be removed from the glass cases in the public galleries and placed in the appropriate strong-rooms pending the release of the Keeper from the Forces, or the appointment of a salaried Director to take responsibility for such objects on behalf of the Nation, and this would have involved the depletion of the exhibition to such an extent and to the danger of breaking the terms on which relics had been accepted as to involve closing the Museum. At the last minute, however, the Scottish Home Department were able to arrange with the Scottish Education Department and the Director of the Royal Scottish Museum that Mr Finlay, of that Museum, should be seconded for half-time duty in the National Museum of Antiquities till the end of the year. The Council have gratefully accepted this offer and agreed to the continued opening of the exhibition.

Accessions.—During the year 746 objects have been added to the Collection as donations and bequests. This gratifying figure is largely due to the generosity of testators and donors who have enriched the Museum with collections that are not only large but also extremely valuable. Outstanding among these is the Clanranald Collection of Family and Jacobite relics that became the property of the Nation under the will of Angus Roderick Macdonald, 23rd Chief and Captain of Clanranald, who died on 17th March 1944. It comprises 72 specimens, including a backsword with elaborately chased silver basket hilt, said to have been presented to Prince Charles Edward by the Western Jacobites and captured with his baggage at Culloden; a single-edged sword, with iron basket hilt inlaid with silver and Andrea Ferrara blade; a smooth bore fowling-piece of the same age and style; a silver spoon belonging to the Prince and a quaich belonging to Flora Macdonald; articles of dress illustrative of the costume of the Highland nobility last century; and a number of personal relics acquired by members of this distinguished Scottish family. Colonel George Ian Malcolm of Poltalloch has generously donated the collection of 469 articles previously deposited in the Museum on loan by the late Sir Ian Malcolm, the donor's father. It includes the famous and beautiful Food Vessels dug up by Canon Greenwell last century, and the relics from Dunadd obtained by the excavation directed by our late Honorary Secretary, J. Hewat Craw. Mr E. H. M. Cox presented 60 Communion Tokens. Forty-four objects come as a gift from Dr Aitchison Robertson; they comprise a phosphorus bottle, a barber's bleeding-dish of brass, two horn books, a fine "Glasgow Apprentice Lantern," and an hour-glass from the Old Church of Muthill in Perthshire.

Of unique interest and exceptional value is the dress targe popularly known as "The Prince Charlie Targe," but actually bearing the Arms of the Duke of Perth, that was presented to the Nation by Mr John G. Murray of Clava. This celebrated relic is described elsewhere in the volume.

The Hon. J. Wayland Leslie of Kininvie has donated a lay figure wearing the costume of the 9th Earl of Rothes, including his Thistle Star—a very attractive as well as very valuable example of a noble's dress in the early eighteenth century—and an exquisite evening robe of a countess of the latter half of the same century, together with a glass case to contain them.

Food-Vessel Urns from Kirkbuddo and Luffness have been presented by the late Mr George Erskine Jackson and Mrs Hope of Luffness; Beaker Urns from Kirkbuddo by the late Mr George Erskine Jackson; and Cinerary Urns from Ardachy, Connel, by Mrs Lees-Milne, and from Dunragit by the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

The Library.—The Library has been open throughout the year. The privilege of borrowing books was restored to Fellows by a resolution of the Council on 10th October 1944. It has acquired 49 volumes by donation and 6 by purchase. The end of the war and incipient return towards normal now permit the resumption of valued exchanges interrupted by hostilities. Missing publications have already been received from France, Norway, Sweden. Communication is, however, still impeded by a network of restrictions imposing the completion of innumerable forms and the waste of paper that might more profitably be used for printing the *Proceedings*.

Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1945 were given by Dr W. Mackay Mackenzie, his subject being "The Scottish Burghs." The lectures for 1946 are to be given in the spring by Professor Haakon Shetelig and in October of that year by Mr Bryan H. St John O'Neil.

The Gunning Fellowship.—No award was made for 1945.

The Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—This prize was not advertised in 1945.

WILLIAM ANGUS,
Vice-President.

Dr W. Mackay Mackenzie moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was seconded by Dr Balfour-Melville.

The Accounts of the Society for the year 1943-44, which had been circulated amongst the Fellows, were unanimously approved.

Mr F. J. Robertson moved the adoption of the Accounts and Mr J. Kevan McDowall seconded the motion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer.