

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1946.

WILLIAM ANGUS, LL.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Sir Francis Grant and the Rev. John M. Connor 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:—

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ROBERT KERR, M.A.

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ROBERT B. K. STEVENSON, M.A.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Cyril Aldred, B.A.; George Donald Banks; Miss Elsie J. Begg; Walter R. Bett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.S.L., F.R.S.A.; Captain Ian C. Cameron; Rev. James Chisholm; Rev. Albert Connon; The Right Hon. The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres; John Telfer Dunbar; Walter Duncan, M.A., J.P.; Mrs Annie I. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt; Alan Gardner; Donald Gillies; Rev. Robert B. Hannen, M.A.; John E. Hooper; Rev. George P. Innes, M.A., LL.B.; J. T. A. Johnson; J. W. H. Johnson, C.A.; Rev. John W. Kilpatrick, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.; Arthur Knight, B.Sc., A.R.T.C.; Philip Lindsay; The Hon. Lord Mackay; Archibald MacWhirter; Robert Norman Marshall; J. B. Mason; John Fraser Matthew, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.S.; George Maxwell; Miss Frances Mercer, A.R.I.B.A.; Rev. F. H. Amphlett Micklewright, M.A., F.R.Hist.S.; Captain Hugo B. Millar; G. T. Mowat, F.R.C.S.; Miss Constance M. Mullins; Eric W. H. Nairn, S.S.C.; The Baron Ouchterlony of Kellie; Mrs C. M. Piggott, F.S.A.; David Charles Scott-Moncrieff; Rev. Constantine Sinclair; Ralph F. Smith, F.R.Econ.S.; Theodore Radford F. Thomson, M.A., M.D.; John Tweedie, L.D.S.; James K. Wands.

The Assistant-Secretary read the following List of Members deceased since the last Anniversary Meeting: *Fellows*—J. Craig Annan; Rev. T. Ratcliffe Barnett, Ph.D.; Sheriff George Brown; Emeritus Professor Thomas H. Bryce, M.A., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.; Rev. Will Burnett, B.D.; H. R. Campbell; Colin Hugh Dakers, M.C.; William Reid Gardner, M.B.E., J.P.; Sir Alexander Gibb, G.B.E., C.B., LL.D., F.R.S.; Will Grant; William Greenhill, C.A.; Henry F. Kerr, A.R.I.B.A.; W. T. Ketchen, W.S.; Robert James Larg, J.P.; Sheriff John Dean Leslie; William Elder Levie; John W. M. Loney; Rev. John MacLean; Robert A. McLellan, M.I.Loco.E.; Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D.; Rev. Malcolm Macleod, M.A.; Thomas Purdie; Rev. Gordon Quig, M.A., B.D.; Joseph Riley Ratcliffe, M.B., C.M., F.R.S.E.; W. G. Aitchison Robertson, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P.E.; J. M. Rusk, O.B.E., J.P., S.S.C.; John Russell; Robert Taylor Skinner, M.A., F.R.S.E.; Alexander Smith, M.A., F.R.S.A.; Rev. William Stephen, B.D., D.D.; James Cowan Thyne; Malcolm Warrack; James Watt, LL.D., W.S., F.F.A.; Percy William Weston, F.R.G.S., F.C.S., F.Z.S.

The Assistant-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 1946.

<i>Fellowship.</i> —The total number of Fellows on the Roll at	
30th November 1945 was	832
At 30th November 1946 the number was	822
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being a decrease of	10

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 27, while 34 died, 5 resigned, and 6 allowed their membership to lapse.

Proceedings.—It was hoped that Volume LXXIX would by this time have been ready for issue, but delays are unavoidable in view of present conditions in the printing trade. The volume is now, however, in the binders' hands, and should be issued very soon. It contains seven papers, including the Address by The Right Hon. Lord Normand at the reopening of the Museum in March 1945. There are two papers on prehistoric subjects, and the rest deal with later periods.

Professor Childe, who has acted as honorary Editor since 1938 and who kindly undertook responsibility for the forthcoming volume, has now relinquished this task upon his appointment to the Chair of Prehistoric European Archæology in the University of London; and the Council anew expresses its cordial thanks to him for this and many other services to the Society. The editorship is now in the hands of the Assistant-Secretary.

The Museum.

Staff.—Professor V. Gordon Childe relinquished his position as honorary Acting Director in the beginning of February 1946, Mr R. B. K. Stevenson having at that time been specially released from military service. At the beginning of October 1946 Mr Stevenson was promoted to succeed the late Mr A. J. H. Edwards, retaining, however, the title of "Keeper," which the Secretary of State considered to be more appropriate for the post than that of "Director," in use since 1913.

Other staffing changes have to be recorded. For a period at the end of 1945 Professor Childe had the part-time assistance of Mr Ian Finlay, of the Royal Scottish Museum. Mr J. E. Brown commenced work in November 1945, filling the temporary post of assistant Technical Assistant.

Exhibition.—The prehistoric, Roman and Viking collections were reopened to the public on 10th June 1946. The special arrangement of the ground-floor gallery has been retained pending redecoration.

Accessions.—Attention need be drawn only to a few of the year's acquisitions. The most important is a gold and enamel Jacobite finger-ring of unusually fine workmanship, formerly owned by the Setons of Touch, which was presented by the National Art Collections

Fund to which the Museum has already been much indebted in the past. Twenty-seven pewter plates were bequeathed by Mr Robert Rennie, Bathgate; they belonged to his great-grandfather and grandmother, and include fifteen bearing an unrecorded Edinburgh touch. Another bequest, by Mr A. F. Imlach, is an eighteenth-century touting horn engraved with a map of North-East America and a crest, probably Cleghorn or Watson. Mr J. R. Lockie, F.S.A.Scot., has again made an important addition of seventy-nine items to the Communion Token collection.

A mediæval lion ewer of brass found in Kilbirnie Loch, Ayrshire, and described in *Proc. Soc. Ant. Scot.*, vol. ix. p. 384, was presented by Miss R. B. Myrtle. A Celtic brooch and other finds from the Brough of Birsay, Orkney, were given by Mr D. S. Wallace, F.S.A.Scot.

Among the prehistoric objects are a number of urns, two faience beads and other objects, found at Longniddry, East Lothian, and presented by the Earl of Wemyss; a cinerary urn and fragments of others from Monkton, Prestwick, Ayrshire, presented by Colonel Bellingham; a food-vessel urn from Glenapp, Ayrshire, presented by Lord Inchcape; and an encrusted cinerary urn from Kilmagad, Kinross-shire, presented by Mr D. Nicol. More unusual gifts are part of a penannular brooch of Romano-Celtic type found in 1848 in a grave at Luffness, East Lothian, presented by Major Hope of Luffness; and a core axe of flint from Fair Isle, given by Mr G. A. Cumming.

The few purchases included eight rare early nineteenth-century trade tokens.

The total number of acquisitions during the year was 257, of which 246 were by donation or bequest and 11 by purchase. They include a number of objects which for a considerable time have been deposited in the Museum. For purposes of record and ease of finding, objects lying unrecorded in the Museum are being gradually registered, but none of these are included in the above total.

The Library.—The Library has been open throughout the year. It has acquired 33 volumes by donation and 16 by purchase. In addition, and worthy of particular mention, is the gift by his daughter, Mrs Pitman, of a large part of the library of the late Dr James Curle, including many books relating to Roman culture and antiquities, and several sets of lantern slides dealing with that period.

Exchange of publications has been largely resumed with foreign societies.

The thanks of the Council is due to Dr W. D. Simpson for his services as honorary Librarian, from which post (as has been indicated) he now retires.

Excavations.—During the course of the year Mr Walter Grant of Trumland and Professor Childe were engaged in certain operations at Rinyo, in Orkney, the results of which are to be described and published. In the late summer Dr A. O. Curle undertook excavations in Caithness, meeting the costs of travel and subsistence himself, while the cost of labour was met from the funds of the Society. He explored extensively a “Wag” at Forse, in the parish of Latheron, and is preparing an account of his discoveries. Dr Ian A. Richmond obtained a grant for excavation at Inveresk, and has made discoveries concerning the Roman fort, the value of which will be more clearly demonstrated when digging can be resumed.

Rhind Lectureship.—Two series of Rhind Lectures have been delivered during the current year. The first series was given in June by Professor Haakon Shetelig, his subject being “Scandinavian Art of the Post-Christian Pagan Period.” The other series was delivered in October by Mr Bryan H. St. J. O’Neil on “Castles and Cannon: A Study of Early Artillery Fortifications in England.” It is expected that the Rhind Lecture for 1947 will be delivered by Mr James S. Richardson, H.M. Inspector of Ancient Monuments in Scotland, who has selected as his subject “Scottish Mediæval Structures and Arts.”

Gunning Fellowship.—The Fellowship for 1946 was awarded to Mr Robert B. K. Stevenson.

Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—The area selected for advertisement of this Prize for the current year was the County of Selkirk, but no essays have so far been received. In consequence, however, of appeal through the Local Education Officer, the name of a candidate has been received, and a further extension of time has been allowed for preparation of the essay.

(Signed) WM. ANGUS,
Vice-President.

Dr E. W. M. Balfour-Melville moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was seconded by Brigadier-General E. Craig-Brown.

Mr James S. Richardson drew attention to the services which Professor V. Gordon Childe had rendered to the Society as honorary Editor of the *Proceedings*, and to the Museum, and moved that a letter of thanks be sent to him from the Society. This was seconded by Sir Francis Grant, and cordially agreed to.

At this point the Chair was taken by Mr J. M. Davidson, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A., Senior Vice-President.

It was indicated that the customary Statement of Accounts by the Treasurer was not forthcoming, but would be circulated to the members at a later date.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY:

*Monday, 14th January 1946, WILLIAM ANGUS, LL.D.,
Vice-President, in the Chair.*

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Mrs Margaret Inglis Barron; Thomas D. Davidson; Miss Elizabeth Barron Henderson; John D. Mackay, M.A.; Bryan H. St J. O'Neil, M.A., F.S.A.; Thomas J. Sampson, J.P., M.I.Q.; Rev. Professor C. J. Mullo Weir, B.D., D.Phil.(Oxon.).

The following Communications were read:—

- I. A Bronze Worker's Anvil and other Tools recently acquired by the Inverness Museum, with a Note on another Scottish Anvil, by Professor V. Gordon Childe, D.Litt., D.Sc., F.B.A., V.-P.S.A.
- II. Symbol Stone at Inchyra, by T. McLaren, F.S.A.Scot.
- III. The Inauguration of Alexander III, by Miss M. D. Legge.

*Monday, 11th February 1946, WILLIAM ANGUS, LL.D.,
Vice-President, in the Chair.*

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: James Birrell; Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Buchanan-Dunlop of Drumhead, O.B.E., T.D.; Herbert Charles Glennie, M.A.; E. W. Scobie Stringer, D.Ph.S., M.R.S.T., M.R.A.I.; Rev. D. Gunn Sutherland; Miss Jessie Braidwood Webster, M.A.

The following Communications were read:—

- I. The Abbot's Cross, Forfarshire, by Wm. Fenton, F.S.A.Scot.
- II. Notes on Duns and some other Antiquities in Colonsay and Islay, by Mrs C. M. Piggott, F.S.A.
- III. Hoards of Stone Knives, by Peter Moar, Corresponding Member.

*Monday, 11th March 1946, W. MACKAY MACKENZIE, M.A., D.Litt.,
in the Chair.*

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Robert Coltart Craig; Robert Dickson, J.P.; Mrs D. V. Hereward; Andrew Warnock McCall; Robert Moncrieff; Rev. T. W. Whitehead, B.D., Ph.D.

The following Communications were read:—

- I. A New Roman Mountain-road in Roxburghshire, by Ian A. Richmond, M.A., V.-P.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.
- II. Notes on some Northumbrian "Peles," by Angus Graham, M.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.