

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 1st December 1947.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.C., T.D.,
President, in the Chair.

Dr E. W. M. Balfour-Melville and Mr William F. Arbuckle 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.

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Sir DAVID RUSSELL, LL.D.

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Curators of the Museum.

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V.-P.S.A.*Curator of Coins.*

ROBERT KERR, M.A.

Librarian.

H. J. H. DRUMMOND, M.A.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: James Percival Agnew, C.A.; Rev. Alfred J. Armour; Major D. S. Buist; John Clarke, M.A.; George F. Collie; Miss Catherine Durand; James D. S. Fulton; Joseph B. Himsworth, F.R.S.A.; William Johnston; James Keillor; Albert Edward MacColl, M.I.E.E.; Sylvester Lindsay Quine, M.C., A.M.I.E.E.; Robert Arnot Staig, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.E.; Homer L. Thomas, M.A.; Patrick Watt Thoms; William Turner, M.A.; V. J. Buchan Watt, M.B.O.U.

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased since the last Annual Meeting:—

Honorary Fellows—Don Hermilio Alcalde del Rio; Professor Dr Robert Zahn.

Fellows—Sir William M. Baird, J.P., F.F.S.; Rev. D. G. Barron, O.B.E., D.D.; Miss Elizabeth Turner Bell, J.P., F.E.I.S.; The Most Hon. The Marquess of Bute, K.T.; Alexander D. Cumming; William F. Cuthbertson; Major A. R. Davidson; John Dinwoodie; Robert James Good, J.P.; Walter G. Grant of Trumland; W. G. Grieve; James Harrison, M.D., J.P.; Mrs Violet M. Hood; John Hunter; Alfred W. Johnston; Rev. D. McNeill Livingstone, M.A., F.R.G.S.; William K. Lyon, W.S.; H. G. MacColl, M.A., B.Sc.; John McCormick; C. M. MacGillivray of MacGillivray, M.D., LL.D.; Thomas McLaren; Rev. James Meikle, B.D.; George Milne; J. G. Napier; Rev. Gordon Quig, M.A., B.D.; Major I. H. Mackay Scobie; Charles Stewart, C.A.; Colonel Archibald Stirling of Garden; Charles Taylor; Major James Kennedy Tullis; Charles B. Boog Watson, F.R.S.E.

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

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 1947.

Fellowship.—The total number of Fellows on the roll at
30th November 1946 was 822
At 30th November 1947 the number was 867

being an increase of 45

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 81, while 33 died, 3 resigned, and 2 allowed their membership to lapse.

Proceedings.—The Council decided that, in order to make up arrears, the volumes for 1945–46 and 1946–47 should be printed concurrently, and to save binding costs should be issued under one cover. Consequently it is hoped to issue Volumes LXXX and LXXXI jointly in the latter part of 1948. The contents are of a varied nature, archæological and historical. Printing and binding costs continue to rise, and economies have to be effected where possible.

The Museum.—

Staff.—The vacant post of Assistant-Keeper has been filled by the appointment of Mr Stuart Maxwell, M.A.(Edin.), who entered upon his duties early in October 1947.

Accessions.—The accessions during the year have increased to pre-war numbers; in addition to over 1300 flint implements, 536 objects were received by donation or bequest, and 12 were purchased.

The late Mr Walter G. Grant of Trumland, in addition to his past benefactions, and to the finds from the latest excavations at Rinyo and other sites, bequeathed the remainder of the finds from his excavations in the island of Rousay, comprising those from the Broch of Midhowe. Another notable accession of prehistoric material has come from Mr J. S. Richardson, F.S.A.Scot., who has collected over many years a great quantity of sherds, flints, axes, and other relics from the Late Neolithic–Early Bronze Age settlement site at Hedderwick, East Lothian. Another large collection of flints, presented by the late Mr H. Readman, comes from Lauderdale and the adjacent country. Particular mention must also be made of the Bronze Age burial pottery from Greenhill Cairn, Fife, presented by Captain H. J. Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, and from various sites near Edgerston, Roxburghshire, presented by Mrs F. S. Oliver, F.S.A.Scot. A penannular gold ornament of the Late Bronze Age from Biggar was given by the finder, Miss G. I. C. Govan, and a bronze razor and remains of its sheath from Holm, Orkney, by Mr P. Sutherland Graeme, C.B.E., F.S.A.Scot.

The fine Early Christian cross-slab from Invergowrie has been placed in the Museum to prevent its deteriorating further. Mr A. D. Pilkington, F.S.A.Scot., has presented several Viking objects from Caithness. A remarkable seal-matrix bearing the name of Henry, Bishop of Aberdeen, and found in Nottinghamshire, was given by Mr W. J. Jones of Furtho Manor. Among the accessions of more recent period are six seventeenth-century painted panels of the Sybils, with oak panelling of the same period, from Wester Livilands, Stirling, presented by Mr H. J. H. Drummond, F.S.A.Scot.; a

wooden arm-chair, dated 1671, presented by Mrs G. B. Robertson; a very fine woven and embroidered lady's dress, *circa* 1760, presented along with two pairs of embroidered shoes and a lady's shawl by Mrs M. A. Hamilton; and a number of trade tokens given by Mr Duncan S. Napier and Mr A. R. Cross, M.C., F.S.A.Scot.

An enamelled silver pin of dark age date and a rare forty-shilling piece of James VI are outstanding among the purchases, which also include copies of two notable antiquities—the bronze sword-scabbard from Bargany, Ayrshire, and the fourteenth-century gold brooch from Kames Castle, Bute.

Loans.—Though it has not been customary to report objects placed on loan in the Museum, two extended loans initiated this year are of such importance as to require mention. Banff Town Council has deposited the unique Early Iron Age boar's head of bronze from Leitchestown, Banffshire,¹ in exchange for a facsimile; and Captain F. Maxwell Stuart of Traquair has deposited the two choir stalls from Lincluden College, latterly preserved at Terregles, Kirkcudbrightshire,² to which the surviving painted panel has generously been restored, for the period of the loan, by the Committee of Dumfries Museum.

Library.—In addition to exchanges, 63 volumes have been received by donation and 53 by purchase. A survey has been commenced of books no longer appropriate to the Library's purpose.

Librarianship.—As Mr R. B. K. Stevenson has expressed his desire to resign the office of Honorary Librarian, the Council tenders its sincere thanks to him for his services during the past year.

Treasurership.—The Council in January last regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr J. Bolam Johnson, C.A., and thank him for his loyal service to the Society over a period of 25 years. They now welcome as his successor Mr James J. Lamb, M.A., LL.B., who since February of this year has given much help to the Society, particularly in connection with the Financial Statement, already issued to members, which covers a period of two years instead of one, and in connection with Deeds of Covenant. Special attention is called to the opportunity that these deeds provide for increasing the funds of the Society without additional personal cost.

Excavations.—During the course of the year various excavations have been undertaken on behalf of the Society. Dr Bersu was engaged on further exploration of Traprain Law; Professor Piggott has excavated on Cairnpapple Hill, near Torphichen; Dr A. O. Curle has been doing further work

¹ *Proc. Soc. Ant. Scot.*, vol. vii. Pl. XLVI.

² *Archæological Collections of Ayrshire and Galloway*, vol. x. p. 164.

on the Forse "Wag"; Mr R. B. K. Stevenson undertook operations at Braidwood, near Nine-Mile-Burn; and Dr Richmond continued his work at Inveresk. The results of these investigations are eagerly awaited. Support has also been given to the newly established Field School of Archæology sponsored by the Scottish Regional Group of the Council for British Archæology in association with the Scottish Universities.

Rhind Lectureship.—As intimated in last year's Report, it was arranged that the Rhind Lectures for 1947 should be delivered by Mr James S. Richardson, H.M. Inspector of Ancient Monuments for Scotland, and it was hoped that this series of Lectures would have been delivered before now. While the material is otherwise in readiness, unforeseen difficulties have occurred in the preparation of lantern slides owing to restrictions in labour and material. The delivery of the Lectures may, therefore, have to be postponed to the beginning of 1948.

Gunning Fellowship.—The Fellowship for 1947 was awarded to Mr Robert B. K. Stevenson.

Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—A consolation prize of £2 was awarded to Miss Jean Sutherland of Galashiels, the only candidate. Efforts are being made to advertise the prize more widely in the coming year.

Address to the King.—A loyal Address to His Majesty, Patron of the Society, on the occasion of the marriage of Princess Elizabeth, was prepared by the President and forwarded to Buckingham Palace. This Address was read at the meeting, and is in the following terms:—

UNTO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the President and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, incorporated by Royal Charter, present our humble duty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and Patron.

In our loyalty to and affection for the throne, the welfare and happiness of Your Majesty's person, and of each member of Your Majesty's family, is for us a subject of the greatest concern.

On the occasion therefore of the forthcoming marriage of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, who following Your Majesty's devoted example of service to the community has enshrined herself in the affections of the Scottish people, we beg leave humbly to associate ourselves with the rejoicing of all loyal subjects in this land and Empire, and to tender to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen our heartfelt congratulations.

We pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon Her Royal

Highness and her future husband always, and that happier and more prosperous times than our land enjoys to-day may be in store for them in the future.

Signed in the name and by the authority of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, in general meeting assembled, and sealed with the common seal of the Incorporation this Fifth day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

HADDINGTON, *President.*

J. M. DAVIDSON, *Vice-President.*

A. GRAHAM, *Secretary.*

The Council's Report was unanimously approved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr J. M. Davidson.

Dr William Angus proposed the name of Alan Orr Anderson, M.A., LL.D., for election as an Honorary Fellow of the Society. Dr Anderson had distinguished himself in the field of historical research by his works on *Early Sources of Scottish History* and (in collaboration with Dr W. C. Dickinson) a facsimile edition of the *Chronicle of Melrose*. He had also taken an interest in the Celtic hill-forts of Central Perthshire, especially in Glen Lyon. His activities had been carried on under severe physical disability. He was worthy of the distinction now proposed to be conferred upon him. Mr R. B. K. Stevenson proposed the name of Dr A. E. Van Giffen, Director of the Biological-Archæological Institute in the University of Groningen, Holland. In his exploration of the sandy burial-mounds of the Bronze Age he had rescued the impressions of timber palisades, as well as of the skeletons, by a highly refined technique. These two names being submitted to the meeting there was a unanimous vote for their election as Honorary Fellows.

Proposals for the alterations in the Society's Laws 1, 9, and 15 having been already circulated to Fellows, were unanimously approved on the motion of the President, with the addition in Law 9 of the words "if available" after the word "*Proceedings*," and in Law 15 of the words "*ex officio*" after the word "Museum."

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr James J. Lamb, Treasurer, called attention to the Financial Statement now in the hands of Fellows, which covered a period of two years, and which showed that the funds of the Society were in a healthy state. He took the opportunity of mentioning that the appeal for taking up Deeds of Covenant had already been well responded to, 71 Fellows having signed, so that the Society would already benefit to the extent of about £60 per annum. The adoption of the Financial Report was moved by Miss Anne S. Robertson and cordially agreed to. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Monday, 9th December 1946, Mr J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A.,
Senior Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Anthony Charles Bannan; James D. Boyd, D.A.(Glas.); Alexander J. Lothian; James Fairweather Milne, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.; Edward Francis Sykes; Eric G. Turner, M.A.; William V. Wade, M.A., F.S.A.

The following Communications were read:—

I. King James IV of Scotland: His Influence on Medicine and Science, by DOUGLAS GUTHRIE, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.S.A.Scot.

II. Bronze Age Cist at Pinnacle Hill, Kelso, by CHARLES S. T. CALDER, A.R.I.A.S., F.S.A.Scot.

Monday, 13th January 1947, Mr J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A.,
Senior Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Chalmers Burns, M.A., Mus.B.; James A. G. Hastings; F. Russell Perkins; William Scott Robson; Miss Marion G. Stirling.

The following Communications were read:—

I. Excavation of a "Wag" at Forse, Latheron, Caithness, by ALEXANDER O. CURLE, C.V.O., LL.D., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.

II. Birthbrief of Walter Innes, by Sir THOMAS INNES of Learney, K.C.V.O., Lord Lyon King of Arms, F.S.A.Scot. (*Read by title.*)

III. Excavations at Scotstarvit, Cupar, Fife, by Professor GERHARD BERSU, F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Monday, 10th February 1947, The Right Hon. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.C.,
T.D., President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Douglas Alex. Allan, D.Sc., Ph.D.; John Campbell; Captain William D. Cheyne-Macpherson of Dalchully; Miss Muriel M. O. Douglas, M.A.; William J. Macaulay, D.A.; James Stewart of Keil; Keningale Bertram Wright, B.Sc., A.M.Inst.C.E.

A Ministry of Information film entitled "The Beginnings of History" was exhibited in the Library. Professor Piggott gave a short introduction.

Monday, 10th March 1947, Mr WILLIAM ANGUS, LL.D., in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: James Anderson; Rev. John Anderson, B.D.; Alexander W. M. Battersby, L.R.C.S. & P.Ed., D.P.H.; W. G. Rowntree Bodie, A.R.I.B.A.; Ranald W. M. Clouston, B.Sc.Eng.; James A. Finlayson, D.A.; James J. Lamb, M.A., LL.B.; Donald G. Moir; Miss Helen M. Roe, M.A.; Maurice E. Taylor, A.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I., F.R.I.A.S.

The following Communications were read:—

I. A Stone Age Settlement at the Braes of Rinyo, Rousay, Orkney (Second Report), by Professor V. G. CHILDE, D.Litt., D.Sc., F.B.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot., and WALTER G. GRANT of Trumland, F.S.A.Scot.

II. Excavations in Two Homesteads at Crock Cleuch, Roxburghshire, by KENNETH A. STEER, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Monday, 14th April 1947, Mr ALEXANDER O. CURLE, C.V.O., LL.D., F.S.A., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Douglas Hamilton; Archibald Dougal MacKinven, M.A.

The following Communications were read:—

I. Antiquities in Easter Ross and Sutherland, by J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.

II. Farms and Fortifications in King's Park, Edinburgh, by ROBERT B. K. STEVENSON, M.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Monday, 12th May 1947, The Right Hon. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.C., T.D., President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: George Applebey; G. S. P. Cooke; Captain W. G. Don of Maulesden; Miss S. Dove-Wilson; Robert Gilchrist, A.M.I.C.E.; Marcus K. Milne; W. C. G. Peterkin, W.S.; Rev. David Ramsay; John B. C. Robertson.

The following Communications were read:—

I. Some Observations on the Brochs, by ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.

II. Moulds for Bronze Razors, by Mrs C. M. PIGGOTT, F.S.A., F.S.A.Scot.

III. Symbol Stone at Gleneagles, Perthshire, by C. S. T. CALDER, A.R.I.A.S., F.S.A.Scot.