

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES
OF SCOTLAND HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY, 30th November
1949, AT 4 P.M. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON,
M.C., T.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr M. R. Dobie and Mr R. W. Feachem 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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The Right Hon. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.C., T.D.

Vice-Presidents.

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WILLIAM ANGUS, LL.D.

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Professor W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A.	MISS ANNE S. ROBERTSON, M.A.
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Treasurer.

JAMES J. LAMB, M.A., LL.B., W.S.

Curators of the Museum.

JAMES S. RICHARDSON, LL.D.	IAN A. RICHMOND, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., F.S.A.
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ROBERT KERR, M.A.

Librarian.

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

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: William Glen Aitken, D.A., Catherine Bank, Ardbeg Road, Rothesay; David Carr Baird, 5 Bruntsfield Gardens, Edinburgh; William Bremner, B.E.M., Glencairn, Stroma, Caithness; Rev. Thomas Caldwell, D.D., Ph.D., The Manse, Aberlady, E. Lothian; James E. Carruthers, M.A., 51 Spottiswoode Road, Edinburgh; Howard W. Durnell, F.B.S.A., The Nook, Old Torquay Road, Paignton, Devon; Rev. Ambrose S. Else, F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., 26 Clark Avenue, Edinburgh, 5; Rev. Henry R. M. Fraser, The Manse, Westray, Orkney; Mrs Enid Grant, B.A. (Hons.) London, 19 Falcon Road West, Edinburgh; Robert Stewart Hastie, 146 Fergus Drive, North Kelvinside, Glasgow, N.W.; Ian Robertson Lilburn, Coull House, Coull, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire; George Maclean, F.R.M.S., 70 Hermitage Avenue, Glasgow, W. 3; Miss Morva Patricia K. MacLeod, Seafield, Strathpeffer, Ross; Mrs Margaret W. MacNeill, M.A., 5 McLaren Road, Edinburgh; Miss Frances H. Melville, O.B.E., LL.D., 11 Merchiston Bank Gardens, Edinburgh; Peter Moar, 4 Thorfinn Street, Lerwick; Miss Jessie Wallace Ogilvie, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H., Barloch, Milngavie, Dunbartonshire; Jack Gillespie Scott, B.A., 12 Grosvenor Terrace, Glasgow, W. 2; William Shand, Solicitor, Devon House, Crook of Devon, Kinross; Frederick

William Strange, F.R.E.S., 122 Lexham Gardens, Kensington, London, W. 8;
James Whitton, C.A., 3 St Colme Street, Edinburgh; Captain Edwin Durno
Wilson, A.B., B.S., 4700 Maryland Avenue, Everett, Washington, U.S.A.

The Assistant Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1948-49:—

<i>Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>
The Most Hon. The Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, Braehead, Bridge of Don, by Aberdeen	1949
Colonel H. C. Agnew, Bonjedward House, Jedburgh	1938
The Most Hon. The Dowager Marchioness of Ailsa, Culzean Castle, Maybole	1933
Miss Elizabeth H. M. Allan, M.A., Hessilden, Meikleriggs, Paisley	1939
*His Grace The Duke of Argyll, Inveraray Castle, Argyll	1918
Rev. John Kirkland Cameron, J.P., East Mains, Auchterhouse, Angus	1930
Miss Ella R. Christie, Cowden Castle, Dollar	1901
George Crichton, 6 Duncan Street, Edinburgh, 9	1931
William K. Dickson, LL.D., 8 Gloucester Place, Edinburgh, 3	1895
Colonel Alan M. Duncan, T.D., 408 Albert Drive, Glasgow, S.1	1937
Rev. William Dunlop, M.A., Factory Cottage, Randolph Street, Buckhaven, Fife	1923
*J. J. Galbraith, M.D., D.P.H., 4 Park Street, Dingwall	1929
*Sir Hugh S. Gladstone, M.A., F.R.S.E., Capenoch, Penpont, Dumfries- shire	1912
D. G. Henderson, Winterdyne, Wick, Caithness	1943
Dr W. J. Leach, Eileandonan, Beauly, Ross-shire	1934
Henry Lachlan Macdonald, of Dunach, Dunach, Oban, Argyll	1929
George Mackay, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., 9 Belford Avenue, Edinburgh, 3	1908
Hector Hugh Mackenzie, J.P., "Ballone," 37 Buckstone Terrace, Edinburgh, 10	1919
H. B. Mackintosh, M.B.E., Redhythe, Elgin	1913
Rev. McIntosh Mowat, B.L., Campsie Manse, Campsie Glen, Glasgow	1941
Charles Stewart Murray, 8 Hillview, Blackhall, Edinburgh	1933
Richard F. Patterson, M.A., D.Litt., Graham's Dyke, Bearsden, Dun- bartonshire	1925
Rev. Francis W. Peverelle, Musgrove, New Road, Ferndown, Hampreston, Dorset	1942
Francis J. Robertson, J.P., 11 Hailes Terrace, Edinburgh, 11	1938
*Colonel Charles Louis Spencer, C.B.E., D.S.O., Warmanbie, by Annan, Dumfriesshire	1910
James Tait, Masonic House, Alma, Michigan, U.S.A.	1933
George Mackie Watson, F.R.I.B.A., 17 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh, 1	1924
John White, 18A Arthur Street, Edinburgh, 6	1939

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 1949.

<i>Fellowship.</i> —The total number of Fellows on the roll at	
30th November 1948 was	852
At 30th November 1949 the number was	879
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being an increase of	27

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 61, while 28 died, 9 resigned, and 6 allowed their membership to lapse. There are 14 Honorary Fellows, 7 Corresponding Members and 1 Lady Associate. The number of libraries which subscribe to the Society's *Proceedings* is 46, and there are 168 Societies and Institutions, British, Colonial and Foreign, on an exchange basis.

Proceedings.—Volumes LXXX and LXXXI for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 bound in one cover were issued to Fellows in April 1949. In this double volume there was printed a notice stating that for reasons of economy it was intended to issue succeeding volumes in paper covers. The Council has since reviewed the situation and hopes that it may be possible to make arrangements for a modified form of binding and to effect a saving in illustration costs, without sacrifice of quality.

Volume LXXXII (1947-48) is in the hands of the printer, and should be ready by the Spring of 1950, the period since the publication of the preceding volume being thus shortened to one year. Its contents will include 9 papers on archaeological and 6 papers on historical and miscellaneous subjects.

General Index.—Preparations were made at the beginning of the second world war for continuing the index of the *Proceedings* from volume XLIX onwards, but the work had to be laid aside. The Council is glad to report that the completion of this index, down to and including volume LXXXI, is being undertaken by Mr Marryat R. Dobie, F.S.A.Scot., Librarian of the National Library of Scotland.

The Museum.

Three members of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries paid a visit of inspection to the Museum in June, and were received by the President. It is gratifying that in their report they referred approvingly to the post-War rearrangement of the galleries and reported sympathetically on the various needs for development.

The outstanding accession to the Museum during the year was received on "permanent loan" from the Scottish United Services Museum in Edinburgh Castle. It consists of the greater part of the remarkable collection of Highland weapons and adornments formed by Mr N. R. Colville, F.S.A.Scot. There are 50 pistols, 71 dirks,

daggers and swords, 11 targes and a buckler, and numerous sporrans, powder-horns and brooches. A special exhibition of all these was held during the Edinburgh Festival. Unfortunately owing to our very restricted space only a selection can be permanently shown.

The number of items added by donation or bequest was slightly larger than in the previous year (349, excluding flints), but there was less of particular note. These accessions came from 49 different sources and it is interesting that in 28 of these cases it was from or through a Fellow of the Society (other than the Museum staff) that the accession came.

As is usual several collections of prehistoric objects came from excavations undertaken by Fellows: the relics from Dr A. O. Curle's exploration of Forse Wag, Caithness, being presented by Dr E. H. Sinclair; those from Professor Piggott's work at Cairnpapple Hill, West Lothian, by the Ministry of Works; and those from that of Mrs Piggott at Hownam Rings, Roxburghshire, by His Grace The Duke of Roxburghe. Three collections of flints were received, one being the very important series of microliths formed over many years by the late Miss Hilda M. L. Paterson, F.S.A.Scot., and familiar from publication in our *Proceedings*. A Food-vessel and a Cinerary Urn of unusual character were among four Bronze-Age vessels, probably from Wemyss, which were gifted by Captain Wemyss through Dr J. S. Richardson, F.S.A.Scot. What appears to be a Late Beaker, found in Orkney during the war, was secured by Dr H. Marwick, F.S.A.Scot.

An enigmatic impression in lead of the seal of David Lindsay, second bishop of Edinburgh, has been presented by Mrs Davison, while a number of Jacobite relics, long deposited on loan, have been bequeathed by the late Major I. C. Stewart of Fasnaclloch. Attention may also be drawn to the fact that the Museum is accepting increasing numbers of the small objects in daily domestic use in the quite recent past, particularly of kinds that collectors do not think worth preserving.

The need in these times for our Special Purchase Fund is borne out by the sale of the well-known collection of Scottish medals that belonged to the late R. W. Cochran-Patrick, F.S.A.Scot., from which we have acquired 155 items, some of great rarity. The most notable is a gold medal celebrating the marriage of James VI in 1590. Particular mention must also be made of several other medals: one is a jetton of Mary Queen of Scots with a coat of arms indicating her claim to the English throne, another commemorates the opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1685, while a third bears the arms of

the "Darien Company" and the scene of the storming of Toubucanti in 1700. Jacobite and Hanoverian medals are also largely represented besides those more recent ones struck for schools and institutions.

Some of the 55 objects purchased with the annual Government grant are also of considerable interest, such as an unusually fine, large plaid-brooch of seventeenth-century date, and another copper engraved brooch which has light projecting points and is probably a century earlier. There may also be mentioned particularly a collection of Beggars' Badges and a silver medal presented by the Edinburgh and Leith Humane Society to Grace Darling.

An exhibition of air photographs was held for a fortnight in December by courtesy of our Fellow Dr St Joseph and Kodak Ltd. It is hoped that temporary exhibitions will become a more regular feature here and will attract the public.

A notable increase in organised school visits is taking place, as a result of the appointment by Edinburgh Corporation of a teacher as Museums Officer to take advantage of the facilities available in the city.

Guide Book.—The guide to the Museum has been entirely rewritten and has just been published under the title *A Short Guide to Scottish Antiquities*, price 1s.

The main galleries of the Museum have been made more serviceable by a new system of electric lighting, and the building has also been extensively redecorated.

Library.—172 volumes have been added to the library by donation, of which more than half come from the collection of the late Dr J. J. Galbraith, F.S.A.Scot., and have been presented by his sons. Fifty-four volumes have been purchased during the year, in addition to series subscribed to.

Following the transfer before the war of many manuscripts and records to the National Library and H.M. Register House, the Council has felt that some of the older possessions of the library and a number of foreign periodicals were no longer suited to the specialized purpose of the library, and that many would be more accessible and useful to scholars if transferred elsewhere. With the authority of the Board of Trustees, 1506 items have accordingly been divided between the National Library of Scotland, the four Scottish Universities, London University, the British Museum Library, the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Excavations.—In the course of the year excavations were undertaken, wholly or partly on behalf of the Society, as follows:—

- (1) By Professor S. Piggott at Cairnholy, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- (2) By Mrs C. M. Piggott at Hayhope Knowe, Roxburghshire.
- (3) By Mr W. A. Anderson, Paisley, at Bochastle, Callander.
- (4) By Mr Charles S. T. Calder at various sites in Scotland.
- (5) By Dr James S. Richardson at Colstoun, East Lothian.

Funds were made available for student labour and other expenses.

The Society was also instrumental, along with the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society, in promoting excavations, by Mr C. A. Raleigh Radford, F.S.A., at Whithorn Priory and on the Isle of Whithorn.

Rhind Lectureship.—Two series of lectures were delivered during the year. The first series was delivered by Mr James S. Richardson, LL.D., late Inspector of Ancient Monuments, his subject being “The Mediæval Stone Carver in Scotland.” The other series was delivered by Sir Cyril Fox, D.Litt., F.B.A., F.S.A., late Director of the National Museum of Wales, on “Regional House-Styles: their origins and development: recent studies in South Wales.”

In 1950 the lecturer will be Miss I. F. Grant. She will be followed in 1951 by Professor R. E. M. Wheeler, M.C., D.Litt., F.B.A., and in 1952 by Professor Bernard Ashmole, M.C., B.Litt., Hon.A.R.I.B.A., F.B.A.

Gunning Fellowship.—The Fellowship for 1949 was divided between Mr R. B. K. Stevenson and Mr S. Maxwell.

Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—This prize was advertised in March 1949, but no award has been made.

Films.—By the generosity of two Fellows of the Society, Mr William Kirkness and Mr David Wilson, the Society has become the possessor of three reels of film relating to investigations at the Knap of Howar, the Knowe of Rowiegar and Broch of Mid Howe, all in Orkney. It is hoped to exhibit these films in the Society's rooms during the Spring of 1950.

This Report was unanimously approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr W. F. Arbuckle.

The Treasurer made a statement regarding the Accounts of the Society for the year 1948–49, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him on the motion of Dr John Allan.