

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY, 30th November 1950, 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 R. W. Feachem and Dr E. W. M. Balfour-Melville 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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Professor W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A.

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ROBERT KERR, M.A.

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H. J. H. DRUMMOND.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Ronald Dupen Cherrett; Rev. James Fitzgerald Crawford; John Alastair Montgomerie; Raymond Wallace.

The Assistant Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1949-50:—

<i>Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>
Rev. John Anderson, B.D., Cairnton, Orphir, Orkney	1947
William Baxter, Eskdale, Tranent	1930*
Rev. William Napier Bell, M.A., 37 Oakfield Avenue, Glasgow, W. 2	1929

<i>Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>
Thomas Brown, A.R.I.B.A., 14 Lennel Avenue, Edinburgh	1921
John G. Burns, c/o Bank of Scotland, West Maitland Street, Edinburgh .	1925
William A. Callander, 100 West Regent Street, Glasgow, C. 2	1929
George Carfrae, 77 George Street, Edinburgh, 2	1901
Ivan B. M. Chalmers, M.A., LL.B., 9 Clarendon Terrace, Dundee	1939
Rev. Ivo M. Clark, B.D., Ph.D., Manse of Farnell, Brechin	1948
Mrs J. I. Clark, J.P., Beaumont Lodge, 29 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh, 10	1936
George Duncan, LL.D., 60 Hamilton Place, Aberdeen	1924
G. M. Fraser, Summerlea House, Portree, Skye	1921
James Dow Gray, J.P., Ballochmyle, Strathmore Avenue, Dundee	1933
William Forbes Gray, F.R.S.E., 8 Mansionhouse Road, Edinburgh, 9 . . .	1915
Henry J. Hoile, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., 145 High Street, Montrose	1923
J. Boyd Jamieson, T.D., M.D., F.R.C.S.E., 43 George Square, Edinburgh, 8	1923*
Rev. Norman M. Johnson, B.Sc., F.R.S.E., The Manse of Eday, Kirkwall, Orkney	1945
Sir Norman Lamont, Bart., M.P., of Knockdow, Toward, Argyllshire . . .	1901*
John Drummond Macaulay, "Ellwyn," 69 Terregles Street, Dumfries	1929*
Donald S. Mackinnon, "Leob," Elliot Place, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, 11	1931
Rev. Campbell Macleroy, B.D., 20 Priestden Road, St Andrews, Fife . . .	1919
Thomas MacMaster, 190 Grange Loan, Edinburgh, 9	1933
Rev. William McMillan, D.D., Ph.D., C.F., St Leonard's Manse, Dun- fermline	1916*
David McNeill, M.A., School House, Loanhead	1929
John Mooney, J.P., Cromwell Cottage, Kirkwall, Orkney	1922
Murdo Morrison, Lakefield, Bragar, Lewis (<i>Corresponding Member</i>)	1915
Alexander Smith Morton, Victoria Street, Newton Stewart	1930
James D. Ogilvie, Barloch, Milngavie	1924
William S. Robson, "Ardlui," 11 East Stewart Place, Hawick	1947
Major John Ross, "Euro," Langbank, Renfrewshire	1922
Thomas Rowatt, O.B.E., M.M., M.I.Mech.E., 42 Spylaw Bank Road, Colinton, Edinburgh, 13	1927
George Watson, M.A., 8 Salisbury Crescent, Oxford	1944

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 1950.

<i>Fellowship.</i> —The total number of Fellows on the roll at	
30th November 1949 was	879
At 30th November 1950 the number was	900
being an increase of	21

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 82, while 32 died, 18 resigned, and 11 allowed their membership to lapse. There are 14 Honorary Fellows, 5 Corresponding Members, and 1 Lady Associate. The number of libraries which subscribe to the Society's *Proceedings* is 47, and there are 158 Societies and Institutions, British, Colonial and foreign, on an exchange basis.

Meetings of Society.—The Council found it desirable that the ordinary meetings of the Society should begin in October instead of December, and a revised form of Law 20 was accordingly adopted at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society on 29th September 1950.

Annual Subscription.—Owing to the state of the Society's finances and the high costs of printing and production of the *Proceedings*, it has been found necessary to increase the rate of subscription from one guinea to two guineas as from 30th September 1950, subject to review. This measure was agreed to at the above meeting on 29th September.

Proceedings.—Volume LXXXII for the year 1947–48 has been issued to Fellows, and the preparation of volume LXXXIII is well advanced. The new style of binding seems to meet with general approval.

Library.—In addition to the usual learned periodicals received by exchange, 78 volumes were added to the library by donation and 43 by purchase.

The Museum.

Exhibitions.—Two special exhibitions were held in the Museum during the year. One drawn from our own collections indicated comparisons between Scottish material of all periods and objects from Europe and farther afield. The other consisted of air photographs of castles and religious houses, mostly in England and Wales, arranged by Dr J. K. St Joseph and distributed by Kodak Ltd.

School Visits.—Increasing use of the Museum for organised visits by school children is being made, particularly by Edinburgh Corporation schools. One, and often two, classes are being held each day in the autumn term.

Accessions.—The number of items added to the Museum by donation or bequest was 407, excluding flints, and by purchase 143. The number of sources was gratifyingly large, being respectively 86 and 17, compared with 49 and 9 last year.

Of interest primarily to archaeologists, perhaps, are the relics from

a number of excavations undertaken by our Fellows on prehistoric sites, which include Cairnholy and Bargrennan chambered cairns, in Galloway, excavated by Professor Piggott; Stanydale and March cairns and Sae Breck Broch, Shetland, excavated by Mr C. S. T. Calder; and two other sites in Shetland, the Bunyie Hoose and the Standing-Stones of Yuxie, at which exploration by Mr John Stewart is in progress.

An important collection of flint implements, particularly lopsided arrow-heads, from Overhowden Farm, Lauderdale, has been presented by Mr James Sharp, who described them for our *Proceedings* in 1912. There should also be mentioned Mesolithic, Bronze Age and Viking relics from the links at Freswick, Caithness, given by the finders Mr Simon Bremner, Corresponding Member, and his daughter, Miss M. C. Bremner. Inveresk Cemetery Committee have presented an unusual Roman coin from the fort there. An interesting, though crudely carved "Pictish" cross shaft has been given by Reay Kirk Session.

A considerable number of the donations, however, as of the purchases, date from recent centuries. The Wat of Harden horn and spurs, described in our *Proceedings* in 1931, have been generously gifted by Colonel the Hon. A. C. Murray of Elibank, under the Deed then published. We are greatly indebted to the late Miss J. M. M. Warrender for the bequest of her Jacobite collection, comprising 37 medals, numerous prints, engravings and drawings, 4 miniatures, a fan, jewellery, and also five autograph letters. Such items as are more appropriate to the National Portrait Gallery and the National Library have been deposited with them, and have not been included in the year's accession total.

The numismatic section of our collection has this year again figured largely in the accessions, having also received from various sources by gift 5 other medals, 12 coins and 7 trade or advertisers' tokens, while 50 trade tokens, including a valuable series of 13 silver countermarked tokens from the Lingford sale, have been purchased, as have 16 coins and a medal. Mention must be made by name of the fine medal struck this year to commemorate Bishop Kennedy, of which a specimen has been presented by St Andrews University.

A curious board game for teaching children music has been purchased; it was patented in 1801 by Ann Young, of Edinburgh. Lastly, among the obsolete domestic items acquired should be noted a large box-mangle gifted by Mrs Smiley, Castle Fraser, which lack of space unfortunately prevents being exhibited for the present.

We have also to thank Dr J. S. Richardson for further interesting donations.

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

- (1) Professor S. Piggott at Torwoodlee Broch, Selkirkshire.
- (2) Mrs C. M. Piggott at Bonchester Hill.
- (3) Dr F. T. Wainwright, Dundee, at Carlungie in Angus.
- (4) Charles S. T. Calder, at Gruting, Shetland.
- (5) A grant was made to the Scottish Field School towards the expenses of students from other sources than Scottish Universities who were employed on various excavations.

By the courtesy of the Scottish Regional Group, Council for British Archæology, a copy of their printed report was issued gratis to Fellows of the Society.

Rhind Lectureship.—A well-attended series of seven lectures was delivered in October 1950 by Miss I. F. Grant, LL.D., founder of the Am Fàsghadh Folk Museum at Kingussie, her subject being "Periods of Highland Civilization." The lecturer for the ensuing year is Dr R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, Professor of the Archæology of the Roman Provinces, London University, who proposes to deal with "The Discipline of Field Archæology."

Gunning Fellowship.—The Fellowship for 1950 was awarded to Mr R. B. K. Stevenson.

The adoption of the Report was moved from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Piggott.

At this stage Lord Haddington introduced the new President, Professor W. M. Calder, and invited him to take the Chair. After conveying the thanks of the Society to Lord Haddington for his valuable services during the past five years, he called upon the Treasurer to make a statement on the financial situation. Mr Lamb reported that all the funds of the Society were in fairly good condition with the exception of the General Fund, towards the repletion of which the increased rate of subscription would, it was hoped, be of good service. He intimated that the Accounts had been duly audited and were in the hands of the printer. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer by Mr A. R. Cross.

Thereafter tea was provided in a section of the Comparative Gallery of the Museum, which had been kindly lent for the purpose by Mr Stevenson, Keeper of the Museum, and in which certain period dresses were exhibited.

Following upon the tea there was a demonstration of film strips by Mr T. A. Davis, Museums Officer, Edinburgh Education Department. He was

introduced by Mr A. Graham, Secretary, and Professor Piggott, at the invitation of Mr Davis, commented upon certain of the films. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Davis for a most interesting exhibition, and he indicated that he was empowered by the Director of Education, Edinburgh Education Department, to present to the Society seven film strips with accompanying descriptive text.