

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES
OF SCOTLAND HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY, 30th November 1951,
AT 4 P.M. PROFESSOR W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., IN THE
CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Dr W. Angus and Professor K. Jackson 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.

Emeritus Professor W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A.

Vice-Presidents.

WILLIAM ANGUS, LL.D.
WILLIAM F. ARBUCKLE, M.A.
ROBERT C. REID.

Councillors.

Lady WATSON, M.B., Ch.B.	} <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i>
ALEXANDER MAITLAND, K.C., D.L.	
KENNETH A. STEER, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.	
JAMES DAVIDSON, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P.E.	
STEWART H. CRUDEN, M.A., A.R.I.B.A.	
JOHN ALLAN, C.B., M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., V.-P.S.A.	A. ROBERTSON CROSS, M.C., B.A., LL.B.
	JOHN RICHARDSON, W.S.
	Professor J. DUNCAN MACKIE, C.B.E., M.C., LL.D.
	R. W. FEACHEM, M.A., M.Sc., F.S.A.
	FREDERICK T. WAINWRIGHT, B.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.

Secretaries.

ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A., F.S.A.	J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A.
----------------------------	---

For Foreign Correspondence.

Professor STUART PIGGOTT, B.Litt., F.S.A.	Miss ANNE S. ROBERTSON, M.A.
--	------------------------------

Treasurer.

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

Curators of the Museum.

JAMES S. RICHARDSON, LL.D.	Professor IAN A. RICHMOND, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., F.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: Gilbert Ballantyne, Victoria Villa, Beith, Ayrshire; Miss Beatrice M. Blance, Plans, Ruthwell Station, Dumfriesshire; Mrs Isabel R. Crozier, 3 University Square, Belfast; Gordon Donaldson, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S., 24 East Hermitage Place, Edinburgh, 6; Charles C. Easton, Donbank House, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen; James Gilkison, 53 Woodlinn Avenue, Glasgow, S. 4; Alexander Esme Gordon, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.S., 11 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh; Laurence King, F.R.I.B.A., The Wayside, Shenfield Common, Brentwood, Essex; Professor R. D. Lockhart, 25 Rubislaw Den North, Aberdeen; John A. Macminn, L.R.I.B.A., A.R.I.A.S., 4 Hailes Park, Edinburgh, 13; Miss Margaret R. Tait, 34 Learmonth Crescent, Edinburgh, 4; John Renwick Vickers, "Belvoir," St Bede's, East Boldon, Co. Durham.

The Assistant Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1950-51:—

<i>Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>
James A. Arnott, F.R.I.B.A., 50 Queen Street, Edinburgh, 2	1921
James Battersby, F.R.C.S.Eng., Edenkerry, Helensburgh	1927
Rev. William Napier Bell, M.A., 37 Oakfield Avenue, Glasgow, W. 2	1929*
Professor Dr philos. A. W. Brøgger, Bestyrer av Universitetets, Oldsaksamling, Tullinløkken, Oslo, Norway. (Honorary Fellow)	1926
Sir James L. Caw, LL.D., Edinkerry, Lasswade	1896
Wm. Connell, 43 Chestwood Avenue, Oakland Park, Barnstaple	1932
Rev. J. M. Connor, D.S.O., M.A., 14 Cypress Road, Newport, Isle of Wight	1933
Colonel C. J. E. Cranstoun, D.S.O., Corehouse, Lanark	1927
Robert H. Cullen, 64 Lauderdale Gardens, Glasgow, W. 2	1948
Professor Franz Cumont, 19 Corso d'Italia, Rome. (Honorary Fellow)	1923
Mrs M. E. Cunnington, 33 Long Street, Devizes, Wiltshire. (Honorary Fellow)	1931
Robert Dickson, J.P., Davaar, Kirkintilloch	1946
A. M. Finlayson, 31 Brown Place, Wick	1936
William Garden, 4 Rubislaw Terrace, Aberdeen	1918
Rev. Wm. A. Gillies, B.D., D.D., 27 Ladysmith Road, Edinburgh, 9	1924
R. W. Graham-Yooll, M.B., Ch.B., Cairnton, West Linton, Peeblesshire	1944
James H. Guild, W.S., 5 Coates Gardens, Edinburgh, 12	1920
Percy Ward Laidler, M.O.H., City Hall, East London, C.P., South Africa	1910*
Buckham W. Liddell, W.S., Union Bank House, Pitlochry	1927
Professor Alexander Low, M.A., M.D., 144 Blenheim Place, Aberdeen	1926
Albert E. MacColl, M.I.E.E., 16 Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh	1947
Ebenezer J. MacRae, Taprobane, Ratho, Midlothian	1945
Major James Milne-Davidson, I.S.O., F.S.A., Lynwood, Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, Surrey	1930
Henry T. Morley, F.R.Hist.S., J.P., B.Sc., Leicester House, King's Road, Reading	1931
E. R. Paton, B.A.(Cantab.), of Hareshawmuir, The Lodge, via Kilmarnock, Ayrshire	1934
James Ross, 10 Midmar Gardens, Edinburgh	1929
Lieut.-Colonel D. Hay Scott, M.B., Ch.B., The Old Orchard, Bedham, Pulborough, Sussex	1926
David Baird Smith, C.B.E., LL.D., 5 Kirklee Terrace, Glasgow, W. 2	1910
Thomas M. Tod, West Brackly, Kinross	1930
Graham Cochran Welsh, M.A., LL.B., Grey Tiles, Carlops	1950

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 1951.

THE SOCIETY.

<i>Fellowship.</i> —The total number of Fellows on the roll at 30th November 1950 was	900
At 30th November 1951 the number was	875
	<hr/>
being a decrease of	25

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 45, while 30 died, 25 resigned, and 7 allowed their membership to lapse. There are 11 Honorary Fellows, 6 Corresponding Members, and 1 Lady Associate. The number of libraries which subscribe to the Society's *Proceedings* is 56, and there are 132 Societies and Institutions, British, Colonial and Foreign, on an exchange basis.

Proceedings.—Volume LXXXIII has been recently issued after unexpected delay. Favourable comments have been received regarding the range of its contents and the new form of binding. By special arrangement with the printers Volume LXXXIV is to be ready for issue soon after the end of March 1952; and thereafter every endeavour will be made to produce volumes at regular yearly intervals. The Council thankfully acknowledges the grant of £100 made by the Carnegie Trust towards the cost of Volume LXXXIII.

Excavations.—Grants from the Society's funds were made towards excavations at the following sites:—

- Mr R. J. C. Atkinson at Glenluce, Wigtownshire.
- Mr B. K. Hope-Taylor at Mote of Urr, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- Professor S. Piggott at Torwoodlee, Selkirkshire.
- Dr K. A. Steer at the Roman Fort at Oakwood, Selkirkshire.
- Dr F. T. Wainwright at Carlungie, Angus.

A grant was also made to the Scottish Field School of Archæology.

Gunning Fellowship.—The grant from this Fund for 1951 was awarded to Mr Stuart Maxwell, Assistant Keeper of the Museum.

Rhind Lectures.—A series of well-attended lectures on the "Discipline of Field Archæology" was delivered in the present month of November by

Professor R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, Professor of the Archæology of the Roman Provinces in the University of London. The Rhind Lecturer for 1952 is Professor Bernard Ashmole, M.C., M.A., B.Litt., Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, British Museum, who has taken for his subject "Greek Sculpture: The Century after Pheidias."

General Index.—Mention was made in the Annual Report for 1948-49 of the offer most generously made by Mr Marryat R. Dobie, F.S.A.Scot., Librarian of the National Library of Scotland, to prepare a General Index of the volumes of *Proceedings* from 1914, being Volumes XLIX-LXXXI. Mr Dobie has now reported that the material is ready for the printer, and arrangements are being made to publish this most essential and long-awaited volume. Meanwhile the Council takes this opportunity of expressing on the Society's behalf its gratitude to Mr Dobie for undertaking and accomplishing a task of such magnitude.

Gifts to the Society.—Quantities of earlier volumes of *Proceedings* have, as in previous years, been presented by Fellows and others, and these have helped to replenish stock that has run low. Of special interest, however, is the gift recently made by Mr James Birrell of Dunfermline, one of our members, who handed over for the Society's use a finely equipped Ross lantern and epidiascope to take the place of the instrument which the Society had to hire for each lecture. For this generous donation Mr Birrell deserves the thanks of the Society. A suitable stand is being made for this lantern, and in the meantime a reserve lantern purchased at low cost is being used.

THE MUSEUM.

The Secretary of State for Scotland, at the request of the Society's Council, has appointed a Committee to inquire into the scope and functions of the National Museum of Antiquities, and to make recommendations for its administration. The members are Sheriff J. R. Philip, O.B.E., K.C., Sir Thomas Kendrick, M.A., D.Litt., F.B.A., F.S.A. (Director of the British Museum), and Mr P. J. Rose, C.B. After obtaining written evidence, the Committee met in the Museum from 18th to 22nd September to hear representatives from various bodies, and individuals. The Society was represented by the President and Secretary, the Curators, and Professor Piggott.

The Committee's report is now awaited.

Staff.—A new permanent post, that of Research Assistant, has been authorised, to be filled by a university graduate. A candidate has been selected but not yet officially appointed.

Exhibitions.—A small exhibition of nineteenth-century ladies' dresses and accessories was held over Christmas and New Year 1950. It attracted considerable local interest and stimulated a large number of new accessions. Another temporary exhibition was open for some weeks in the spring, and again from August to October. Entitled *Spinning and Weaving: Early Scottish Textiles*, it comprised most of the Museum's textile fragments older than 1700, and spinning and primitive weaving appliances to the nineteenth century. Diagrams and large scale reproduction of weaves, also technical information, were most kindly provided by Miss A. S. Henshall, M.A., F.S.A.Scot.

Almost 200 of the most important objects in the Museum were exhibited in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum from June to the middle of August, under the title *Scotland's Ancient Treasures*. The design and execution of the display, which showed off the treasures remarkably, were due to Glasgow Corporation and in particular its Museum staff. Mr Stevenson wrote a full descriptive catalogue with illustrations, two of them coloured.

Schools.—Since last November over 5000 children have attended classes in the Museum, mostly conducted by Edinburgh Corporation Schools' Museum Officer.

Accessions.—Donations or bequests were received from 81 sources, which is well above average, and amounted to 927 items, exclusive of flints.

Very important additions to the collection of Neolithic pottery have been made by Sir W. Lindsay Scott, K.B.E., D.S.C., F.S.A.Scot. A few relics from other excavations have been received through our Fellows Mrs C. M. Piggott and Mr C. S. T. Calder. Several Bronze Age vessels and other objects long in private possession have been gifted by their owners following inquiries made from the Department of Prehistoric Archaeology in Edinburgh University. Particular mention must also be made of a fine stone battle-axe presented by Lady Ross of Balnagown.

Mr J. A. M. Rannie, F.S.A., has given a reproduction of a famous Roman gold brooch. Casts of some of the most interesting designs on the walls of the Wemyss Caves in Fife, which unfortunately are deteriorating seriously, have been presented by the Ministry of Works. An interesting fourteenth-century silver brooch has been given by Miss A. B. Greig, while Miss Madeline Halkett of Pitfirrane bequeathed a remarkable sixteenth-century glass goblet traditionally associated with James VI, and a late seventeenth-century finger-ring given to an ancestor by James VII.

The year's outstanding accession has been 328 tenth-century silver coins, mostly Anglo-Saxon, found at Iona Abbey in 1950, and given by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer after being claimed for the Crown. Part of a smaller late sixteenth-century hoard, found this year near Kyleakin in Skye, has been obtained in the same way.

A large number of accessions belong to the recent centuries. They include welcome additions to the growing collections of Communion Tokens, medals, trade tokens and badges. Of particular note are dies and moulds for making Communion Tokens, presented by Mr E. H. M. Cox. A number of old and obsolete tools have also been received, and it is hoped that such donations will become more numerous. Several fine articles of linen damask should also be mentioned, given by Mr J. A. Dick Peddie (late seventeenth century), Mrs D. B. Cochrane (1745), and the Misses Scott (1736 and 1742).

A very satisfactory increase has taken place in the number of eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and early twentieth-century articles of clothing, thus forming a nucleus for what should be a substantial collection. The largest single gift was 149 accessories and dresses from Mr J. A. Dick Peddie. Other notable items include two eighteenth-century men's embroidered coats from Lady Broun Lindsay. F.S.A.Scot., an eighteenth-century embroidered wedding dress, shawl, and two later dresses from the Misses Rennie, an eighteenth-century silk damask dress with quilted skirt from Mrs E. C. Calder, and three fine nineteenth-century dresses from Dr Ruth Young, C.B.E.

Purchases from 15 sources amount to 47 items, including 20 rare coins, an eighteenth-century architect's model of a house, and several pieces of Scottish pottery.

Library.—The number of items added to the library by donation has been 67 and by purchase 64, in addition to periodicals received by exchange and subscription.

This Report was unanimously approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Dr K. A. Steer.

Mr James J. Lamb, the Treasurer, made a statement regarding the Accounts of the Society. The adoption of the Accounts was moved by Professor S. Piggott and seconded by Mr R. B. K. Stevenson.

At the close of the business meeting a review illustrated by lantern slides was presented by Mr Stewart H. Cruden, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, of the work done by the Inspectorate during the post-war years.

Thereafter tea was served in the Comparative Room of the Museum, where exhibits were displayed showing the work done by the Department of Prehistoric Archæology, University of Edinburgh.