

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY, 1st December 1952, 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.

Mr H. M. Paton and Mr Stuart Maxwell 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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Emeritus Professor W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A.

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A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: P. Sinclair Brown, 135 King's Gate, Aberdeen; Miss Allan of Inverglay, Inverglay, Spean Bridge; Miss K. M. Jones, Callendar House, Falkirk.

The Assistant Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1951-52:—

<i>Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>
E. Allan, F.R.C.S.Ed., West View, Rose Avenue, Elgin	1936
J. H. Bryce, 22 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, 9	1936*
Thomas P. Burns, Dornoch Castle, Dornoch, Sutherland	1933
Captain Donald Cameron-Swan, F.R.A.S., The Gables, Ravensberg Avenue, Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa	1905
Dan Carmichael, 238 Arbroath Road, Dundee	1939
George M. Davidson, 16 King Street, Stirling	1925
J. Gordon Dow, Millburn House, Crail, Fife	1927
Alexander McLauchlan Duncan, A.R.I.B.A.	1920*
Reginald F. Fairlie, LL.D., R.S.A., 7 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh, 3	1923
R. D. Farrant, 4 Albert Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man	1936
William A. Grant, Alpha Cottage, Union Street, Kirkintilloch	1931
The Right Hon. Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, K.T., C.V.O., Dalzell, Motherwell	1901*
A. Mackenzie Hay, Acadie, Barrack Lane, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, Sussex	1922

Colonel W. D. Herries of Spottes, Spottes Hall, Castle Douglas	1891
Major-General E. E. Hume, 2118 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Wash- ington 8, D.C., U.S.A.	1930*
Charles Stewart Hunter, M.D., D.P.H., F.R.S.E., 36 Streatham Hill, London, S.W. 2	1948
James H. Jamieson, 14 Sciennes Gardens, Edinburgh, 9	1918
The Most Hon. The Marquess of Linlithgow, K.G., K.T., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Hopetoun House, South Queensferry	1920
William H. Love, M.A., A.Mus., J.P., 46 Carlton Place, Aberdeen	1917*
James Lumsden, Fountainhall House, 130 Blenheim Place, Aberdeen	1934
W. C. Mackenzie, Deargaill, St George's Road, St Margarets-on-Thames	1904
W. Mackay Mackenzie, M.A., D.Litt., LL.D., H.R.S.A., Calrossie, 4 Barkly Street, Cromarty	1904
The Rt. Hon. Lord Macmillan, P.C., G.C.V.O., LL.D., Moon Hall, Ewhurst, Surrey	1905
S. N. Miller, M.A., Damhill Lodge, Corehouse, Lanark	1911
Rev. J. Oliphant, B.D., Broadlin, King Edward Street, Fraserburgh	1928
James Graham Paterson, Wellwood, Irvine, Ayrshire	1939
Rev. Professor A. F. Scott Pearson, M.A., B.D., D.Th., D.Litt., 2 College Park, Belfast	1923
Arthur B. Peters, F.R.Met.S., Librarian and Curator, Public Library, Inverness	1930
James Prentice, 1 Lordswood Close, Bassett, Southampton	1927
J. S. Quig, Ravenscraig, Hamilton Drive, Falkirk	1932*
David Robertson, M.A., LL.B., S.S.C., J.P., 10 Strathearn Place, Edinburgh	1937
Sir W. Lindsay Scott, K.B.E., D.S.C., M.A., F.S.A., Parslow's Hillock, Princes Risborough, Bucks	1931*
Francis G. Sutherland, W.S., 2 Arboretum Road, Edinburgh, 4	1938
Thomas L. Thomson, M.D., D.P.H., 10 Southfield Avenue, Barnton, Midlothian	1936
Rev. James Tolland, The Manse, 3 Belmont Church Road, Strandtown, Belfast	1935
Arthur James Turner, M.B.E., 59 Spylaw Bank Road, Edinburgh, 13	1949
Walter Weir, 18 Cathkin Road, Langside, Glasgow	1927
Robert S. Young, J.P., Duncroft, Kinross	1933

The following have intimated their resignation: Rev. James Anderson, B.D.; H. F. Ashton; Sir William Burrell; Rev. H. R. Chalmers; Major P. D. Clendenin; R. E. Cooper; John C. Duffus; Mrs A. G. Kilgour; George MacLean, F.R.M.S.; W. D. MacColl; Miss J. L. Pringle; T. Y. Smeall; J. G. Thomson; Mrs H. Waterhouse; G. P. H. Watson.

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 1952.

<i>Fellowship.</i> —The total number of Fellows on the roll at	
30th November 1951 was	875
At 30th November 1952 the number was	886
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The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 48, while 38 died and 15 resigned. There are 11 Honorary Fellows, 6 Corresponding Members and 1 Lady Associate. The number of subscribing libraries is 61, and there are 132 societies and institutions on an exchange basis.

Proceedings.—Volume LXXXIV was issued during the past year, and Volume LXXXV is expected to be ready for issue in the Spring of 1953. The former volume closed the 7th Series of the *Proceedings*, and it is proposed, in the interests of economy and for facility of reference, to drop the subordinate Serial notation and retain only the principal numbering. Thus, *e.g.*, Volume LXXXV will not be counted Volume I of 8th Series.

Excavations.—During 1952 excavations were undertaken on behalf of the Society as follows:—

- (1) Professor Piggott at Corriemony, Glen Urquhart.
- (2) Dr W. Douglas Simpson at Finavon Castle, Angus.
- (3) Dr K. A. Steer at Oakwood, Selkirkshire.
- (4) Mr Charles S. T. Calder at Gruting and Stanydale, Shetland.
- (5) Mr D. C. Baird at Woodend Farm, St Andrews.
- (6) A grant was made to the Scottish Field School towards the expenses of students other than those from Scottish Universities who were employed on various excavations.

Rhind Lectures.—The Rhind Lectures were delivered in October by Mr Bernard Ashmole, M.C., M.A., B.Litt., F.B.A., Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities, British Museum, on "Greek Sculpture: The Century after Pheidias." In 1953 the Lectures are to be given by Mr John Summerson, C.B.E., A.R.I.B.A., Curator of Sir John Soane's Museum, whose subject will be "Elizabethan Architecture." In 1954 Mr H. J. Plenderleith of the British Museum has accepted the invitation to deliver the Lectures.

Gunning Fellowship.—The Gunning Fellowship for 1952 was awarded to Mr R. B. K. Stevenson, Keeper of the Museum. He visited Shetland, Orkney and Sutherlandshire.

Legacies.—During 1952 two important bequests became payable to the Society. Sir George Macdonald, a former President, left £1000, the income from which is to be used towards meeting the cost of excavations on sites which might throw light on the Roman occupation of Scotland. A bequest of £1050 from Mr Richmond Inglis Cochrane was divided between the Special Purchase Fund and the Excavations Fund.

Loyal Address.—A Loyal Address to Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of the Society, on the occasion of the death of His Majesty King George VI and of her own accession to the Throne, was sent by the President on behalf of the Society. The Address was as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

We, the President and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, incorporated by Royal Charter, most respectfully present our humble duty to Your Majesty, and desire to express our sincere sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss that Your Majesty, Your Royal House, and the whole Nation and Commonwealth have sustained in the death of your father, our most gracious Sovereign and Patron, King George VI.

We desire also to offer to Your Majesty our loyal and dutiful congratulations on Your Majesty's accession, and to tender to Your Majesty the sincere expression of our loyal attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. It is our earnest prayer that Your Majesty may be long spared, in a happy and prosperous reign, to maintain and advance the best interests of all Your Majesty's Realms.

Signed in the name and by the authority of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and sealed with its Common Seal, this 21st day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

(Signed) W. M. CALDER,
President.

The Museum.

Philip Committee.—The Report to the Secretary of State by the Committee that enquired into the scope and functions of the National Museum of Antiquities was published in September by H.M. Stationery Office, and has been welcomed by your Council. The clear recognition of the importance of the Museum and the approval of the general lines

on which it has been managed, are highly satisfactory. The Committee's recommendations augur well for the Museum's future development and may be summarised as follows:—

A new Board of Trustees should be set up, its 21 members to include representatives of this Society, the Universities and others, and its functions should be a combination of those now exercised by the Board of Trustees of the National Galleries and by the Society's Council in relation to the Museum.

A new building should be erected on a central site in Edinburgh, but as this is unlikely to be available in less than twenty years, additional accommodation should be secured for the interim period.

Until a Folk Museum, separate but under the same Trustees, is set up, the National Museum of Antiquities should collect and store folk material.

No change is recommended in the Museum's designation, or in the relations between the Museum and the Royal Scottish Museum and the Ministry of Works site museums. More service to Regional Museums is envisaged.

If the Museum is adequately to discharge the services expected of it, it requires a larger staff.

Staff.—The termination of the post of temporary assistant librarian held by Mrs Campbell coincided with the Government's economy cuts in March. The rearrangement and recataloguing of the library has been nearly but not entirely completed. Miss A. S. Henshall, M.A., F.S.A.Scot., took up the new appointment of Research Assistant in February, and is to act as assistant librarian *inter alia*.

Exhibitions.—Costumes acquired during 1951 were specially exhibited over Christmas and New Year. A much more ambitious loan exhibition of both costumes and portraits entitled *Costume in Scotland in the 18th Century* was held during the Edinburgh Festival in the National Portrait Gallery under the auspices of the Arts Council (Scottish Committee). It attracted some 6000 visitors and was organised jointly by the Museum and Portrait Gallery. Our thanks are due to the numerous lenders, whose names were recorded in the published catalogue compiled by the Assistant Keepers of the two institutions.

Accessions.—Donations were received from 79 sources, and include as usual items of particular interest from widely separate periods.

Mr J. Henderson Bishop, F.S.A.Scot., has given not only three mesolithic barbed points from Oronsay, but also the unique 8–9th century A.D. wooden box decoratively carved and containing the remains

of numerous tools found at Birsay, Orkney. Parallels are hard to find for the pottery recovered in considerable quantity by our Fellow Mr C. S. T. Calder's excavations on Late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age house-sites in Shetland.

The present Earl of Buchan has added the Colonel's and Lieut.-Colonel's commissions, and the oath of allegiance signed in 1690 by the officers of Lord Cardross' Dragoons, to the pennon of his ancestor's regiment, given to the Museum by our Founder in 1781.

The Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer has placed in the Museum the late 17th-century clothing and other objects found in a bog at Gunnister, Shetland, in 1951 and subsequently claimed for the Crown. Some 17th-century coins and a cooking-pot have been acquired in the same manner, from a hoard found at Fisherrow, Musselburgh.

A collection made by the late Marquess of Bute has been generously presented by Lord David Stuart, F.S.A.Scot. It consists of pieces of early Highland textiles, samples of Wilson of Bannockburn tartans and a manuscript pattern-book of that firm, a broad blue bonnet, a diced bonnet and a shepherd's maud, and other tartans and documents. A considerable portion was formerly in the Pittendrich Macgillivray and Skeoch Cumming collections.

The recent rapid increase in the number of articles of dress belonging to "modern" times has continued, 100 items coming from 15 donors. Particular mention may be made of an 18th-century dress gifted by Miss Niven, an 18th-century man's suit by Mrs Wilson, early 19th-century dresses by Mrs R. Pares and late 19th-century articles by Miss Binning.

The year's outstanding accession has, however, been the purchase of 25 items from the collection of the late J. Milne-Davidson, half the cost being met by the National Art Collections Fund and half from a bequest to our Special Purchase Fund from Richmond Inglis Cochrane of Calder Glen. First on the list come a silver-mounted targe carried at Sheriffmuir by the Marquis of Huntly, and a Jacobite sword with silver hilt by H. Bethune, Edinburgh. There are also two other Jacobite blades, two basket hilts signed by Walter Allen, Stirling, and one by T. Gemmill, Glasgow, several notable powder-horns and a hunting-horn dated 1688.

Purchases from 17 other sources amount to 30 objects.

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

Mr James J. Lamb, the Treasurer, made a statement regarding the Accounts of the Society. The adoption of the Accounts was moved by Mr M. R. Dobie and seconded by Mrs W. D. Robertson.

At the close of the business meeting three papers were read dealing with the work published in the *Proceedings* during the last 100 years. Professor Piggott spoke on the contribution to prehistoric studies, Professor Richmond, whose paper was read by the Secretary, on the Roman aspect, and Miss Thompson on the mediæval aspect.

Thereafter tea was served in the Comparative Room of the Museum. The clothing and other finds from Gunnister, Shetland, documents of Lord Cardross' Dragoons and a collection of woodwork panels were exhibited.