

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY, 30th November 1953, 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 E. W. M. Balfour-Melville and Dr E. A. Cormack 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: Rev. T. Gemmell Campbell, 4 Summerside Place, Edinburgh, 6; G. T. Davidson, Kao Lung, Invergowrie, Dundee; Dr A. Macartney, 2 Belhaven Terrace, Burnside, Rutherglen; S. F. Sanderson, School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh; I. R. Whitaker, School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh.

The Assistant Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1952-53:—

*Fellows.**Elected.*

Sir Walter de Lancey Aitchison, Bart., M.A., Coupland Castle, Wooler, Northumberland . . . . .	1942*
William A. Ballantine, F.R.I.C.S., 10 Murrayfield Gardens, Edinburgh . . . . .	1936
Walter Chalmers, 5 Cameron Crescent, Edinburgh, 9 . . . . .	1940
Lieut.-Col. G. Dalryell of The Binns, C.I.E., The Binns, Linlithgow . . . . .	1924
Douglas Stanley Dickson, LL.B., 8 Clarence Drive, Hyndland, Glasgow . . . . .	1934
Harry Scott Ferguson, W.S., Linden, West Park Road, Dundee . . . . .	1930
Sir Francis J. Grant, K.C.V.O., LL.D., W.S., 18 George Square, Edinburgh . . . . .	1888
W. Watt Hepburn, 32 Rubislaw Den South, Aberdeen . . . . .	1920
Commander G. E. P. How, R.N., 2-3 Pickering Place, St James's Street, London, S.W. 1 . . . . .	1932
John Kennedy, 21 Leighton Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex . . . . .	1924
William Fraser Anderson Kinnear, Laurieknowe, Bourtree Avenue, Kirkcudbright . . . . .	1926

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Arthur James Mabey, 39 Rectory Gardens, Broadwater, Worthing, Sussex	1930
Mathew H. McKerrow, Dunard, Dumfries	1926
Archibald Maclean, Helenslea, Bridge of Allan	1928
Colonel Sir Colin William MacRae of Feorlinn, C.V.O., C.B.E., V.L., Colintraive, Argyll.	1909*
George Macgregor Martin, 31 South Tay Street, Dundee	1922
A. Hugh Mottram, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.S., 13 India Street, Edinburgh	1948
Isaac Rosenbloom, 20 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, 2	1934
Major Herbert H. M'D. Stevenson, LL.B., Tigh-nan-Dileachdan, Ardeonaig, Killin, Perthshire	1927
J. Miller Thomson, W.S., 5 St Colme Street, Edinburgh 3	1931
Rev. George A. Everett Walker, Manse of Benholm, Johnshaven, Montrose	1928
John Ernest Ward, M.A.(Oxon.), F.R.S.A., F.R.G.S., F.R.H.S., 30 West Drive, Cleveleys, Lancs.	1949
William Elder Watson, O.B.E., J.P., Moray Bank, Elgin	1927*

The following have intimated their resignation: James Davidson, F.R.S.E.; Robert Duncan; Canon W. W. Farrer; Rev. John Macintyre, B.A.; Miss C. M. Mullins; W. C. G. Peterkin, W.S.

The Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society:—

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The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report for the year ending 30th November 1953.

*Fellowship.*—The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 52, while 22 died and 6 resigned; 25 Fellows allowed their membership to lapse.<sup>1</sup> In addition there are 11 Honorary Fellows and 1 Lady Associate.

Sixty libraries subscribe to the Society's *Proceedings*, and there are 132 Societies and Institutions on an exchange basis.

*Proceedings.*—Volume LXXXVI (for Session 1951–52) is in preparation for issue in March or April 1954. As already indicated, a General Index to the contents of Volumes XLIX to LXXXI has been compiled and is being printed for issue next Spring. An appeal has been circulated to all Fellows of the Society and to institutional subscribers offering the volume at 20s. as a special concession to those who remit that sum to the Society's Treasurer before 31st January 1954. After that date the purchase price will be 30s. The appeal thus far has had an encouraging response. The volume will run to about 200 pages and is, thanks to the expert skill of the Society's Hon. Librarian, most adequate and comprehensive.

<sup>1</sup> This includes 15 who allowed their membership to lapse during 1952.

The Council thankfully acknowledges the grants made by the Carnegie Trust for Scottish Universities in respect of Volumes LXXXIV and LXXXV (£100 each).

*Excavations.*—Grants were made as follows:—

- Mr B. Hope-Taylor, £200—for excavations at Mote of Urr.  
 Mrs A. Young, £50—for excavation of 1st-century A.D. farmhouse, Barra.  
 Mr C. S. T. Calder, £100—for excavations of house sites in Shetland.  
 Dr K. A. Steer, £50—for excavation of Roman signal station, West Plean.  
 Mr R. B. K. Stevenson, £15—for excavation of trial site at Leuchars.  
 Dr W. Douglas Simpson, £40—for excavations at Finavon Castle.  
 Scottish Field School, £18—maintenance of non-Scottish University students.

*Rhind Lectures.*—The Rhind Lectures for 1953 were delivered during October by Mr John Summerson, C.B.E., F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., Curator of the Sir John Soane Museum, London, on “Architecture in Elizabethan England.” The attendance throughout the course was very satisfactory. In 1954 the Lectures are to be delivered by Dr H. J. Plenderleith of the British Museum on “The Laboratory in the Service of Art and Archæology.”

*Gunning Fellowship.*—In 1953 the Gunning Fellowship was awarded to Miss A. S. Henshall, F.S.A.Scot., Research Assistant in the Museum. She attended a course at the Welsh Folk Museum, St Fagan’s Castle, Cardiff.

*The Museum.*

*Constitution.*—The recommendations of the Philip Committee have been accepted by the Secretary of State, and a Bill to give effect to them has been introduced in Parliament. It is anticipated that, apart from being relieved of the responsibility of management, the Society’s connection with the Museum will be little changed in practice.

*Exhibitions.*—Models of prehistoric and Roman structures were borrowed from the Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow, for exhibition for four weeks at New Year. A special display, held throughout the summer, recalled past Coronations and the Scottish ancestry of the Royal House.

*Accessions.*—Donations were received from 72 sources. The mass of neolithic pottery from Eilean an Tighe, North Uist, recently published by the late Sir Lindsay Scott, has been presented by the Trustees of the late Sir Arthur Campbell Orde, through Lady Scott, and similarly Iron Age pottery from his excavations at Cletraval, North Uist, has

been given by the Hamilton and Kinneil Estates Ltd. Sir Lindsay Scott's various excavations have resulted in the Museum's fine collection of Western Neolithic sherds being more than doubled.

The collection of medieval pottery has, in turn, been substantially increased by the Right Hon. The Earl of Home, who has generously presented the material recovered by the Ministry of Works' excavation at Bothwell Castle, described to the Society this year.

Seventeenth-century jewellery commemorating the Stuarts, and an unusual series of late 17th- early 18th-century neck-slides and other ornaments, together with some later finger-rings and fans, have been bequeathed by the late Colonel Alfred Ernest le Rossignol in memory of his wife.

Interesting objects from Selkirkshire, including a sword left after Philiphaugh, and the last pair of "single-soled shoon" to be made, have been given by the Trustees of the late T. Craig-Brown. They have also placed on loan Burghal relics from Selkirk, which may later return to a permanent home in the burgh.

Lord David Stuart has added to the Bute Collection of tartans that he presented last year, 11 volumes including letters and patterns of Messrs Wilson of Bannockburn c. 1790-1830, and some old Hebridean tartans, also a number of photographs and prints.

Over 20 donors have made gifts of costume and accessories, including the Moderator's robes of the Very Rev. Dr John White.

Purchases during the year amounted to 19 items, of which may be noted a model of Quoyness Chambered Cairn in Orkney, and a handsome early 18th-century Jacobite snuff-mull.

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This Report was unanimously approved on the motion of the President, seconded by Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Balfour Paul.

Mr James J. Lamb, the Treasurer, made a statement regarding the Accounts of the Society. On the motion of the President the Report was unanimously adopted.

The formal business of the meeting being concluded, the President mentioned a suggestion that this would be a suitable occasion on which to send their good wishes to two Fellows now living in retirement, who had rendered most valuable service to the Society in the past. He referred to Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Bart., and Dr A. O. Curle. This was unanimously agreed, and the President was asked to send the letters.

Three films were then shown, "Stone Age Tools," "Digging up the Past," and "The Roman Wall," and afterwards tea was served in the National Portrait Gallery.