

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES
OF SCOTLAND HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY, *30th November*
1955, AT 4 P.M., SIR WILLIAM CALDER, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., IN THE
CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Mrs Feachem and Mr A. Rae 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 Rt. Hon. LORD CLYDE, LL.D.

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Secretaries.

ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A., F.S.A.	J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A.
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For Foreign Correspondence.

Professor STUART PIGGOTT, B.Litt., D.Lit.Hum., F.B.A., F.S.A.	Miss ANNE S. ROBERTSON, M.A., F.M.A.
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Treasurer.

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

Expert Advisers.

JAMES S. RICHARDSON, LL.D., H.R.S.A.	ROBERT KERR, M.A.
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In addition the Keeper of the Museum (R. B. K. Stevenson, M.A., F.S.A.) is, *ex-officio*, a Member of Council and also the Right Hon. The Earl of Haddington, K.T., M.C., T.D., while he is one of the Society's representatives on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Lady Mary Gilmour; G. F. Hamilton.

The Assistant Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1954-5:

<i>Honorary Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>
Sir Arthur Keith, LL.D., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.S., F.R.S., Downe, Farnborough, Kent	1926
Professor Dr philos. Haakon Shetelig, University of Bergen, Norway	1933
Frank Gerald Simpson, C.B.E., M.A., 23 Woodburn Avenue, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1923

Fellows.

John Allan, C.B., M.A., LL.D., F.B.A., V.-P.S.A., 45 George Square, Edinburgh	1937
Alexander O. Curle, C.V.O., LL.D., F.S.A., Weirknowe, Weirhill Place, Melrose	1893*
The Right Hon. Lord Elphinstone, K.T., LL.D., Carberry Tower, Musselburgh	1923*
James Jack, F.L.S., 6 Alexandra Place, Arbroath	1932
Alexander Keiller, Telegraph Cottage, Kingston Hill, Surrey	1922*
Captain Charles King, F.S.Sc.(Lond.), F.C.S., 11 Kelvin Drive, Glasgow, N.W.	1912*
Mrs Eliza Margaret King of Arntomy, Port of Menteith, Perthshire	1926
Hector Laing, Dunphail House, Dunphail, Morayshire	1950
T. Lawrie, 6 Ettrick Road, Edinburgh, 10	1952
William E. F. Macmillan, F.S.A., Bolton Hall, Danby, N. Yorks	1928
William A. McRobbie, F.S.I., 102 Desswood Place, Aberdeen	1921
Ludovic McLellan Mann, 183 West George Street, Glasgow	1901
John F. Matthew, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.S., 8 West Mayfield, Edinburgh	1946
Mrs Mary Moir, 18 Carden Place, Aberdeen	1950
John Mowat, 12 Hampson Road, Stretford, Manchester	1925
William Thomas Palmer, F.R.G.S., 2 Spencer Road, London, S.W. 18	1943
Major H. P. E. Pereira, A.R.Hist.S., Scottish United Services Museum, The Castle, Edinburgh	1949
William James Robertson, 149 Broomhill Road, Aberdeen	1943*
Alexander M. Slimon, Moyhall, Kirkintilloch	1929
James Stewart, Appin, Marlborough, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia	1947
Arnold Suttell, L.R.I.B.A., Halifax Chambers, Oxford Street, Harrogate	1923
D. C. Thomson, J.P., D.L., Inveravon, Broughty Ferry	1906*

The following have intimated their resignation: D. Bertram; W. Bremner, B.E.M.; R. S. Brydon; J. E. Cable, M.B., Ch.B.; A. Hutchison Gall; Robert Gilchrist, A.M.I.C.E.; Miss I. F. Grant, LL.D.; John Guy, M.A.; Professor G. A. G. Mitchell, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.M.; James Munnoch, F.R.S.E.; Rev. A. E. Robertson, M.A., B.D.; G. Mackenzie Trench, O.B.E., F.R.I.B.A.

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 1955.

Fellowship.—The total number of Fellows on the roll on 30th November 1954 was 888. On 30th November 1955 the number is 908, being an increase of 20. The number of new Fellows elected during the year was 65, including 1 Corresponding Member; 22 died, 12 resigned and 11 allowed their membership to lapse. Three Honorary Fellows died, and there are thus 10 Honorary Fellows. There is 1 Lady Associate.

It is with great regret that the Council records the death of the three Honorary Fellows, Sir Arthur Keith, Mr F. G. Simpson and Dr Shetelig, and also of Dr A. O. Curle, a Fellow of the Society since 1893. A memorial of Dr Curle will appear in the forthcoming volume of *Proceedings*.

Proceedings.—Volume LXXXVII was published in the late summer, after being somewhat held up by printing delays, and Volume LXXXVIII is now in the course of preparation. With the completion of Volume LXXXVII Mr H. M. Paton resigned the Editorship, a position which he had held since 1946. The Council accepted his resignation with great regret, and wish to put on record its appreciation of his services during the difficult years immediately following the War.

As in past years the Council is glad to take this opportunity of thanking the Carnegie Trustees for the grant of £100 towards the cost of publication.

The Society exchanges publications with 135 others, and 66 libraries subscribe to the *Proceedings*.

Excavations.—During 1955 grants were made to assist the following excavations:

House site, Whalsay—Mr C. S. T. Calder, £125.

Dark Age Fort, Castlehill Wood—Mr R. W. Feachem, £50.

House site, West Plean—Dr K. A. Steer, £30.

Dun Cuier, Isle of Barra—Mrs H. Nugent Young, £75.

In addition £50 was available for the maintenance of students from institutions other than Scottish Universities training with the Scottish Field School, but only £28 was used.

Rhind Lectures.—The Rhind Lectures for 1955 are to be delivered by Dr G. H. S. Bushnell, Curator of the Museum of Archæology and Ethnology, University of Cambridge, his subject being "A Survey of American Archæology." Next year Mr W. F. Oakeshott, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, is to be the lecturer and will probably deal with classical survivals in Medieval Art.

Gunning Fellowship.—The Fellowship was awarded to Mr R. B. K. Stevenson, Keeper of the Museum.

Board of Trustees.—Dr W. Douglas Simpson resigned, for reasons of health, from the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, on which he was one of the Society's representatives. In his place the Council nominated the Right Hon. The Earl of Haddington, K.T., to serve as their fourth representative.

Ancient Monuments.—During the course of the year, the Council had correspondence with the Ministry of Works about Dunstaffnage Castle and Traprain Law, both scheduled under the Ancient Monuments Acts, but which were threatened, respectively, by the proposed erection of a cement works and by the extension of quarrying operations.

This Report was unanimously approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr H. M. Paton.

The Treasurer (Mr J. J. Lamb) then made a statement regarding the funds of the Society for 1954-5, which had been duly audited. The Accounts were unanimously approved on the motion of Dr K. A. Steer, who also conveyed the thanks of the Society to the Treasurer.

Sir William Calder then invited the new President, the Right Hon. Lord Clyde, to take the Chair, which he did, paying tribute to the valuable services rendered by Sir William to the Society during the last five years.

Dr Werner Kissling then gave a talk on "Traditional House Types and Home-made Tools in the Outer Hebrides."