

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY, 30th November 1962 AT 4 P.M., THE HON. LORD
MIGDALE, M.A., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The President gave warning to the Meeting of a probable increase in subscriptions to take place next year.

The Keeper of the Museum, Mr Stevenson, formally handed over to the President a figure in wood of St Andrew, which had been presented to the Society by Dr James S. Richardson in memory of his brother John Richardson. The President read to the Meeting a letter from Dr James Richardson asking the Society to accept the figure and also a commemorative label which was to be exhibited with the figure and which the Keeper of the Museum had had prepared. The President instructed the Secretary to write to Dr James Richardson to thank him for his gift.

The President announced to the Meeting the loss of a book of Manuscript letters 'Communications to the Society of Antiquaries' Vol. VII 1832-42 and asked for their help in finding it. The loss would be further advertised in a billet to be circulated to all Fellows shortly.

The President said that the matter of the time of holding Ordinary Meetings had been raised. It had been suggested that the time should be put back from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. He asked for views and after some discussion he said that the Council would consider the matter.

Major C. J. Dixon-Johnson and Mr S. 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:

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased during the year 1961-2:

<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Elected</i>
G. F. Baird, F.L.A.S., 111A Sinclair Street, Helensburgh.	1936
Captain R. R. B. Bannerman, M.C., R.D., 1 Carroll County, Maryland, U.S.A.	1928*
S. Bremner, Mid Town, Freswick, Caithness. (Corr. Member)	1927
Adam Brown, Greenyards, Melrose.	1906*
Walter Brydon, Ladylands, Selkirk.	1955
William C. Clark, 75 Cairnfield Place, Aberdeen.	1939
Captain W. G. Don of Maulesden, Maulesden, Brechin, Angus.	1947*
G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., F.L.S., Barnwood House Mental Hospital, Gloucester.	1961
A. B. Flett, M.B., CH.B., 15 Walker Street, Edinburgh, 3.	1938
Charles Guthrie, W. S., 9 Great Stuart Street, Edinburgh.	1907*
W. J. Hemp, M.A., F.S.A., Bod Cywarch, Criccieth, N. Wales.	1924*
Mrs A. M'Laren Lockhart, J.P., Strathconan, 12 Menock Road, Glasgow, S.4.	1936*
Miss Frances H. Melville, O.B.E., LL.D., 16 Merchiston Place, Edinburgh.	1949
Miss Louisa Murray, The White House, Anstruther, Fife.	1926
J. R. McKay, A.R.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., 8 Clarendon Crescent, Edinburgh, 4.	1949
The Rt. Hon. Lord Normand, LL.D., 6 Succoth Place, Edinburgh.	1941
Rev. Duncan S. M'Alpine, Manse of Ochiltree, Cumnock, Ayrshire.	1945
E. A. Ogilvie, Holefield, Kelso.	1950
Robert Brand Oliphant, 33 Alnwickhill Road, Edinburgh, 9.	1944
Wallace Owen, M.I.MECH.E., 40 Castle Street, Beaumaris, Anglesey.	1951
W. F. Rankine, F.S.A., Great Austin's House, Telford Road, Farnham, Surrey.	1935
John Richardson, W.S., 28 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, 1.	1923
W. M. Ritchie, Walkinshaw Street, Johnstone, Renfrewshire.	1922
John A. Stewart, Bonaly, Clynder, Helensburgh.	1917*
Robert S. Taylor, M.C., St Maura, Gartcows Crescent, Falkirk.	1951
Mrs Margaret Whitfield, B.Sc., 18 Royal Circus, Edinburgh, 3.	1961

The following have intimated their resignation: John Clarke; Mrs O. Forbes; Miss N. Paterson; S. Scott Robinson; G. Young.

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 1962:

Fellowship

During the year the Society has gained 61 new Fellows, and lost 35 (26 through death, 5 by resignation, and 5 through lapse of subscriptions).

The Roll now comprises:	Honorary Fellows	15
	Fellows	997
	Corresponding Members	3
	Lady Associate	1
	Total	1016

* Life Fellow

Meetings

Regular Meetings. The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1961. Monthly meetings then continued until April 1962 and were resumed in October 1962.

Inchtuthil Report. The usual extra meeting was held on 26th March 1962 for Professor Richmond's report on the progress of the Inchtuthil excavations.

Rhind Lectures. The Rhind Lectures 1961-2 were delivered in March 1962 by Mr Seton Lloyd, C.B.E. (former Director of the British Institute at Ankara) on 'Mounds of the Middle East: their formation and excavation'.

The Rhind Lectures 1962-3 were delivered in November 1962 by Professor Stuart Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.SCOT., on 'The Prehistoric Origins of Europe'.

Arrangements have been made for the series to be given in 1963-4 by Mr Derek Allen, and in 1964-5 by Dr J. N. L. Myres.

Administration

Resignation of Secretary. The Council accepted with regret the retirement of Mr J. G. Scott, M.A., from his position as Secretary, and expressed the gratitude of the Society for his valuable services.

The Council also accepted with regret the resignation of Miss Sheila Cregeen from the post of Assistant-Secretary and expressed their gratitude for her services. Major Charles S. Higgins has taken over this post.

Abstract of Accounts. In order to save expense on printing and postage, an abstract of the Treasurer's Annual Account is exhibited for inspection by Fellows, the circulation of copies to individual Fellows being discontinued.

Special Grants

Gunning Fellowship. The Gunning Fellowship for 1962 was awarded to Mr Alexander Fenton for visits to Danish museums and the study of Danish methods of research into agricultural material.

Chalmers-Jervise Prize. As no entry of the required standard was received, this Prize was not awarded.

Excavation and Research. The following grants have been made out of Society funds for excavation and other field work:

M. R. Apted	Research on painted ceilings, to be conducted on the Continent.
R. E. Birley	Excavation of the Roman fort at Carpow.
Miss A. S. Robertson	Maintenance of students at training school at Birrens.
R. W. Feachem	Excavation of a Walled Settlement in Peeblesshire.
Miss Campbell of Kilberry	Excavations at St Columba's Cave, Loch Caolisport.
A. MacLaren	Excavation of a disc cairn in Peeblesshire.
J. Coles	Excavation of Mesolithic sites on Loch Melfort and Lismore.

Editor's Report

Volume XCII of Proceedings was distributed in December, 1961.

Volume XCIII has suffered delays both at the printers and at the binders but is now in course of distribution. Council acknowledges with thanks grants made towards the publication of papers by the Ministry of Public Building and Works, by H.M. Treasury (for the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments), by the Council for British Archaeology and by the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland.

Volume XCIV went to press in August and is now at galley proof stage. Publication is hoped for in summer, 1963. This volume includes an up-to-date List of Fellows.

It is expected that Volume XCV, for which material already exists, will go to press in April, 1963.

A review of the stock of old volumes of Proceedings, Offprints, and other publications of the Society is being carried out by the Assistant Secretary and it is hoped to issue a catalogue shortly. In the meantime other steps have been taken to increase the sales of these publications. Advertisement of offprints from Volume XCIII in 'Current and Forthcoming Offprints' (published by the Council for British Archaeology) resulted in encouraging sales outside Scotland and the sum of £9 15 9 was realised by sales during the Rhind Lectures.

On 17th November the Editor attended the very successful Conference of Editors of Archaeological Periodicals organised in London by the Council for British Archaeology. The subjects discussed included ways in which greater uniformity in procedure could be achieved and a new version of Rules for Contributors, incorporating some of the suggestions, will be produced shortly.

Committees

On the recommendation of a Committee appointed for the purpose, the Society's Committees were reorganised. As a result there are now three Committees – Editorial, Lectures, and Excavation and Research – of which the first manages the Chalmers-Jervise Prize and the second the Rhind Lectures.

Representatives

The Society sent representatives to the following:
7th Conference of Anglo-American Historians.
5th Congress of Christian Archaeology.
Centenary of the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society.

This Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr J. C. Wallace seconded by Mr I. H. Longworth.

The Treasurer then made a statement regarding the funds of the Society for 1961-2 which had been duly audited. The Accounts were unanimously approved on the motion of Mr A. Fenton seconded by Mr R. Kerr.

A report on his visit to The Fifth Congress of Christian Archaeology at Ravenna was then given by Professor D. Talbot Rice, O.B.E., M.A., B.SC., D.LITT., F.S.A., F.S.A.SCOT.

At the conclusion of the Meeting sherry was served to Fellows and friends.