

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON TUESDAY, 30th November 1965 AT 4 P.M., THE HON. LORD
MIGDALE, M.A., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr W. Henderson and Mr J. A. Crawford were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for Office-Bearers.

Proposed Alteration of Laws. Miss D. M. Hunter having submitted a Motion for the alteration of the laws of the Society, which had been circulated to all Fellows in accordance with Law 21, whereby it was proposed that the Entrance Fee payable under Law 8 of the Society should be abolished, the President called on her to speak to it. She said that the entrance fee was a deterrent to many people who wished to join the Society but could not afford to do so, and that some people with archaeological knowledge, who should be in the Society and who would be of assistance in the preservation of the archaeological treasures of Scotland, were unwilling to join because of the expense. She felt that the loss of income to the Society by the abolition of the entrance fee would be more than made up by the subscriptions of additional Fellows. The whole concept of an entrance fee was outdated, and it should be abolished on every count. The Motion was seconded by Mr H. B. Millar.

The Treasurer, Mr J. J. Lamb, moved the direct negative. He pointed out that the number of new Fellows who had joined the Society recently proved that candidates were not deterred by the entrance fee. While the financial situation of the Society was satisfactory at present, it required funds from all possible sources, and to cut out a source of

such value as the entrance fee would change the present credit balance to a debit balance of comparable size. In brief, the Society's financial situation would not stand the loss of income entailed. Mr Gordon Maxwell seconded the Treasurer's Motion.

The President then reminded the Meeting that it was only some two years since the Society had at a general meeting, after careful consideration, agreed to the raising of the entrance fee from 2 guineas to 4 guineas, the case of younger candidates, who might find this figure inconveniently high, being met by the retention of the two-guinea fee for those of less than thirty. He then threw the discussion open to the meeting. Mr Rae, Mr S. Maxwell, Mr G. Simpson and Mr G. L. Allen spoke for the Motion, and Mr J. H. Hendry, Mr J. C. H. W. Macpherson and Mr Kennedy spoke against it. A suggestion was made that instead of abolishing the entrance fee it should be reduced. This compromise received no support. Mr G. L. Allen asked that a secret ballot be taken on the issue, but the President ruled that the Society's laws made no provision for such procedure. The Motion had been notified to Fellows as one which would be considered that day and there was no time to prepare special voting papers. There being no further speakers, the Motion was put to the vote, and on a count being taken there were 19 votes for it and 35 votes against. Mr G. L. Allen asked that his abstention from voting should be recorded. The President accordingly declared the Motion defeated.

The Ballot having been concluded the Scrutineers found and declared the List of the Council for the ensuing year to be as follows:

President

MAJOR-GENERAL J. SCOTT-ELLIOT, C.B., D.S.O.

Vice-Presidents

ALEXANDER KENNEDY

MRS ANNIE I. DUNLOP, O.B.E., M.A., PH.D., D.LITT., LL.D.

THE HON. LORD MIGDALE, M.A.

Councillors

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PROFESSOR A. A. M. DUNCAN, M.A., B.A.

D. B. TAYLOR

J. C. WALLACE, M.A.

J. G. DUNBAR, M.A., F.S.A.

BASIL C. SKINNER, M.A.

H. FAIRHURST, M.A., PH.D.

GEORGE HAY, A.R.I.B.A.

STUART MAXWELL, M.A.

Secretaries

ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A., F.S.A.

MISS MARION CAMPBELL OF KILBERRY

For Foreign Correspondence

PROFESSOR STUART PIGGOTT, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A.

MISS ANNE S. ROBERTSON, M.A., D.LITT., F.M.A., F.S.A.

Treasurer

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

Expert Advisers

JAMES S. RICHARDSON, LL.D., H.R.S.A.

ROBERT KERR, O.B.E., M.A.

M. R. DOBIE, C.B.E., B.A.

Ex Officio Members of Council

- R. B. K. Stevenson, M.A., F.S.A. (Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland).
 Sir William Arbuckle, K.B.E., C.B., M.A. (Society representative on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum).
 B. R. S. Megaw, B.A., F.S.A. (Society representative on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum).
 Gordon Maxwell, M.A. (Editor).

The Secretary read the following list of Fellows deceased during the year 1964-5, all present standing during the reading:

<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Elected</i>
Rev. J. E. Bazille-Corbin, M.A., D.D., The Four Gables, nr. Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex.	1962
C. J. Coleman, A.B., L.L.B., 522 Laurel Drive, Everett, Washington, U.S.A.	1952
J. R. Crawford, 432 Unthank Road, Norwich.	1943
Herbert D. Down, 5 Fingzies Place, Edinburgh, 6.	1950
C. A. Gordon, The Old Manse, Inch, Aberdeenshire.	1949
John Cameron Hardy, M.A., 27 Orchardhead Road, Liberton, Edinburgh.	1951
J. B. Kirkwood, 19 South Learmonth Gardens, Edinburgh, 4.	1949
Alex. J. Lothian, 4 Eldindean Place, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.	1946
A. MacDonald, Town Clerk's Office, Forres.	1954
W. J. Mackay, 219 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, 6.	1943
H. Marwick, O.B.E., M.A., D.LITT., Alton, Kirkwall, Orkney. (Hon. Fellow)	1960
A. C. Phillips, Angus House, West Bay Road, North Berwick.	1958
Professor Sir Ian A. Richmond, C.B.E., M.A., LITT.D., D.LIT., LL.D., F.B.A., F.S.A., 18 Farndon Road, Oxford.	1935
John B. C. Robertson, Southlands, 2 Glasgow Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh, 12.	1947
W. Semple, M.A., LL.B., Neidpath, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	1937*
R. J. Simpson, Hermitage, Corstorphine, Edinburgh, 12.	1926
Professor H. W. Thompson, D.LITT., F.R.S.E., Goldwyn Smith Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.	1926*

The following have intimated their resignation:

Professor A. J. Beattie, M.A.; J. H. Brown, A.C.I.Q.S., A.I.A.S., F.R.S.A.; J. C. O. Burns, B.A., A.M.I.C.E.; F. C. Chalmers; R. Ferguson; W. Ferguson; William S. Forsyth; Rev. J. A. Lamb, B.D., PH.D.; B. B. MacKinnon, J.P.; Miss Catherine H. Mailer; M. Nathan; W. Reid; Sir John Beresford Sinclair-Lockhart, Bt., T.D., B.E., B.SC.; Edward A. Urquhart.

The Secretary read the following Report by the Council:

ANNUAL REPORT

The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report for the year ending 30th November 1965.

* Life Fellow

Fellowship

During the year the Society has gained 71 new Fellows and lost 39 (17 through death, 14 by resignation and 8 through lapse of subscriptions).

The Roll now comprises: Honorary Fellows	12
Fellows	1090
Corresponding Members	2
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Total	1104
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Meetings

Regular Meetings. The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1964. Monthly meetings then continued until April 1965 and were resumed in October 1965.

Inchtuthil Report. The usual extra meeting was held on 22nd March 1965 for Professor Sir Ian Richmond's report on the year's progress of the Inchtuthil excavations. The evening was again shared with Dr St Joseph who reported on the Excavations at Inveresk in 1964. The President and some of the members of the Inveresk Preservation Society attended this meeting at the invitation of the Council.

Rhind Lectures

The Rhind Lectures 1964-5 were delivered in March 1965 by Mr J. N. L. Myres, M.A., LL.D., F.S.A., on Anglo-Saxon Pottery and the Settlement of England.

The Rhind Lectures 1965-6 were delivered in October 1965 by Mr William Watson, M.A., on 'Cultural Structure and Movement in East Asia from the Neolithic Period to the Unification of China'.

Chalmers-Jervise Prize

A competition for the Chalmers-Jervise Prize for the year 1965 was held. Four entries were received. The winner was Mr Iain C. Walker, M.A., for his paper 'Nairn, Moray and Banff in the Second Millennium B.C.'

Special Grants

Excavation and Research. The following grants have been made out of Society funds for excavation and other field work for the season 1965:

Miss Campbell of Kilberry	Field Survey of the Island of Jura.
Dr Anne Robertson	Roman Fort at Birrens; Training School.
J. G. Scott	Cairn, Barmore Wood, Bridge of Douglas, nr. Inveraray.
Dr J. M. Coles	Field work in Argyll for location of Caves or Rock Shelters.
D. D. A. Simpson	Northton, Isle of Harris, Sand Dune Settlement Site.
J. J. Wilkes	Roman Legionary Fortress, Carpow.
Dr J. K. S. St Joseph	Roman Fort of the Flavian Period at Inveresk.
P. S. Gelling	Skaill, Deerness, Orkney.
Dr J. X. W. P. Corcoran	Balvraid Farm, Glen Beag, Glenelg, Inverness-shire.
J. C. Greig	Castle Point, Cullican Bay, Troup Estate, Banffshire.

Abstract of Accounts

An abstract of the Treasurer's Annual Account is exhibited for inspection by Fellows in the Library. The circulation of copies to individual Fellows has been discontinued to save expense.

Appointment of new Editor

Dr M. R. Apter received promotion which required him to move and which resulted in him tendering his resignation from the post as Editor. Mr Gordon Maxwell, M.A., has undertaken the task and the Council has confirmed his appointment as from 1st October 1965.

Editor's report 1964-5

Volume XCVI, having suffered a number of delays, was sent out by the binders on 29th November to all concerned. Volume XCVII is complete and is shortly to be sent to the printers. Collection of material has started for Volume XCVIII.

The Council acknowledges with thanks grants made towards the publication of papers by H.M. Treasury (for the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments), the Council for British Archaeology, the Ministry of Public Building and Works and the Carnegie Trust.

This Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr G. L. Allen seconded by Mr Wm. Latta.

The Treasurer then made his report regarding the Funds of the Society for 1964-65 and read the Auditors' docquet.

Mr C. Thomas asked that the Society's accounts should be printed and circulated at the same time as the notice calling the Anniversary Meeting. He said that the present practice of having copies available for Fellows only when they arrived at the meeting, gave no time for a proper study of the ten pages of accounts and that the fact that the previous year's accounts were not supplied for comparison detracted from the value of the statement as presented. He further asked that, as the item for Honoraria and Salaries now approached £1000 per annum, it should be itemised. The Treasurer replied that the accounts had formerly been circulated to all Fellows, but that the practice had been discontinued on account of the high cost of printing and postage. Further, as the Society's financial year ended on 30th September, time would not permit printing and circulation after the closing and auditing of the accounts. He drew attention to the fact that, although there had been no delay in the submission of the accounts to the auditors, their docquet was not signed until 25th November 1965. Setting out the figures of the previous year for comparison would add to the expense. The statements were duplicated in his own office and the machine and paper used did not give space for further columns of figures. Salaries and honoraria could be shown separately in future. The President reminded the meeting of the heavy cost of printing and postage, circulation even of a billet for the election of new Fellows now costing about £20; that of a statement of the accounts would be a great deal more expensive, and it was to save undue expense that the present system had been adopted.

The Accounts were then approved on the motion of Mr J. H. Hendry, seconded by Mr G. L. Allen.

The following Communication was then read:

'The Study of Industrial Remains,' by Professor S. G. E. Lythe, B.A., M.A., of the Department of Economic History, University of Strathclyde.

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

Monday, 13th December 1965, MAJOR-GENERAL J. SCOTT-ELLIOT, C.B., D.S.O., in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows:

Francis Stewart Abercromby, A.I.B.SCOT.; Miss Anna Bachelier, B.A.; John Wilson Lewis Barnes; John Robert Davison Blyth; David Murray Burns, M.A.(EDIN.); Rev. John Williams Todd Dickie, M.C., M.A.; Mrs Freda Eadie, M.A.; Rev. Harold C. M. Eggo, T.D., M.A.; James Walter Elliot; Dave Hugh Ole Gemmell, B.L., F.P.S., D.B.A.; James Alastair Graham-Campbell; John Michael Hannavy; Timothy John Healey; Lawrence James Hill, C.D.; J. Douglas Hogg; William McPherson Johnston; Alfred J. Lawrence, E.D., B.SC., M.E.I.E.; Mrs M. L. Machin; J. Stuart K. Milne; Patrick John Stuart Mitchell, B.SC.; Alexander Leslie Munro, M.A., B.SC., DIP.ED.; John Balfour Murray; Roderick MacFarquhar; Warwick J. Rodwell; James Petrie Shepherd, M.A.; Mrs Kathleen Stewart Simpson; Roderick MacKenzie Urquhart, M.A.(ST ANDREWS); David William Thomson Campbell Vessey, B.A.(CANTAB.); Donald McNab Whyte; Francis Worsdall.

The following Communication was read:

'Excavations at the Croft Morag Stone Circle, Perthshire,' by Professor S. Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., F.S.A.SCOT.