

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1968 AT 4.0 P.M., PROFESSOR STUART PIGGOTT, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr G. H. Collins and Mr J. N. G. Ritchie were appointed Scrutineers of the ballot for Office-Bearers.

The Secretary read the following list of Fellows who had died during the year 1967-8, all present standing during the reading:

	<i>Elected</i>
Lt.-Col. John Dunbar Blyth, O.B.E., F.R.A.S., F.R.S.A., Belhurst, Eldorado Crescent, Cheltenham, Glos.	1966
Rev. Thomas Caldwell, D.D., PH.D., 11 Polwarth Gardens, Edinburgh, 11.	1949
Neil Cameron, Tobar Mhoire, 10 Beresford Park, Sunderland.	1931*
Rev. A. Stanley Carruthers, A.C.A., The Vicarage, Lower Shuckburgh, Daventry, Northants.	1922
J. M. Davidson, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., F.S.A., Griffin Lodge, Gartcosh, Glasgow.	1932
Warren R. Dawson, F.R.S.L., F.R.S.E., F.S.A., Simpson House, Simpson, Bletchley, Bucks.	1927*
T. Dykes, J.P., Devorgila, Hecklegirth, Annan.	1937
G. J. Fleming, Greenwells, Lauder.	1956
J. A. Fleming, Locksley, Helensburgh.	1922*
Robert Kerr, O.B.E., M.A., 34 Wardie Road, Edinburgh, 5.	1927*
Mrs E. M. Lynas, Sandgate, 3 Howlcroft Villas, Nevilles Cross, Durham.	1956
Major James B. McNair, 818 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, 5, California.	1958
A. Maitland, K.C., D.L., 6 Heriot Row, Edinburgh.	1948
C. D. P. Nicholson, F.S.G., F.S.A., Bodinnick, 51 Jersey Road, Lampton, Hounslow, Mddx.	1927
J. M. Macdonald Peattie, C.D.(U.C.L.), 45A Queen's Gate Terrace, London, S.W.7.	1964
J. M. Rial, F.R.N.S., Wayside, Bagshot, Surrey.	1959

\* Life Fellow.

R. Macdonald Robertson, w.s., 14 Comely Bank Terrace, Edinburgh, 4.	1935
A. W. Russell, M.A., w.s., 25 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh, 10.	1936
O. K. Schram, M.A., PH.D., Dept. of English Language, 39/40 George Square, Edinburgh, 8.	1962
J. Mackinnon Shaw, M.A., LL.B., Sheriffs Chambers, Sheriff Court House, Dunoon.	1966
W. Douglas Simpson, C.B.E., M.A., D.LITT., LL.D., F.S.A., The Wallace Tower, Tillydrone, Old Aberdeen.	1919
J. K. Wands, 12 Whitton Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow.	1946
R. N. Wardrop, B.COM., Trevaran, Edinburgh Road, Peebles.	1958
Douglas Wood, Trafalgar Place, Victoria Road, Forres.	1954

The following have intimated their resignation:

Lady Flavia Anderson; W. R. Bett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. A. Buist; Miss Fairlie Cuninghame; Rev. Thomas M. Donn, M.A., F.R.S.A., A. H. Foster-Smith, M.A.; R. L. Gair; Miss C. Jannink; R. E. MacCallum, M.A., DIP.ED.; Donald Macdonald, F.R.S.A.; Eric B. Mackintosh, C.A.; W. L. Marjoribanks, B.SC.; Mrs Rosalind Mitchison, M.A.; D. G. Ramsay, M.A., B.SC.; A. J. B. Rowe, B.A.(Oxon.); A. S. Silver, M.B., CH.B., B.A.; S. Willy.

The Secretary then 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 1968:

*Fellowship.* During the year the Society has gained 93 new Fellows and lost 56 (25 through death, 17 by resignation and 14 through lapse of subscriptions).

The Roll now comprises: Honorary Fellows	10
Corresponding Members	2
Fellows	1,222
	<u>1,234</u>

#### *Meetings*

*Regular Meetings.* The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1967. Monthly meetings then continued till April 1968 and were resumed on 11th November 1968. The meeting which should have been held on 14th October was cancelled on account of the death of the speaker, Dr W. Douglas Simpson.

*Extra Meeting.* An extra meeting was held on Friday 1st March 1968 at which Dr St Joseph spoke on 'Air Reconnaissance in Scotland: Recent Results'.

*Rhind Lectures.* The Rhind Lectures for 1967-8 were delivered in February 1968 by K. A. Steer, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A., F.S.A.SCOT., on 'Late Medieval Monumental Sculpture in the West Highlands'.

*Excavation and Research.* Grants have been made to the following from Society Funds for excavation and other fieldwork for the season 1968:

Miss Jean Burns	Bronze Age Barrow on Broughton Knowe.
Dr St Joseph	Roman Temporary Camps in Strathmore and region.
P. S. Gelling	Skaill, Deerness, Orkney.
R. W. Kenneth Reid	Durness Area, NW. Sutherland.
Lloyd R. Laing	Kirkconnel, Springkell, Dumfries.
Mrs Christian, Cowal Arch. Soc.	Auchentegan, Glendaruel.
D. J. Turner	Breachacha Castle.
Dr J. M. Coles	Jura Mesolithic sites.

*Abstract of Accounts.* An Abstract of the Treasurer's Annual Accounts is exhibited for inspection by Fellows in the Library. Copies were available on application, as announced in the recently circulated Council billet - an abbreviated abstract of accounts was circulated to all Fellows.

*Editor's Report.* As a result of discussions in Council and together with our printers, it has been decided to make certain alterations in the appearance of the *Proceedings*. A new type-face and page design will be employed, while the cover, although retaining much the same appearance as before, will now be produced in a more durable material. The nature of these changes has been affected as much by

aesthetic as by economic factors. The first volume to appear in this style will, it is hoped, be volume 100.

The Society has this year undertaken to produce two publications, volume XCIX of the *Proceedings* and a new cumulative index for volumes XXV to XLVIII. For this reason the current number of the *Proceedings* has been somewhat delayed but will be published shortly. The Council acknowledges with thanks generous subventions from H.M. Treasury (for the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, the Ministry of Public Building and Works, and the National Museum).

Mr Stevenson pointed out an error in the list of grants made for excavation, which was corrected.

The Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr I. MacIvor seconded by Mr J. G. S. Macphail.

The President then took the opportunity of introducing Mr W. H. T. Harris, the Treasurer, to the Meeting.

The Treasurer then made his Report regarding the funds of the Society for 1967-8 and read the Auditors' docquet.

*Treasurer's Report.* This is the first full year since the closing date for the Society's financial year was put back to 30th June in 1967. It must therefore be remembered that the comparison figures shown in the Accounts as for 1966-7 are for nine months only.

Financially the Society continues gently to prosper. In the General Fund in which our general day-to-day income and expenditure is recorded (as distinct from the benefactions and other funds earmarked for specific purposes) there is a surplus of Income over Expenditure of £807.

This is the third year in succession in which there has been a surplus. Four years ago the Accounts showed a small deficit. Annual subscriptions, including entrance fees of New Fellows, has risen by about £280 per annum over the last three years. Yearly recoveries of tax on Deeds of Covenant signed by Members has increased by £174 over the same period. Attention will have to be given to this source of income. The present figure represents about 230 subscriptions, only one-fifth of the potential, and it is felt that the advantages to the Society, at no loss to themselves, should be put before the Members more persuasively, and it is hoped that a large and permanent increase to the Society's funds would be the outcome.

The improved finances of the last three years are reflected in the balances of the accounts with the Bank. The Savings Bank accounts of the General Fund at 30th June stood at £3,375 and steps are being taken to invest a substantial portion of this in a security giving a higher rate of interest than the present 4%. In view of the present financial position it is felt that the Publications Editor could be given more scope and that the Society could afford a rather wider budget for excavation grants.

Of the other funds - the Excavation fund is in reality overspent by some £80 owing to late application for and payment of grants already authorised and it has been necessary to find the amount from the General Fund. During the year £500 was made available to the Museum from the Special Purchases Fund leaving a balance of £66.

The investments held by the Society are shortly to be reviewed.

It is noticed that the funds in both Dr A. O. Curle's and Dr William Angus's Bequests have not been used for some years. The present balances in the Savings Bank Accounts are £289 and £139 respectively.

A watchful eye must be kept on the trend of costs. Already postages, one of the major heads of expenditure, has substantially increased and it must be assumed that the production costs of the *Proceedings* and any other productions are bound to go higher, so that while the present financial position must be considered satisfactory, over-optimism would be misplaced.

The Treasurer said how grateful he was to Mr Lamb for his co-operation and helpfulness in the hand-over of the Treasurership. His assistance had greatly helped Mr Harris to grasp quickly the problems involved.

Dr G. G. Simpson asked that the entry 'Salaries, Honoraria, etc.' might be broken down because he felt that certain expenses might be concealed in the figure given.

The President explained that the Assistant Secretary had a salary, the Editor and the Treasurer had honoraria. When Mr Harris was appointed Treasurer the Council decided that this should be reviewed at the end of a year because he was working in a different manner to his predecessor. This should be clear by the Anniversary Meeting in 1969.

The accounts were then approved on the motion of Mr P. R. Ritchie seconded by Mr A. Kennedy.

The President thanked the Treasurer on behalf of the Society.

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

<i>President</i>	Professor S. Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Angus Graham, M.A., F.S.A. H. Fairhurst, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. Lt.-Col. R. L. Hunter, T.D., B.SC., M.I.MECH.E., F.S.A.
<i>Councillors</i>	K. A. Steer, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. J. G. Scott, B.A. Alan Small, M.A. Ronald G. Cant, M.A. W. F. Cormack, M.A., LL.B., W.S. J. X. W. P. Corcoran, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. A. Fenton, B.A., M.A. S. H. Cruden, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.A. A. A. Woodham, B.SC., PH.D. B. P. Lenman, M.A., M.LITT. T. D. Thomson, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A., LL.B.
<i>Secretary</i>	Basil C. Skinner, M.A.
<i>Treasurer</i>	W. H. T. Harris, B.A.
<i>Ex-Officio Members of Council</i>	R. B. K. Stevenson, M.A., F.S.A. (Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland) James S. Richardson, LL.D., H.R.S.A. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) Miss Anne S. Robertson, M.A., D.LITT., F.M.A., F.S.A. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) B. R. S. Megaw, B.A., F.S.A. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) Professor A. A. M. Duncan, M.A. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) Gordon Maxwell, M.A. (Editor)

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