

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 1969 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 J. G. Dunbar and Mr C. Martin were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for Office-Bearers.
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 1969.

Fellowship. During the year the Society gained 89 new Fellows and lost 38 (14 through death, 6 by resignation and 13 through lapse of subscriptions; 5 failed to complete their election). There were 5 reinstatements and 10 new Honorary Fellows were elected. The Roll now comprises:

Honorary Fellows	20
Corresponding Members	1
Fellows	1,279
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which shows an increase of 10 Honorary Fellows and 55 Fellows during the year.

Meetings

Regular Meetings. The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1968. Monthly meetings then continued till April 1969 and were resumed on 13th October 1969.

Extra Meeting. An extra meeting was held on Monday 24th February at which A. G. Thomson, B.Sc., Ph.D., Keeper of Technology, Royal Scottish Museum, spoke on Water Wheels.

Rhind Lectures. The Rhind Lectures for 1968-9 were delivered in March 1969 by Professor Dr Hans Schönberger of the Römisch-Germanische Kommission des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts on The Roman Frontier in Germany in the Light of New Research.

Excavation and Research. Grants have been made to the following from Society Funds for Excavation and other Fieldwork for the season 1969.

Dr F. Celoria	Fraoch Eilean Castle, Loch Awe.
Dr J. M. Coles	Mesolithic Site, Morton Farm, Tentsmuir, Fife.
J. Colvin Greig	Castle Point, Troup.
P. S. Gelling	Viking & Medieval Site, Skaill, Deerness, Orkney.
L. J. Masters	Neolithic Cairn, Lochhill, New Abbey, Kirkcudbrightshire.
Miss D. Marshall	Neolithic Site, Glendaruel.
Alex Morrison	Structural Remains at Turrerich Farm, Glen Quaich, Amulree, Perthshire.
Dr J. N. G. Ritchie	Passage grave and Cairn, Achnacreebeag, Connell, Argyll.
Dr J. K. S. St Joseph	Roman Military Sites from Strathearn to Strathmore.

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. Volume 100 of the *Proceedings*, the first issue to appear in the new format, is in an advanced state of preparation. A considerable amount of material is on hand for inclusion in volume 101. The Society gratefully acknowledges the financial aid it has received from H.M. Treasury in respect of papers submitted for publication by members of staff in the Ministry of Public Building and Works, the National Museum of Antiquities and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. Mr G. S. Maxwell has decided, with much regret, to resign from the Editorship; he gratefully acknowledges the help and support of the Editorial Committee during his term of office, and pays particular tribute to the work of the Assistant Secretary and Mr I. G. Scott.

The Society is most grateful to Mr Maxwell for his valuable work as Editor. It has been fortunate in securing the services of Dr J. X. W. P. Corcoran as the new Editor.

The Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr R. B. K. Stevenson, seconded by Dr K. A. Steer.

The Treasurer then made his report regarding the funds of the Society for 1968-9 and read the Auditor's docquet.

Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the past year again show that the Society continues to prosper financially, and with the same measure of support from the Fellowship it should be possible to meet the increased expenses which may be anticipated over the coming years.

It will be seen from the Abstract of Accounts that the General Fund of the Society, which takes care of day-to-day expenditure and income, shows an excess of Income over Expenditure for the year of

£1,197 – a further sum of £314, recovery of tax on subscriptions paid under Deed of Covenant, has since been received and refund of S.E.T. payments – some £130 – is still to be recovered. When this has been received the Income for the year will be approximately £300 higher than last year.

This figure, however, includes £63 surplus received on the sale of the new Index to volumes 25–48 of the *Proceedings*, so perhaps a fairer average increase for the year would be between £200 and £250.

Ninety-two new Fellows elected and paid-up joined during the year and it is pleasing to note that over a one-third of these were under 30 years of age – a very healthy sign – and it is hoped they will make the fullest use of all the facilities the Society can offer.

Interest and dividends received show a good rise largely due to increased Savings Bank interest on a somewhat heavier balance maintained. The drop in the amount received from Subscribing Libraries should right itself in the present year when arrears due from Libraries have been recovered.

Turning to Expenditure, economies effected in the Treasurer's section are reflected in the Accounts and the cost of volume 99 of the *Proceedings* is much down on the previous year's double volume – it must be noticed here that nearly the whole of the cost of the blocks for volume 99 has been charged in the previous year, so the surplus of £1,197 is swollen to that extent.

It is to be expected that higher costs will have to be met in connection with the Society's productions, and while it should be possible to maintain the present high standard of presentation, it will have to be paid for – at present this is possible.

Turning to the specially earmarked funds – the Excavation Fund, after a transfer of £265 provided from the General Fund, shows an excess of Income over Expenditure of £315. Grants voted totalling £182, however, were not applied for until after the close of the financial year and two Grants have so far not been claimed at all. In all 10 excavations were assisted.

The Chalmers-Jervise Fund has an annual income of about £70–£140 every two years, and the expenditure biennially is about £18 on advertising and administration. The prize offered of £50 every other year has not been attracting entrants, and the Council have proposed to increase the amount of the prize to £100 – if this can be done legally.

During the year the Society's Investments were reviewed by its Brokers who recommended the sale of Rank Organisation shares held in General, Excavation, Rhind and Bannerman Funds, and the purchase of British American Tobacco, Imperial Chemical Industries, Sears Holdings 'A' and Carrington and Dewhurst shares. The Finance Committee considered the proposals and decided to follow the Broker's advice. The switch has not turned out well as the Brokers freely admit, for the shares sold have actually gone up, whereas of those purchased three have dropped, and one has shown a slight improvement. Whilst taking into account the profit made on the sale, the Society overall has not lost anything in the sequel, yet it has not profited as it might have done from the gain in value of the Rank shares.

The results were, however, disappointing and the Brokers were asked to explain their reasons for advising a switch which has turned out so much to the Society's detriment. They have replied giving what appear to be sound reasons, and adding that despite appearances the Stocks now held were, in fact, all market leaders, which in time will fully recover lost ground.

The Bequests of Dr A. O. Curle and Dr William Angus show no interest added this year. The funds in both cases are held on Deposit Receipt where interest will be accruing until such time as we need to uplift them.

The Society received during the year a legacy of £250 from the late Mr J. M. Davidson of Glasgow – it has not yet been decided how to employ this money.

The Society also received from an American Fellow, Mr Sheldon P. Fay, a gift of £50 to be applied in furthering the excavation at Birrens.

The Accounts were then approved on the motion of Mr B. P. Lenman, seconded by Mr G. H. Collins.

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:

President

Vice-Presidents

Professor S. Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.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.

K. A. Steer, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A.

Councillors

Ronald G. Cant, M.A.
 W. F. Cormack, M.A., LL.B., W.S.
 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.
 Miss A. S. Henshall, M.A., F.S.A., F.M.A.
 J. N. G. Ritchie, M.A., PH.D.
 J. H. Hendrie, M.I.M.E.
 D. B. Taylor

Secretary

R. W. B. Morris, B.L.
 Basil C. Skinner, M.A.

Treasurer

W. H. T. Harris, 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)
 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)
 J. X. W. P. Corcoran, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. (Editor)

The following Fellows died during the year 1968-69:

	<i>Elected</i>
Rev. J. M'Cormick Campbell, M.B.E., J.P., O.C.F., 45 Waverley Gardens, Glasgow, S.1.	1934
Major A. F. Cockburn, M.B.E., R.E., The Old Rectory, Netherbury, Dorset.	1919*
G. E. Eades, M.A., L.C.P., 29 Eversley Road, London, S.E.19.	1924
R. J. A. Eckford, Summerhill, Grange Road, Moffat, Dumfries. (Corr. Member)	1955
J. B. Himsworth, F.R.S.A., 31 Chelsea Road, Sheffield, 11.	1947
Professor D. B. Horn, M.A., D.LITT., 8 Pentland Avenue, Edinburgh, 13.	1964
C. B. C. Hunter, Coigach, 16 Briar Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.	1944*
Peter Scott Jackson, Upper Lodge, Bere Hill, Whitchurch, Hants.	1967
B. W. J. Kent, F.S.A., Tatefield Hall, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate.	1907
G. F. Lillie, 9 The Linn, Kelso.	1966
J. Leslie McIntosh, M.A., The Gelly Mill, Banff.	1962
G. Murray, M.A., 10 New Winton, Tranent, E. Lothian.	1960
J. A. Rennie, Ballintran, Cromdale, Grantown-on-Spey.	1959
Miss Alison Stewart, B.A., Powis House, Logie, Stirlingshire,	1968
R. Wotherspoon, Westwood, Upper Drummond, Inverness.	1954

* Life Fellow.

The following have intimated their resignation during the year:

Shena, Lady Aitchison; James Edward Barlow, A.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I.; C. Carter, M.Sc.; R. J. Macdonald; George G. McWhannell; E. J. Redshaw.

The President drew the attention of the meeting to the proposed alteration of Laws, a copy of which had been circulated to all Fellows. He explained that the purpose of the change was to ease the task of future Presidents, although he himself would complete his full term of five years of office. Most similar Societies had reduced the period of office of their Presidents to one of three years and this would bring the Society into line with current practice. It should also make the finding of future Presidents easier. He then put the proposed alteration to the vote and the alteration was carried unanimously.

Law 12 is therefore altered as follows:

For the words 'The President shall be elected for a period of five years' are substituted the words 'The President shall be elected for a period of THREE YEARS'.

The President then announced that there would be five speakers, presenting items of news briefly.

They were:

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| 1. Mr B. C. Skinner | | The Brown Portrait Drawings of Founder Fellows of the Society. |
| 2. Dr E. A. Cormack | } | A Roman Distance Stone. |
| Dr K. A. Steer | | |
| 3. Mr I. Fisher | | A Pictish Symbol Stone from Perthshire. |
| 4. Dr Hugh McKerrell | | Thermoluminescence dating of Pottery. |
| 5. Professor Stuart Piggott | | Reconstructing a Celtic Chariot. |

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