

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1970 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 A. E. Truckell and Mr D. C. Cargill 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 1970.

Fellowship. During the year the Society gained 120 new Fellows and lost 34 (22 through death, 1 through resignation and 11 through lapse of subscriptions, one election not completed). There were two re-instatements.

The Roll now comprises:

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| Honorary Fellows | 20 |
| Corresponding Members | 1 |
| Fellows | 1,366 |
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which shows an increase of 87 Fellows during the year.

Regular Meetings. The Anniversary Meeting was held on 1st December 1969. Monthly meetings then continued till April 1970, and were resumed on 12th October 1970.

Extra Meeting. An extra meeting was held on Monday 23rd February 1970 at which A. J. Rowan, DIP.ARCH., PH.D., Dept. of Fine Art, Edinburgh University, spoke on the Role of Robert Adam in the Gothic Revival.

Rhind Lectures. The Rhind Lectures for 1969-70 were delivered in February 1970 by The Right Reverend Monsignor David McRoberts, S.T.L., on The Furnishing of Medieval Churches in Scotland.

Day Conference. A day conference on medieval Scottish Towns was held on 9th May 1970. The speakers were:

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| J. W. R. Whitehand | Morphology of Scottish medieval towns. |
| Professor A. A. M. Duncan | Early Perth. |
| B. O'Riordain | Medieval excavations at Dublin. |
| E. J. Talbot | Glasgow excavations. |
| Dr N. Brooks | Medieval St Andrews and excavations there. |
| Summary by M. Biddle. Mr R. G. Cant was in the Chair. | |

Excavations and Research. Grants were made to the following from Society Funds for Excavation and Fieldwork for the season 1970.

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| Berwickshire Naturalist's Club | The domestic area of Coldingham Priory. |
| P. S. Gelling | Viking settlement, Skail, Deerness, Orkney. |
| D. J. Turner | Achanduin Castle, Lismore, Argyll. |
| L. R. Laing | Medieval village, Kirkconnel, Dumfries. |
| Dr J. K. S. St. Joseph | Roman temporary camps in Perthshire and Strathmore. |
| D. D. A. Simpson | Two stone circles near Fortingall, Perthshire. |
| L. J. Masters | Long cairn, Lochhill, New Abbey, Kirkcudbrightshire. |
| F. Celoria | Fraoch Eilean Castle, Loch Awe, Argyll. |
| Dr J. M. Coles | Mesolithic site, Morton Farm, Tentsmuir, Fife. |
| I. A. Crawford | Settlement, Coileagan an Udail, North Uist. |
| Dr A. S. Robertson | The Scottish Field School of Archaeology. |
| Dr E. J. Peltenberg | A cairn, at Culcharron, Benderloch, Argyll. |

The Assistant Secretary. Major C. S. Higgins resigned in June 1970. Miss A. S. Henshall has been appointed to succeed him.

Abstract of Accounts. An abstract of the Treasurer's Annual Accounts was exhibited for inspection by Fellows in the Library. An abbreviated abstract of accounts has been circulated to all Fellows.

Report from the North East Section of the Society. The Section was formally constituted on 4th November 1969 and monthly meetings were held thereafter from December 1969 until April 1970 in Provost Ross' House, Shiprow, Aberdeen.

Fellows residing within reasonable travelling distance of Aberdeen numbered 62 at the beginning of the Session and this number rose to 73 by the end. Attendances at meetings ranged from 23 to 43.

An excursion was held on 29th August to visit Mr Colvin Greig's excavation at Cullycan, Banffshire, and 22 attended.

The Section's expenses for the Session amounted to £21-7-10 and this sum was refunded by the Treasurer.

At a meeting held on 14th April it was agreed that the first Session of the Section had been successful and it was resolved that meetings should again be held in 1970-71. A committee was elected at this meeting to hold office during the ensuing year. This was as follows:

Chairman Prof. R. D. Lockhart, C.L.M., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.E.

Secretary Dr A. A. Woodham, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C.

Committee Mr J. Caldwell, B.Sc., A.R.I.C., M.P.S.

The Rev. J. B. Clarke.

Mr M. T. McNicol, B.D.

Mr W. D. Middleton.

Editor's Report. Volume 100 for 1967-8, edited by Mr Gordon Maxwell, was published in March. This, the first volume in the new format has been well received, although a number of Fellows find the quality of the binding and particularly the gilt lettering on the spine somewhat unsatisfactory.

Volume 101 for 1968-9 is at present in press and it is anticipated that it will be published early in 1971. Papers and shorter notes treat of a variety of subjects, from prehistoric to post-medieval in date, and include excavation reports and more general studies. There are two long papers: one on Scottish Early Bronze Age Metalwork by Dr John Coles and one on Harbours in Eastern Scotland by Mr Angus Graham.

Sufficient material is at hand to make up Volume 102 for 1969-70, with further contributions promised. It is hoped that, with the Editorial Committee's approval, this volume will go to press early in 1971, in an attempt to bring up to date the annual publications of the Proceedings.

A grant of £450 towards the cost of Dr Coles' paper has been received from the Council of British Archaeology, and grants for other papers in Volume 101 are under consideration. These are most welcome and necessary, as printing charges have been increased by 8½% as from 1st October 1970. The implications of this will be discussed at the next meeting of the Editorial Committee, and its deliberations reported to Council.

The Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr J. P. Shepherd seconded by Mr A. Fenton.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer then made his report regarding the funds of the Society for 1969-1970 and read the Auditor's docquet.

The Society's Accounts for 1969-70 again show a small surplus of Income over Expenditure and with the same interest and support from the Fellowship that has been shown in the past we shall continue to prosper.

The Accounts of the Society comprise a General Fund covering the general running of the Society and its activities, and a group of more specialised funds designed to show the administration of Benefactions or of specific activities such as Excavation or the Rhind Lectures.

The General Fund shows an excess of Income over Expenditure of £1,424. With increasing membership the income from subscriptions is some £350 up. This year special attention has been paid to subscribing Libraries which tend to need constant reminders and the result has been a recovery of nearly £200 in arrears due. The item New Fellows comprises the Entry Fees paid by those who joined us during the year and the rise in this figure reflects the increased interest being shown in the Society's activities.

Interest and Dividends are up by about 10%. When we made a switch of shares last year the brokers told us we could expect somewhat higher dividends and they have been proved right.

The Administration Levy is a charge made by the General Fund, which meets all the day to day running expenses, for administering the affairs of the subsidiary specialised funds which would otherwise not bear their share of administration costs. It is based on 5% of the income collected in the subsidiary funds.

Whilst the overall figure for income has risen so has that for expenditure. Salaries are up by £136 partly due to assistance given to the Treasurer costing £60. The balance of the increase is due to higher National Insurance and S.E.T. charges. Regarding the latter, negotiations have been going on for repayment of S.E.T. paid by us since 1966 and a figure of £360 as a refund has now been claimed and is likely to be received as soon as the appropriate Government official can verify the figure from our books.

Cost of Proceedings at £2,498 would appear to show a rise of £257 over Volume 99, however the

cost shown last year is some £271 less than the true cost as the blocks had been paid for in the previous financial year 1967-8. The grant expected will I am afraid be small, only some £70 or so.

During the year the market value of almost all quoted Securities, both Gilt-edged and equities declined – even the Industrial giants such as I.C.I. lost ground and the current value of all our investment shows an expected decrease. However, Sears Holdings made a bonus issue and our holding in General Fund increased from 500 to 600, and in the Rhind Lectureship and Bannerman Funds from 250 each to 300.

A transfer of £300 was made by the Council from General Fund to Excavation Fund, and including grants authorised last year but not taken up until this year, we have been able to assist in the excavation of 11 sites.

The Accounts were approved on the motion of Professor J. MacQueen seconded by Mr G Maxwell.

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:

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| <i>President</i> | Professor S. Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A. |
| <i>Vice-Presidents</i> | Lt.-Col. R. L. Hunter, T.D., B.SC., M.I.MECH.E. K. A. Steer, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. W. F. Cormack, M.A., LL.B., W.S. |
| <i>Councillors</i> | B. P. Lenman, M.A., M.LITT. T. D. Thomson, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A., LL.B. J. N. G. Ritchie, M.A., PH.D. J. H. Hendrie, M.I.M.E. D. B. Taylor R. W. B. Morris, B.L. G. Jobey, D.S.O., M.A., F.S.A. L. J. Masters, M.A. P. R. Ritchie, B.SC. G. G. Simpson, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. E. J. Talbot, B.A. A. E. Truckell, M.B.E., M.A., F.S.A. Basil C. Skinner, M.A. W. H. T. Harris, B.A. |
| <i>Secretary</i> | R. B. K. Stevenson, M.A., F.S.A. (Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland) |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | A. A. Woodham, B.SC., PH.D. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) |
| <i>Ex-Officio Members of Council</i> | 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 1969-70:

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| Rev. T. D. S. Bayley, M.A., F.S.A., 5 Northgate, Chichester, Sussex. | <i>Elected</i> 1959 |
| The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cawdor, T.D., F.S.A., Cawdor Castle, Nairn. | 1948 |
| W. Dickson, Lynedoch House, Elcho Terrace, Portobello, Edinburgh. | 1923 |
| J. M. Fletcher, 25 Embo Drive, Scotstoun, Glasgow, W.3. | 1953 |
| Lt.-Col. C. S. Henderson, M.B.E., LL.B., W.S., 50 Melville Street, Edinburgh 3. | 1950 |
| Major G. C. Home, R.A.S.C., 27 Cornwall Gardens, London, S.W.7. | 1914 |
| W. Howarth, 101 Windsor Road, Oldham, Lancs. | 1963 |
| J. A. Inglis, Achadh nan Daroch, near Bridge of Oich, Invergarry. | 1928 |
| J. MacBean, 42 Union Street, Inverness. | 1941 |

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| J. M. McCulloch, 2 Cherry Tree Crescent, Balerno, Midlothian. | 1954 |
| Rev. A. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., 4 Holmston Drive, Ayr. | 1933 |
| The Macneil of Barra, Barra House, R.F.D.4, Brattleboro, Vermont, U.S.A. | 1915 |
| A. F. Macpherson, w.s., 3 Riselaw Terrace, Edinburgh 10. | 1968 |
| G. W. Mitchell, The Neuk, Huntly, Aberdeenshire. | 1935 |
| A. J. Murray, M.A., Ardgabh, Oban, Argyll. | 1950 |
| V. Norrie, J.P., 14 Lennel Avenue, Edinburgh 12. | 1944 |
| Professor H. J. Paton, M.A., D.LITT., LL.D., F.B.A., Nether Pitcaithly, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire. | 1967 |
| Dr J. S. Richardson, LL.D., M.R.S.A., 7a Tantallon Terrace, North Berwick. | 1912 |
| Miss C. E. Richmond, M.A., Rosebank Cottage, 22 Broomhill Road, Penicuik, Midlothian | 1963 |
| Captain H. Salvesen, Inveralmond, Cramond, Edinburgh. | 1958 |
| J. Terry-Lloyd, 18 Berkley Court, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth, S. Africa. | 1941 |
| A. W. Wilson, 173 Poynders Gardens, London, S.W.4. | 1953 |

The following intimated his resignation:

J. R. C. Hamilton

The meeting concluded with five speakers presenting brief accounts of current or recent excavations:

1. Mr L. J. Masters - The neolithic long cairn at Lochhill, Kirkcudbrightshire.
2. Dr J. N. G. Ritchie - The chambered cairn at Achnacreebeag, Argyll.
3. Dr A. S. Robertson - The Roman fort at Cardean, Angus.
4. Mr A. D. S. Macdonald - Lochmaben Castle, Dumfriesshire.
5. Mr B. C. Skinner - The Ladies' bathing pool at Hopetoun, West Lothian.