

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1971 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 W Latto 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 1971.

*Fellowship.* During the year the Society gained 124 new Fellows and lost 75 (32 through death, 15

through resignation, 17 through lapse of subscriptions, 11 elections not completed). There were 2 reinstatements.

The Roll now comprises:

Honorary Fellows	20
Corresponding Fellows	1
Fellows	1,417
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which shows an increase of 51 Fellows during the year.

*Regular Meetings.* The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1970. Monthly meetings continued till April 1971, and were resumed on 11th October 1971.

*Extra Meetings.* Extra meetings were held on Monday, 22nd February 1971 at which J K S St Joseph, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A.SCOT., spoke on 'The Results of Aerial Reconnaissance of Scotland 1970', and on 22nd March 1971 when C M J Martin, F.S.A.SCOT., spoke on 'Santa Maria de la Rosa: Underwater Archaeology on an Armada wreck'.

*Rhind Lectures.* The Rhind Lectures of 1970-1 were delivered in October 1970 by Professor Axel Steensberg on 'Plough and Field shape from Prehistoric Times to c AD 1500'.

*Day Conference.* A day conference on 'The Two Walls' was held on Saturday, 1st May 1971. The speakers were:

Professor E Birley	Hadrian's Wall, a survey of recent work.
R E Birley	The Fort and Settlement at Chesterholm.
Dr A S Robertson	A Pilgrimage along the Antonine Wall.
I MacIvor	The Fort at Rough Castle.
Dr D Breeze	Hadrian's Wall and the Antonine Wall.
with closing remarks by Professor E L G Stones.	

*Excavations and Research.* Grants were made to the following from Society funds for Excavation and Fieldwork for the 1971 season:

I M Campbell	Thirteenth-century hall-house, Fraoch Eilean, Argyll.
Dr I A Crawford	Neolithic - eighteenth-century domestic site, Udal, North Uist.
J C Greig	Gateway and house, Castle Point, Troup, Banffshire.
Miss A S Henshall	Recording chambered tombs in Caithness and Orkney.
A D S Macdonald	Recording ecclesiastical sites in Caithness and Orkney.
Miss D N Marshall	Chambered cairn, Glenvoidean, Bute.
P R Ritchie	Fieldwork on axe factories in Westmorland and Perthshire.
Dr J K S St Joseph	Roman temporary camps, Forth to Dee.
A Small	Vitrified fort at Craig Phadraig, Inverness.
D J Turner	Castle at Achinduin, Lismore.
Dr W Kissling	Survey of rural buildings in Dumfriesshire and Galloway.
Scottish Field School in Archaeology	Roman fort, Cardean, Angus.

*Medieval Urban Archaeology Committee.* Following a resolution on this subject passed at the one-day Conference of the Society on 9th May 1970, the Council has appointed a Committee, the members of which are as follows: Dr Grant G Simpson (convener), Dr Nicholas P Brooks, Mr Stewart Crudden, Professor A A M Duncan, Mr John Gerrard, Mr Geoffrey Stell, Mr Eric Talbot. The object of the Committee, through the Council, is to press for excavation work in the older Scottish towns where development plans will provide opportunities for this, to create a sympathetic climate of opinion amongst local authorities and other bodies concerned with demolition and reconstruction in towns, and to encourage the creation of posts for medieval urban archaeologists to undertake the necessary work. The Committee has prepared a dossier of plans of seventeen Scottish towns, to show the extent of past destruction and of development which will lead to destruction in the future. The Committee is also preparing a pamphlet which can be used to publicise and explain the problem. This is a relatively new and little developed area of Scottish archaeology and the Committee will greatly welcome the co-operation of any Fellows who are able to contribute to its work.

*Report from the North East of Scotland Section.* During this session the Section was fortunate in that seven of the lecturers who addressed the Society in Edinburgh were prepared to come to Aberdeen on the following day. The programme, therefore, provided a continuous monthly series from October 1970 to April 1971. The Annual General Meeting of the Section was held on 13th April 1971, and the Secretary reported that membership of the Section had risen by 50% since its formation, from 63 to 92. Attendance at meetings had averaged a little over 30.

An excursion to see Mr Colvin Greig's excavation at Cullycan was held on 7th August and this was attended by 23 Fellows.

A member of the Section, Mr J R W Middleton put forward a suggestion that the Section should undertake the restoration of a ruined stone circle at Ellon. A photograph of the circle before its removal is in the Proceedings and it was thought that the stones could be easily located. After considerable discussion it was agreed that no action should be taken in view of the difficulty of restoring the monument to its exact original condition, and also because the restoration would have little archaeological significance.

The Section agreed to consider preparing a much-needed guide to the prehistoric antiquities of the Aberdeen region and it is hoped that the definite plans will be prepared during the 1971-2 session.

Some Fellows were of the opinion that the Section should undertake the excavation of a site in the area. It was pointed out that the Society had not itself undertaken excavations in the past, though it had encouraged and supported specific excavations through its Excavation Committee. The continuance of work at Cullycan during the present session provided an opportunity for field work and some members of the Section did in fact participate in this.

The Committee for 1971-2 was elected at the A.G.M. and is constituted as follows:

Professor R D Lockhart, *Chairman*

Dr A A Woodham, *Secretary*

Mr J Caldwell

Rev J B Clarke

Mr M T McNeil

Mr W D Middleton

Miss A S Philip

Mr G Shepherd

#### *Editor's Report*

Volume 101 for 1968-9 was published during the summer, after a delay occasioned by the prolonged postal strike in the early part of 1971.

Owing to the Editor's ill-health, Volume 102 has also been delayed. Papers and shorter notices range in date from the Mesolithic to Canongate and Maltese silver.

Some concern is felt about increased costs of production, and although some papers may qualify for grants from Government and other institutions, it is becoming increasingly difficult to produce an annual volume of adequate size within the budget allowed from annual subscriptions. This may result in the issue from time to time of a volume somewhat of restricted size so as to remain within the budget. In the foreseeable future there appears to be no dearth of papers promised, and fortunately some of these will qualify for grants.

The Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr B R S Megaw, seconded by Dr D J Breeze.

The Treasurer then made his report.

#### *Treasurer's Report*

You will have had by now copies of the abbreviated Accounts and there are here on the table more detailed versions available for inspection if anyone is interested.

I am glad to say that the real position is rather better than the printed Accounts might indicate and a few words are due from me in explanation of the figures you have before you.

If you look at the first page the very first item, which is for annual subscriptions, shows an apparent drop of £440 from last year's figure. The reason for this is that the usual reminder to those members whose subscriptions are in arrears – and their name is legion – did not go out until late in the financial year, in

fact not till about June. At the 30th June there was as much as £1,572 in subscriptions in arrears, but over £700 of this has since been received and the overall position is, in fact, slightly better than last year. Nevertheless it would be helpful if subscriptions could roll in without reminders being necessary. The simplest way of ensuring this is, of course, to lodge a standing order with the Bank, and there is a supply of the necessary forms on the table here which I hope to see rapidly diminishing. There are a surprising number of people who, on gently being chidden as backsliders, complain 'But I have only had one reminder from you'.

Subscribing Libraries show an apparent drop, but the figure last year was swollen by a drive being made to bring in their arrears. Many of them are, however, erratic payers.

Turning to the Expenditure side, the salary figure needs explanation.

Major Higgins, the previous Assistant Secretary, left in July 1970 and his successor did not take up her paid part-time appointment until December, though she was good enough to look after our interests without any charge to the Society in the interim. A further reduction in the salaries figure has come consequent on the institution of the new Publications Fund to which the Editor's honorarium has been charged. A still further reduction in the net salaries figure has been made possible by the reclaiming of S.E.T., since its inception in 1966, of £335. All these reasons have produced at £154 what I expect will be an all-time low in salary figures.

By Council Resolution £3,000 per annum for an experimental period of three years is to be transferred from the General Fund to a new Publications Fund to take care of all the expenses in connection with publications, the big item being of course the cost of the *Proceedings*. Grants received towards cost of publications also go into this fund which shows a balance in hand of £2,916 on 30th June. At that date accounts for printing, binding and postage of Vol 101 had not been received. Binding and postage totalling £823 have since been paid but the bill for printing is still to come.

Taking into account the amount of arrears which could have been expected had reminders gone out earlier, whilst allowing for a more normal salary figure, the surplus would probably have been in the region of £1,200/1,300 and not £620 as brought out in the Accounts.

Regarding investments, the market which has been depressed for so long has been showing signs of recovery. Our Investments were valued as at 30th June and show a welcome rise.

For instance, the securities held on behalf of General Fund rose from £5,792 at 30th June 1970 to £6,879 in 1971.

Rhind Lectureship securities rose from £5,150 to £5,976.

Sears Holdings gave a Bonus Issue of 600 ordinary shares of 25p each of which 300 belong to General Fund and 150 each to Rhind and Bannerman Funds. These do not show in the accounts, as strictly speaking they do not come on the books until 1st July.

A final word about Covenants. The execution of a Covenant is a completely painless way of helping the Society by increasing its income. Anyone who pays tax at the Standard Rate of 7s. 9d. in the £ can, by signing a simple form declaring an intention to pay the Subscription for 7 years, increase the Society's income over that period by £2 a year, being the amount of tax already suffered by the tax-payer and which the I.T. officer refunds to us. There is no cost to the subscriber whatever, not even a stamp on the form.

With the lowering of the Standard Rate of Income Tax from 8s. 3d. to 7s. 9d. the Society's benefit by recovery of the tax paid will be somewhat lower, so we are anxiously looking for fresh Covenants. There is a supply of forms here on the table and I do hope that some of the Fellows who have not yet signed a Covenant will make use of them.

The Treasurer concluded by reading the Auditors Report on the Account for 1970/71.

The Accounts were approved on the motion of Mr G Hay seconded by Mr A Fenton.

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>	K A Steer, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. W F Cormack, M.A., LL.B., W.S. T D Thomson, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A., LL.B.
<i>Councillors</i>	D B Taylor R W B Morris, B.L., F.S.A. 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.M.A.  
 D J Breeze, B.A., PH.D.  
 J G Dunbar, M.A., F.S.A.  
 Mrs I B Henderson, M.A., PH.D.  
 S Maxwell, M.A.

*Secretary*

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)  
 A A Woodham, B.SC., PH.D. (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 deaths of the following Fellows were intimated during the year 1970-71:

	<i>Elected</i>
F S Abercromby, A.I.B.SCOT., 131 King Street, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.	1969
J M M Anderson, Romach, Sanquhar Road, Forres, Morayshire.	1944
The Rev. R G Brotherton, M.A., The Eden Manse, Cupar, Fife.	1957
Bailie D G Christie, J.P., 204 Ferry Road, Dundee.	1932
W A Cocks, Lilac Cottage, Barmoor, Ryton-on-Tyne.	1945
V J Cumming, 8 Grosvenor Terrace, Glasgow, W.2.	1927
P Dobie, B.ENG., 122 Vicars Cross Road, Chester.	1966
R Duncan, M.A., 294 Strathmartine Road, Dundee.	1932
The Rev T Fraser, Kintail Manse, Inverinate, by Kyle, Ross-shire.	1968
Dr R M Gorrie, Balnagowan, Murrayfield Drive, Edinburgh 12.	1954
Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, K.C.V.O., 35 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh 4.	1920
H A Luke, 143 Morningside Drive, Edinburgh 10.	1959
J Macaulay, F.R.I.C.S., M.T.P.I., M.INST.R.A., 37 St Vincent Crescent, Glasgow, C.3.	1927
Mrs E C L McKersie, Park Lodge, 86 Ravelston Dykes, Edinburgh 12.	1949
A C MacNab of MacNab, Kinnell House, Killin, Perthshire.	1952
T McSkimming, 1 Duntochter Road, Bearsden.	1963
The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Mansfield, B.A., Logie House, Methven, Perthshire.	1942
N Matheson, 7 Youngside Place, Newport-on-Tay.	1925
Miss E M Mein, B.L., 7 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh 9.	1944
H P Morrison, M.C., M.A., LL.D., Shawpark, Selkirk.	1951
F R Perkins, Duntisbourne House, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.	1947
A Redford, Greengates, Wartle, Aberdeenshire.	1944
Professor W L Renwick, Arthur Lodge, 60 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh 9.	1953
G M Rhodes, B.A., LL.B., New House, Jackton, East Kilbride.	1943
Mrs M H Sime, 35 Craigmount Terrace, Edinburgh 12.	1968
Lord David Stuart, Old Place of Mochrum, Port William, Wigtownshire.	1939
W J C Watt, M.B., CH.B., 1 Riccarton Avenue, Paisley.	1923
W Waugh, Palace Knowe, Beattock, Dumfriesshire.	1942
J Williamson, 8 West Richmond Street, Edinburgh 8.	1959
R Wilson, 7 Dovecot Loan, Edinburgh 14.	1927
K B Wright, B.SC., 6 Alfred Terrace, Glasgow, W.2.	1947

The following Fellows intimated their resignations:

W N M Armour, C.A., 17 Grosvenor Terrace, Glasgow, W.2.  
 A J Banfield, 4 Warrender Park Crescent, Edinburgh 9.  
 P H W Bristow, M.A., 186 Garscadden Road, Drumchapel, Glasgow.  
 C Burns, M.A., MUS.D., Dept of Music, The University of Newcastle upon Tyne.  
 W I Carter, B.SC., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., 31 Marlborough Hill, Harrow, Middlesex.  
 C C Dyer, School of History, University of Birmingham.  
 J W Forsyth, F.L.A., 23 Citadel Hill, Ayr.  
 J M Hannavy, 20 Burnage Lane, Manchester 19.  
 T Hannavy, M.A., St Ringans, Braco, Perthshire.  
 Mrs A D Hunter, 2/10 Maidencraig Court, Edinburgh 4.  
 R Livingstone, 15 Royal Court Road, Aberdeen.  
 A Macartney, M.A., CH.B., 22 Crawford Road, Burnside, Glasgow.  
 L R Macgregor, C.B.A., LL.B., F.A.A., J.P., St Joseph P.O., Barbados.  
 T McPhail, 19 Patrick Street, Greenock.  
 J G P O'Donnell, 38 Forbes Road, Edinburgh 10.

The meeting concluded with the following brief accounts of work:

1. Miss D N Marshall    The chambered cairn at Glenvoidean, Bute.
2. Dr F S MacKenna    The rediscovery of the souterrain at Pitcur, Angus.
3. Mr E J Talbot        Recent work on medieval Glasgow and Dumbarton.