

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1972, 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 N Cartwright and Mr T Cowie 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 1972.

Fellowship. During the year the Society gained 151 new Fellows and lost 66 (28 through death, including one Honorary Fellow, 19 by resignation, 13 through lapse of subscription, 6 through election not completed). There was 1 reinstatement. 1 Fellow was elected a Corresponding Member. A check of the Assistant Secretary's records against the Treasurer's record revealed that in addition 18 Fellows nominally on the Roll had lapsed before 1969. The Roll now comprises:

Honorary Fellows	19
Corresponding Members	2
Fellows	1485
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Regular meetings. The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1971. Monthly meetings continued till April 1972, and were resumed on 9th October 1972. There were no extra meetings during the year.

Rhind Lectures. The Rhind lectures for 1971-72 were delivered in November 1971 by Dr A T Lucas on Cattle in Ancient and Medieval Irish Society. The Rhind lectures for 1972-73 were delivered in October 1972 by Mr D Winfield on Byzantine Mosaic and Wall Paintings in Cyprus. Due to the necessity of providing two simultaneous projectors the lectures were given in the David Hume Tower, University of Edinburgh.

Day Conference. A day Conference on Armour - Prehistoric, Roman, Early Medieval was held on Saturday, 6th May 1972. The speakers were:

Dr J N G Ritchie	Iron Age Armour
Mr H Russell Robinson	Roman Armour
Dr N K Brooks	Armour in the Bayeaux Tapestry
Professor D Legge	Mail, contemporary literary and pictorial sources

A discussion was led by Mr J G Scott. Mr S Maxwell took the Chair.

Excavation and Research. Grants were made to the following from Society funds for excavation and research for the 1972 season:

I A Crawford	Excavation of early medieval levels at Udal, North Uist
W Kissling	Survey of rural buildings in Dumfriesshire and Galloway
E J Peltenburg	Excavation of Early Bronze Age cemetery at Campbeltown, Argyll
A Small	Excavation at the vitrified fort, Craig Phadraig, Inverness
D J Turner	Excavation of Achanduin Castle, Lismore
J C Wallace	Excavation of a chapel site, Newhaven-on-Forth
Scottish Field School	Excavations at the Roman fort at Cardean, Angus

Report from the North East of Scotland Section. In addition to the monthly lectures from October 1971 to April 1972 a Fellows Evening was held in November. Various exhibits from the Marischal College and Inverurie Museums as well as from Fellows' own collections were examined and discussed. The meeting attracted a good attendance of Fellows, and provoked considerable discussion. It was decided that further meetings of this type would be held.

Attendances at the monthly lectures were generally between 30 and 40.

Work has continued on the guide to antiquities in the North East of Scotland which the Section proposes to produce. It was agreed that the coverage should be comprehensive although only selected sites of each type of monument would be illustrated and described in detail. Other sites would be listed with map references only. Sites to be considered in detail will be visited by groups of Section members in order that the descriptions are correct at the present time.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 11th April 1972 the following Section Committee was elected:

<i>Chairman</i>	Mr J Caldwell
<i>Secretary</i>	Dr A A Woodham
<i>Committee</i>	Professor R D Lockhart, Mr W Bain, Miss O S Clarke, Rev J B Clarke, Mr M T MacNeill, Mr W D Middleton, Miss A S Philip, Mr K M Scott, Mr G Shepherd.

It was agreed that a Constitution should be prepared in order to facilitate future committee elections and to provide some continuity for the Section's activities and Mr MacNeill offered to prepare a draft for consideration by the new committee.

Two excursions were held during the summer months – to Fochabers to see the work done by Miss Henshall, Mr Wallace and their team on the neolithic burial mound there – and to Cullycan to see the results of the final season's excavations by Mr Colvin Greig at this promontory fort.

Report from the Medieval Urban Archaeology Committee. During the last year the work of this Committee has been largely concerned with preparing for the press the pamphlet on *Scotland's Medieval Burghs: an archaeological heritage in danger*. This will be published on 30th November and contains the Council's recommendations for dealing with this problem. These recommendations are directed to the Secretary of State for Scotland, to local authorities and to private developers, as well as to archaeological societies, museums and the universities. The Committee is proceeding to encourage the establishment in major Scottish towns of the necessary Archaeological Excavations Committees. The one-day Conference of the Society, to be held on Saturday, 5th May 1973, will be devoted to Archaeology and Urban Development and members of the Scottish Branch of the Town Planning Institute will be invited to attend and to contribute on this occasion. The Committee hopes to arrange for an exhibition showing the threats to archaeological evidence in towns and to display this not only at the Conference but also in other centres at later dates.

Report on the Editorship. The President apologised on behalf of the Council for the delay in publishing volume 102 of the Proceedings. He reported that this was due to the continued ill-health of the Editor, who had now resigned. Dr Anna Ritchie had been asked to take over the Editorship, and her name was on the Council ballot list. The Annual Report was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report. Members will have received copies of the abbreviated Accounts for the year 1971-1972, and copies of the expanded Accounts are available. I expect that the most obvious innovation to strike your eye is the amalgamation of some of the named Funds. The Council have examined the origins and purposes of some of the Bequests made to the Society and held in separate Funds under the Donors' names and has come to the conclusion that there has been a certain unnecessary duplication, the purposes served and source of income being in some cases similar.

After careful consideration by the Council and our Honorary Legal Adviser it was decided to amalgamate the Bannerman Fund with a Capital of £7279 Book Value, Dr A O Curle's Bequest with a Capital of £289 and the A G Buchanan Bequest with a small Capital of £9, all with the Excavation Fund. In practice, something similar has in fact taken place in the past in the case of the Bannerman Fund, as the total available income year by year has been transferred to Excavation Fund. In order not to lose sight of the name 'Bannerman' it was decided that the Excavation Fund should have added after the name the words 'including Bannerman and Other Funds'.

The Dr Wm Angus Bequest with a Capital of £139 has been transferred to the General Fund – the legacy was left with no condition restricting its use.

During the year there has been a switch of some of our Securities. 900 Sears Holdings 'A' ordinary shares held in General Account were sold at a gain over Book Value of £1100.

The sale of 1100 British American Tobacco held in General, Rhind and Excavation Accounts however produced a loss of £1276, whilst the sale of £1475 Australian Loan in the Rhind Fund provided a profit of £83. The net loss on all sales was £93.

Purchases against the sale of the Sears and the B.A.T. were 1800 'Charifund' units – short for The Equities Investment Fund for Charities – a Unit Trust especially geared to the needs of bodies such as ours. The Fund has an excellent record to date which we hope to see continued.

Turning to the General Expenditure and Income Account.

Arrears of subscription which at the close of 1970/71 stood at £1572 has now been reduced to £784. This follows a completed campaign of reminders. The outstanding figure is, in my opinion, still too high and efforts are being made during the current year to reduce it still further.

Libraries have also been the subject of a reminder campaign and the result has been a rise from £208 to £315.

You will see on the expenditure side that salaries are up from £155 last year to £888 this year. Those of you with long memories may recall that last year I explained the exceptionally low figure as being due to a combination of circumstances, chiefly on the Assistant Secretary's pay being for 7 months only, S.E.T. of £335 recovered and used in reduction of the salary figure. This year the normal expenditure is shown and includes Assistant Secretary, Typists and assistance to the Treasurer.

Excavation Grants made have been within the Income of the Excavation Fund and it has not, therefore, been necessary to make any transfer from General Fund.

The Publications Fund contains the agreed yearly transfer of £3000 from General Fund and also the balance of £2916 brought forward from the previous year. A further sum of £250 being the J M Davidson Bequest has been transferred to this Fund.

From the Fund the cost of printing, binding and posting Volume 101 of the *Proceedings* has been met this year, leaving a balance in hand of £3075.

The final Net result of the year's working is to show a surplus of Income over Expenditure of £1890, but as reminded last year a good deal of this, perhaps £600 or so arises from arrears which should have been collected in the year 1970/71, which would have made that year's surplus around £1200 and this year's surplus also around £1200.

The Treasurer concluded by reading the Auditor's Report on the Account for 1971/72.

The Accounts were approved on the motion of Mr J F Mitchell seconded by Mr W Latto.

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

Councillors

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.

R G Cant, 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.

Professor R Cramp, M.A., B.LITT., F.S.A.

Miss D M Hunter, B.A.

E J Peltenburg, B.A., PH.D.

A Small, M.A.

Basil C Skinner, M.A.

W H T Harris, B.A.

Secretary

Treasurer

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)

Mrs Anna Ritchie, B.A., PH.D. (Editor)

The deaths of the following Fellows were intimated during the year 1971-72:

	<i>Elected</i>
W G Anderson, Seaforth, Queen Street, Elgin.	1954
Mrs Mary Goodall Brown, 20 Braeside, Haugh-of-Urr, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.	1964
Major Lindsay Frank Bullivant, E.R.D., F.R.I.B.A. Retd., F.S.S.A., Brockhampton, Bringsty, Worcester.	(Reinstated) 1957
J B Charles, High Morrow, Bishop Monkton, Yorks.	(Reinstated) 1949
Professor M. Dillon, School of Celtic Studies, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. (Hon. Fellow).	1960
F L Fawcett, 47 Norman Avenue, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.	1963
D J Forbes, M.B., CH.B., 2 Ballater Drive, Causwayhead, Stirling.	1935

R Galbraith, A.R.I.A.S., L.R.I.B.A., 77 Argyll Place, Aberdeen.	1943
R A Gray, M.B., CH.B., Arnish, Isle of Iona, by Oban.	1951
M F H Greenhorne, B.SC.(ABDN), B.A.(CANTAB.), Fellow American Society, 233 N. Deeside Road, Aberdeen.	1970
A W S Henry, Heatherbrae House, Route 3, Box 543, Oregon City, Oregon, U.S.A.	1964
C A Hepburn, LL.D., 7 University Gardens, Glasgow W.2.	1971
The Rev R Iain Hutcheson, 117 Hamilton Place, Aberdeen.	1959
T Keaney, B.SC., 3 Muslin Street, Glasgow, S.E.	1967
A Knowles, 58 Loanhead Terrace, Aberdeen.	1966
J C I McConnel, Pine Acre, Avon Avenue, Avon Castle, Ringwood, Hampshire.	1963
J S A MacGill, 10 The Craighlands, Sutherland, Co. Durham.	1966
Mrs Margaret C A Mackenzie, M.A., 8 Orchardhead Loan, Edinburgh 9.	1968
Dr A Mackie, Viewfield, Mauchline.	1955
C J Mackintosh, 141 Langley Way, West Wickham, Kent.	1962
J Harrison Maxwell, M.A., 115 King Street, Crieff.	1935
Sir Edward J Reid Bt., K.B.E., M.A., 16 Buckingham Terrace, Edinburgh, 4.	1967
F R S Rogers, M.R.S.T., F.P.H.S.(ENG.), 29 Jacob's Well Road, Bristol 8.	1948
Colonel H W Scarth, D.L., J.P. of Breckness, Skail, Sandwick, Stromness, Orkney.	1930
F L Smith, B.MET., 16 Tantallon Place, Edinburgh, 9.	1965
Professor D Talbot Rice, C.B.E., M.A., B.SC., D.LITT.(OXON), 20 Nelson Street, Edinburgh, 3.	1935
Mrs Audrey E. Wilson, 16 Cumin Place, Edinburgh, 9.	1965
W E V Young, Gawens, Ebbesbourne Wake, Nr. Salisbury, Wilts.	1953
The following Fellows intimated their resignation:	
R G Chisholm, Little Buntings, 32 Balcombe Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex.	
F G S Davidson, M.A., B.L., 42 Fountainhall Road, Aberdeen.	
Rev Professor R B Hannen, M.A., 5409 Thomas Avenue, Oakland, California, U.S.A.	
N J Harnden, MUS.B., F.R.C.O., Houbans, Sullom, Shetland.	
P G Hendry, M.A., 44 Craigleith View, Edinburgh, 4.	
Mrs J Henry, 153 Kingstown Road, Carlisle.	
Mrs C M Hicks, M.A., 27 Ridley Avenue, London, W.13.	
A T Hislop, Woodlands Lodge, Rodenhurst Road, London, S.W.4.	
Miss V J Ledger, 402 Holly Lodge Mansions, London, N.6.	
R W Leggett, F.A.S., 1059 A Sonora Avenue, Glendale, California 91201, U.S.A.	
G G McDonald, 53 Thornly Park Avenue, Paisley.	
A L Munro, M.A., B.SC., DIP.ED., Headmaster's House, Geilsland School, Beith, Ayrshire.	
M D Newton, B.A., M.A., 380 Larcum Street, Thousand Oaks, California 91360, U.S.A.	
I A Noble, B.A.(OXON), 1 Albyn Place, Edinburgh.	
Sir Thomas M. Ramsay, C.M.G., B.SC., F.R.H.S.A., F.R.H.S.V., 23 Airlie Street, South Yarra, S.E.1, Victoria, Australia.	
D Stewart, Johnston Hall, College Bounds, Aberdeen AB9 2TT.	
E D Sturrock, 15 William Street, Dundee.	
A J Thomson, 35 Buttquoy Crescent, Kirkwall, Orkney.	
Miss A E Watson, 12 Stewart Crescent, Lochgelly, Fife.	

The President announced that the publication *Scotland's Medieval Burghs* had been published on the day of the meeting and was available for sale to Fellows.

On demitting the office of President, Professor Piggott introduced the new President, Dr K A Steer, Secretary to the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments for Scotland, saying that he was a skilled administrator as well as a scholar, and the Society had been placed in good hands. In reply, Dr Steer thanked Professor Piggott on behalf of all Fellows for his services and guidance during the last five years as President.

The meeting concluded with the following brief accounts of work:

Dr T Watkins	Excavations at Dalladies.
Mr A D S Macdonald	Three Manx Keeills.
Mr D V Clarke	Skara Brae 1972.