

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 1975 AT 4.0 P.M., K A STEER, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A., F.R.S.E., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report for the year ending 30th November 1975.

During the year the Society gained 141 new Fellows and lost 66 (24 through death, 25 by resignation, 15 through lapse of subscription, 2 through election not being completed). The net increase in membership is 75. The Roll now comprises:

Honorary Fellows	15
Corresponding Fellows	2
Fellows	1,733
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*Meetings.* The Anniversary meeting was held on 30th November 1974. Monthly meetings continued until April 1975, and resumed on 13th October 1975. The following lectures were given: Barns Farm, Dalgety Bay, an early bronze age cemetery in south Fife, by Dr T F Watkins; The Mote of Mark and the origins of Celtic interlace, by Dr L R Laing; The Worthies and other symbols, a linked series of 17th-century plaster ceilings, by Mr J E D Touche; Painting at the Scottish court and a sequel, by Dr D Thomson; The Agricolan fort at Cardean, Angus, by Professor A S Robertson; Recent excavations in Orkney by Professor A C Renfrew; Hogbacked tombstones in Scotland and their origins, by Mr J Lang; The late medieval development of St Giles High Kirk, Edinburgh, by Mr G Hay; The evolution of the planned villages of north-east Scotland 1750-1900, by Dr D G Lockhart; Some 17th-century Scottish statesmen and their monuments, by Professor G Donaldson.

An extra meeting was held on 24th February at 7.30 p.m., when Mr J D Turner spoke on the Bishop of Argyll's castle, Achanduin, Lismore, excavations 1970-74.

The Rhind lectures for 1974-75 were delivered in April 1975 by Mr S Maxwell on 'Scottish Silver-smiths and their work'. The lectures were given in the Appleton Tower, University of Edinburgh.

A day conference on 'The Viking Age in Scotland' was held on Saturday, 3rd May 1975, in association with the Department of Educational Studies, University of Edinburgh. The conference took place in the David Hume Tower, University of Edinburgh. The speakers were:

Professor D M Wilson	The Viking Age in Scotland, an archaeological viewpoint
Mr A Small	Viking Age settlements in Scotland
Mr C D Morris	Viking and native in northern England
Mr J Graham-Campbell	The Viking Age silver hoards of Scotland
Mr E Cowan	Scotland's Viking Age, the saga evidence
Dr I Morrison	Ships and seafaring in Viking Age Scotland

The chair was taken by Mr I A Crawford in the morning and Mr R B K Stevenson in the afternoon.

*Excavation and Research.* Grants were made from Society funds to the following for the 1975 season:

Professor Alcock	Castle Rock, Dumbarton
Mr C J Burnett	Recording funeral hatchments
Miss M Campbell	St Columba's Cave, Ellary, Argyll
Mr I A Crawford	Udal, North Uist
Dr W Kissling	Survey for rural buildings in Dumfriesshire and Galloway
Mr L J Masters	Slewcairn, Kirkcudbrightshire
Dr E J Peltenburg	Balloch Fort, Kintyre, Argyll
The Scottish Field	
School of Archaeology	Strageath Roman fort, Perthshire
Mr I A G Shepherd	Rossinish, Benbecula
Mr D J Turner	Achanduin Castle, Lismore, Argyll

*Bequest.* The Society received a legacy of £200 from the late Mr A R Cross.

*Subscriptions.* On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and with the approval of the Anniversary meeting the rate of annual subscription was raised during this year from £3.15 to £5.

*The Gunning Fellowship.* This was awarded to Mr A Fenton.

*Report from the North-East Section.* The Section has enjoyed a very successful session. All lecturers had previously delivered their talks in Edinburgh. Attendances ranged from 30 to 78. Membership of the Section is now 95.

The Annual General Meeting of the Section was combined with a programme of short talks appropriate to European Architectural Heritage Year. Mr J Souter, Mr E S Massie and Miss Dilys Davies spoke respectively on Aberdeen's contribution to EAHY, on the Freedomlands, and on the Castles and Country Houses of Aberdeenshire.

The Committee elected for the ensuing Session is as follows:

<i>Chairman</i>	Mr A W R C Huie
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Mr R H Duguid
<i>Secretary</i>	Dr A A Woodham
<i>Committee</i>	Mr I A F David, Mrs E McKinnon, Mr I Ralston, Mr G Shepherd, Mr J A Souter, Mr W Taylor, Dr M B Watson.

During the autumn some Fellows participated in the excavation of three small cairns, part of a large cairnfield, on the site of the proposed new town of Maryculter, as well as some urban excavations in Aberdeen city.

Members of the Section were saddened by the sudden death of Mr John Caldwell, B.Sc., M.P.S., A.R.I.C., F.S.A.SCOT., on 25th April 1975. John Caldwell had been Chairman of the Section for the past three years and his enthusiasm for all of the Section's activities coupled with his sound advice was invaluable during the early years of the life of the Section.

*Report from the Urban Archaeology Committee.* The Committee has had an active year and has been involved in encouraging excavations in several towns. A most interesting Roman site, possibly a bath-house, has been excavated at Cramond; and at Aberdeen a small excavation in the harbour area revealed a late medieval harbour wall. Useful work has also been done at Lanark and Rutherglen. But the principal activity of the year has been in Perth, where an excavation in April-May, directed by Miss Lisbeth Thoms, recovered at St Ann's Lane medieval levels up to 2.5 m in depth. A large-scale excavation, at a major site on the High Street in Perth, has recently begun under the direction of Mr N Q Bogdan and will continue for several months. The Committee welcomes the fact that for the first time in Scotland DOE has for this site appointed a director on a short-term basis.

Early in the year, at the Committee's instigation, the Council proposed to Scottish Development Department that in order to contribute to a solution of continuing urban threats the Society should establish two posts for urban rescue archaeologists, to function under the Society's general guidance on the basis of funds supplied by DOE. Satisfactory discussions on this proposal have recently been concluded and the posts will shortly be advertised. The two archaeologists will operate in one major urban centre, giving also some attention to the smaller towns in its vicinity. The Committee welcomes the co-operation shown by SDD and DOE in response to this initiative. The Committee has also held discussions with DOE regarding arrangements to establish a short-term contract post for an archaeologist to deal with the threats posed by a major relief road in Elgin. It is to be regretted that delay in making this appointment is hampering the efforts of the Elgin Society to assist in dealing with the threats.

In conjunction with the Council for Museums and Galleries in Scotland a successful symposium on museums and rescue archaeology in Scotland was held at Dundee Museum on 11th October 1975. The Committee is acutely aware of the conservation and storage problems posed by material from rescue excavations and hopes that this meeting will help to point towards solutions.

The Committee welcomes the recent news that DOE will shortly establish a nine-man Rescue Archaeology Unit, with headquarters in Falkirk, and that an official Rescue Archaeology Committee, consisting of members of the Ancient Monuments Board and external archaeologists, has been established to advise the Secretary of State on rescue matters. But the Committee remains seriously concerned by administrative delays in DOE rescue activities and wishes to stress that as a matter of urgency additional posts should be established to assist the hard-pressed Ancient Monuments Branch.

*Editor's Report.* Volume 104 of the Proceedings was published in January 1975 at a cost to the Society of £8,465; a total of £2,283 was recovered in grants, reducing the Society's outlay to £6,182. The Society is most grateful to the various bodies involved in grants, most notably HM Treasury. With the publication of this volume, the backlog of papers awaiting publication has finally been cleared and, from volume 105 onwards, the Proceedings will appear in a consistent format using the Harvard system of references.

The copy for volume 105 was sent to the printer early in June 1975 and publication is expected in February/March 1976. This will be an unusually large volume, covering the years 1972-4, and it will be, in effect, a double volume, but it will bear a single volume number by decision of Council.

Various economies were considered in the course of the year, in the hope of counteracting the effects of rising costs. The first of these, to be seen in volume 105, will be the absence of fold-out illustrations (for which printer's labour costs are very high) and the use of padded bags rather than cardboard cartons for despatch. It is likely that, for future volumes, it will prove necessary to switch to soft covers instead of hard covers and possibly to change the method of printing from letterpress to a form of offset-litho. These are the only means of reducing significantly the cost of publishing the Society's annual Proceedings and of avoiding too frequent an increase in Fellows' subscriptions.

Papers are currently being collected for volume 106, for which the deadline is January 1976. This time schedule, with papers submitted by January for publication by March the following year, is expected to remain the pattern for future volumes. Notes for the guidance of contributors are available from the

Editor and it is urged that, to avoid delay in publication, prospective authors should obtain copies of these notes.

The Annual Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mrs S Grossmith, seconded by Mr F Catford.

*Treasurer's Report.* I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the accounts of the Society for the year to 30th June 1975. All Fellows have received a copy of the abbreviated form of the accounts, and copies of the detailed accounts are on the table here for your inspection.

In the General Fund membership subscriptions are £5,364 compared with £5,049 a year ago. The net subscriptions are only marginally up at £4,899. The accounts relate to the last year of the £3.15 subscription. It is pleasant to see that other items of income, from library subscriptions, entry fees and sales of publications, are all up. Interests at £1,378 are high due to the high bank interest rates ruling during the year. Regarding expenditure, £6,000 was transferred to the Publications Fund to meet the costs of the Proceedings. Running costs of the Society rose as expected under all headings, but especially in printing and postage. During the year the duplicator was replaced at a cost of £192.

There was great activity in the Publications Account, and the expenditure of £12,771, the cost of volumes 103 and 104, reflects this. On the income side the grants received were high, as was the bank interest. The excess of expenditure at £3,054 was met from the funds already accumulated on this account. Grants on the Excavation Fund at £785 were slightly down on last year. The remaining Funds all show a surplus of income over expenditure for this year.

The question of the Society's investments had been under consideration for some time and on the advice of the brokers and the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Council decided to sell the undated Government stocks and re-invest in unsecured loan stock, which was done. The proceeds were re-invested in:

Distillers Co Ltd	10½%	unsecured Loan stock	£1,993.98
Unilever Ltd	7¾%	do.	1,991.2006
Whitbread & Co Ltd	7¼%	do.	1,995.99
Burmah Oil Co Ltd	8½%	do.	1,991.96
Imperial Chemicals Ltd	10¾%	do.	1,991.96

The accounts have been audited and signed by the Society's auditors, Messrs Scott-Moncrieff, Thomson and Shiells, C.A., and have been passed as a correct and satisfactory record.

The accounts were approved on the motion of Mr I G Scott, seconded by Mr J M Urquhart.

*Proposed amendments to Laws 3 and 4.* The President said that the arrangements for balloting for candidates had been made when the numbers of both Candidates and Fellows had been small. The Council had given consideration to alternative methods of balloting, and their recommendations had been circulated to Fellows before the meeting. It was proposed to alter Law 3 by dropping the requirement that candidates be seconded by two members of Council. This was approved on the motion of Mr R Fairbairn, seconded by Mr J M Urquhart.

The proposal that Law 4 be altered to require ten or more black balls instead of three before the candidates shall be balloted for singly, was discussed. An amendment requesting Council to consider another method of balloting, such as Fellows returning the List of Candidates with names of those voted against crossed out, was carried.

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

<i>President</i>	R B K Stevenson, M.A., F.S.A.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	G G Simpson, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A. B R S Megaw, B.A., F.S.A., F.R.S.E. S Maxwell, M.A.
<i>Councillors</i>	A Small, M.A. N P Brooks, M.A., D.PHIL. Rev G M Dilworth, O.S.B., M.A., PH.D. E W MacKie, B.A., PH.D. J J Robertson, M.A., LL.B. Professor L Alcock, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.HIST.S. T F Watkins, B.A., PH.D. I MacIvor, B.A., F.S.A.

	W D H Sellar, B.A., LL.B.
	G Stell, B.A.
	Miss L M Thoms, B.SC.
	A Morrison, M.A.
<i>Secretary</i>	Basil C Skinner, M.A., F.S.A.
<i>Treasurer</i>	J A Donaldson
<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)
	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., F.R.S.E. (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum)
	Rev D Shaw, PH.D., TH.DR. (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 1974-75.

	<i>Elected</i>
D W Anderson, Broomhill Farm, Fortrose, Ross-shire.	1970
Miss E J Begg, Knaresborough Nursing Home, 7 Knaresborough Place, London SW5.	1946
G E Brunwin, Haverings, Rayne, Braintree, Essex CM7 8RY.	1922
J Caldwell, B.SC., A.R.I.C., M.P.S., 18 Crawford Terrace, Aberdeen.	1966
R J F Carnon, M.A., 64 Grange Loan, Edinburgh 9.	1955
The Rt Hon Lord Clyde, P.C., LL.D., 14 Heriot Row, Edinburgh.	1952
Colonel N R Colville, M.C., Penheale Manor, Egloskerry, Cornwall.	1921
J X W P Corcoran, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A., Department of Archaeology, The University, Glasgow W2.	1952
Miss M A Cowell, M.B.E., Whinfield, Edzell, Brechin, Angus.	1970
A R Cross, M.C., B.A., LL.B., 13 Grange Road, Edinburgh EH9 1UQ.	1925
J Cruickshank, 33 Baberton Crescent, Juniper Green, Edinburgh.	1964
G B Esslemont, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B., B.COM., C.A., I.P.F.A., 8 Ochlochry Park, Dunblane, Perthshire FK15 0DU.	1966
A Fraser, M.A., of Raonmor, Hazelrigg, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire.	1934
Baillie R Gray, 474 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow W1.	1952
Dr G F Hamilton, 10 Gladstone Place, Aberdeen.	1955
D C Henderson, 169 Haddington Crescent, Whitfield, Dundee.	1945
A D Lacaille, M.PHIL., F.S.A. (Honorary Fellow), 2 Pasture Road, North Wembley, Middlesex.	1960
D L Nicholas, M.A., Temple Guiting House, Temple Guiting, nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.	1936
D J W Reid, of Robertland, Robertland House, Stewarton, Ayrshire.	1956
F A Ritson, J.P., C.A., Easter Lathrisk, Ladybank, Fife.	1945
F Roberts, Kirkden, Kirktonhill, Dumbarton.	1933
The Hon Rosalind Rollo, 15 Albany Street, Edinburgh 1.	1956
Professor E Vogt (Honorary Fellow), Landesmuseum, Zürich, Switzerland.	1969
Mrs H N Young, F.S.A., 2/5 Fettes Rise, East Fettes Avenue, Edinburgh EH4 1QH.	1937

The following Fellows intimated their resignation:

Mrs E Adam, B.A., 32 Stafford Street, Edinburgh 3.
I H Adams, M.A., PH.D., 58 Blacket Place, Edinburgh 9.
A Black, 7 Nairn Street, Maryfield, Dundee.
D C Coull, M.B., CH.B., D.O.M.S.(ENG.), 30 Victoria Street, Aberdeen.
Miss A G Davidson, M.A., 95 Burns Road, Aberdeen AB1 6PU.
Rev W Eadie, The Manse, Tarbert, Argyll.

Rev A J Easton, Low Isle Cottage, Isle of Whithorn, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire DG8 8LF.  
 Miss S Fairlie, Gargunock House, Gargunock, by Stirling.  
 A Fyfe, 12 James Street, Portobello, Edinburgh EH15 2DT.  
 D Guthrie, M.D., F.R.C.S., 21 Clarendon Crescent, Edinburgh 4.  
 Rev J T Guthrie, M.A., J.P., The Manse, Cullen, Banffshire.  
 A R B Haldane, B.A., LL.B., W.S., c/o Messrs Haldanes & McLaren, WS, 4 North Charlotte Street,  
 Edinburgh 2.  
 P S Henman, M.INT.T., Home Farm, Coldharbour Lane, Dorking, Surrey.  
 Mrs B G Hill, M.A., The White House, Carlisle Road, Buxton, Derbyshire.  
 J H Leakey, M.A., F.R.G.S., Inchdura, Tayvallich, by Lochgilphead, Argyll.  
 I R Macaskill, M.A., Plovers, Cockle Square, Aberlady, East Lothian EH32 0SD.  
 Colonel E McEwen, M.SC., M.I.MECH.E., 1 Howard Court, 21 Portland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 16.  
 R Moncrieff, M.B.E., 35 Golf Course Road, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.  
 Surgeon-Comdr J G More-Nisbett, R.N.(retd), The Drum, Gilmerton, Edinburgh 9.  
 J W Morris, R.D., C.ENG., B.SC., M.I.MECH.E., Faolinn, Colintrave, Argyll.  
 J Stewart, M.A., 68 Morningfield Road, Kings Gate, Aberdeen.  
 W W Taylor, PH.D., A.B., Shawnee Hills Farm, PO Box 5334, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501, USA.  
 Rev D M B Thornton, Slioch, Rosemount, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.  
 I R Torrance, M.A., 37 Braid Farm Road, Edinburgh 10.  
 W G Wright, Hanbury Lodge, 29 The Friary, Lichfield, Staffs.

On demitting the office of President Dr Steer expressed his thanks to the office-bearers and members of Council who had helped him to serve the Society. The Society had an expanding membership, its finances were relatively sound, and the backlog of papers had now been published. In introducing the new President, Mr R B K Stevenson, Dr Steer reminded Fellows of the very close link between the Society and the Museum, and that Mr Stevenson had always done his utmost to forward the interests of the Society. In reply Mr Stevenson said that his election as President was an honour not only for himself but also for the Museum, and that he was the first serving member of the Museum staff to have held the office.

The meeting concluded with the following brief accounts of work:

Dr D J Breeze	A Roman soldier's grave at Camelon.
Mr I Fisher	The structure of the St John's Cross, Iona.
Miss C H Cruft	Chinoiserie at Dunkeld House.
Mrs H M Bennett	A post-medieval burial in peat from Wick, Caithness.