

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING held in the Library on *Friday, 30th November 1979* at 4.0 pm, S MAXWELL, MA, in the Chair.

Mr Maxwell explained that he was taking the chair as the President, in Norway on the Society's business, had been detained there by bad weather, and none of the Vice-Presidents had been available.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr J B Stevenson and Mr W Latto were appointed scrutineers of the Ballot for Office-Bearers.

Mr Maxwell reported with regret the recent death of Mr Angus Graham, whose funeral was taking place at the same time as the meeting. He said Mr Graham had been an outstanding Fellow of the Society, elected in 1913, contributing his first paper in 1918, since when many of his papers had been published in the Proceedings, and two more would appear posthumously. He had been Secretary for 29 years, retiring in 1966, and in 1977 he had been elected an Honorary Fellow. The meeting stood in silence for a minute.

The Secretary read the following report:

ANNUAL REPORT

Membership. There has been a modest net increase of 16 in the number of the Fellowship. The roll now comprises 1,827 Fellows. Election introduced 116 new Fellows though four failed the requirements for membership after election. The Society lost 20 Fellows through death and 72 through resignation; four members had allowed their membership to lapse. In particular a healthy surge of proposals for new Fellows was noted in the latter part of the year. During the year a change in the membership rules was agreed at an Extraordinary General Meeting on March 12th 1979, whereby second and subsequent members of a household to become Fellows may waive their right to receive the Proceedings in order to qualify for a new low subscription of £5.00 pa. The Society learned of the deaths of two eminent Honorary Fellows, W Schleiermacher and A Graham, leaving 15 Honorary Fellows and two Corresponding Members.

Meetings. The Anniversary meeting was held on the 30th November 1978. The programme of meetings continued until April and resumed in October 1979. The following lectures were given: Doune

Pistols, by D H Caldwell; The medieval Burgh of Aberdeen in the light of recent excavations, by J C Murray; The money of the Roman army in Scotland, by Anne S Robertson; The architectural collaborations of J Gillespie Graham and A W Pugin, by J H P M Macaulay; Broxmouth hill fort excavation 1977–78, by P H Hill; Castle Fraser, A re-assessment, by H Gordon Slade; The Roman army in action, by D J Breeze; Scottish Castles in peace and war, by G G Simpson. An extra meeting was held on October 27th in the form of a half-day symposium on the subject of 'Recent work on henges in Scotland'. Papers were read by R J Mercer on 'Recent developments in the investigation of henges in Britain' and 'The excavations at Balfarg, Fife', and by G Barclay on 'The excavations at North Mains, Strathallan, Perthshire'. The Rhind Lecture Series for 1979 began on 28th February, the lectures given to a large audience by R G Cant on the subject of 'The medieval cathedrals of Scotland'. The Society's one day conference was arranged by G Stell and was titled 'Routes: the archaeology of land transport in pre-industrial Scotland'. An audience of about 180 heard papers read by S Piggott (Modes of transport: the Western European background), J M Coles (Prehistoric tracks and roads in Britain), G S Maxwell (The evidence from the Roman period in Scotland), G S W Barrow (Land routes—the medieval evidence), E C Ruddock (Scottish bridges and roads before 1750; a review of modern research), A Fenton (Transport without wheels in Northern Scotland), and a summing-up by L Alcock.

The Lindsay and Fischer Lectureship. Council has accepted a large gift to the Society to endow an annual lectureship to commemorate the Scottish architectural historian Ian Lindsay (died 1966) and his friend Gerhard Fischer (died 1977), the Norwegian architectural historian. In consultation with the Norwegian authorities the Society is to choose a Norwegian or other Scandinavian to lecture in Scotland and someone working in Scotland to pay a reciprocal visit to lecture in Norway in alternate years. It was lately learned with surprise and great gratification that the Municipality of Oslo has set aside a sum sufficient to guarantee that the income to fund the lectureship is doubled. It is planned to commence the series of lectures by inviting a Norwegian to Edinburgh in 1980.

The North-East Section. Eight lectures, all of which had previously been given in Edinburgh, were given in Aberdeen. Four Fellows read short papers at the Annual General Meeting on March 27th 1979, when it was reported that membership of the Section stood at 158. The following members were elected to form the committee for 1979/80: *Chairman*—G G Simpson; *Vice-Chairman*—J A Souter; *Secretary*—A A Woodham; *Treasurer*—W A Taylor; *Committee*—Moira Greig, A Hidalgo, I M McAdam, J C Murray, W W Porter, I B M Ralston, I A G Shepherd.

Research. The Research Committee had at its disposal in 1979 a greatly increased sum of money for research, and in response to the statement circulated in the previous annual report a large field of very good applicants was encouraged to apply. The Research Committee awarded grants for 1979 as follows: Helen Adamson and J N G Ritchie, Publication of the Neolithic and Bronze Age site, Knappers, Dunbartonshire; N Fojut, Study of Neolithic 'Shetland knives'; M Harman, Survey of Boreray, St Kilda; P Harrington, Carbon-14 dates from the chambered cairn at Port Charlotte, Islay; Edwina Proudfoot, Fieldwork for the Fife Archaeological Index; A W R Whittle, Excavation of the prehistoric settlement at Scord of Brouster, Shetland; N P Brooks, Preparing publication of excavations and architectural survey of St Andrews, Fife.

The Chalmers-Jervise Prize. This was advertised with its revised terms in the programme for the Session 1979/80, and notices were also sent to University Departments.

All three of the Archaeological Units employed by the Society on Scottish Development Department funds have been very active during the year under review.

The Urban Archaeology Unit. Post-excavation work on the small scale excavations at Kirkwall has been proceeding during the year and is almost complete. Four small excavations in Inverness revealed deposits dating from the early 13th to the 15th centuries. Other small scale excavations have been undertaken at Scalloway Castle, Shetland, and at sites in Lanark, Forfar and Falkirk. In Perth two rewarding excavations have been completed in Canal Street and Kirk Close, and another promising site in Mill Street has been started. The Unit is now about half way through its initial three-year period and the Council of the Society has decided to alter the method of management of the committee in a quite radical way. A company limited by guarantee is in the process of being set up to employ and manage the Unit instead of the present arrangement where the Society employs the Unit and a sub-committee of the Urban Archaeology Committee manages it.

The Aberdeen Archaeological Unit has now completed its initial three-year period, and the two members of the Unit have accepted contracts offered by Aberdeen District Council to continue their work in the city. In this instance the Society's plans to encourage Aberdeen to employ urban archaeologists have succeeded after a three-year period of happy co-operation with the city.

Over the past year the Unit has been engaged in an extensive programme of excavation and post-excavation work. Between March and September four sites were excavated along the line of the new dual-carriageway at Virginia Street. Fourteenth- and 15th-century levels were excavated and a series of wooden posts was uncovered. Midden deposits yielded pieces of green-glazed Siegburg ware. A frontage site on Gallowgate was excavated between July and October and a sequence of buildings from the 13th to the 16th centuries was uncovered. This is the first frontage site the Unit has had access to and it has added a great deal of information on the development of the medieval frontage. Work has continued throughout the year on the preparation for publication of all sites excavated between 1973 and 1978.

The Archaeological Survey. The three members of the Survey Unit have been compiling and producing lists of archaeological sites and monuments with efficiency and speed during the year. Five more lists of ancient monuments have been published: Easter Ross, NE Inverness and Nairn District, Highland Region; Stirling District, Central Region; the Black Isle, Highland Region. The survey of Berwick District, Borders Region, is in an advanced stage of preparation. Work on Eskdale, in Dumfries and Galloway Region, is now in progress.

The original agreement when this Unit was set up was also for a three-year period and already negotiations are under way amongst the three parties concerned, the Society, the Scottish Developments Department (Ancient Monuments) and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, to secure the future of this very vital work.

The Gunning Fellowship was not awarded.

Publications. Volume 108 finally appeared in August 1979 after delays at the printers. Volume 109 is now in press. The cumulative index for volumes 82-105 has also gone to press. The first manuscript for the monograph series is at last very nearly ready. The papers of the Society's 1978 conference, 'The Past and the Present: the role of the National Museum', have been published by the National Museum, and plans to publish the papers of the 1979 conference are afoot.

Administration of the Society. Mr J A Donaldson retired from the Treasurership of the Society and was replaced by Mr R J Mercer, who was elected in November 1978. During the year under review planned changes in the management of the Society's financial affairs have been implemented: previous treasurers have been men with a professional experience in banking or business, but the burdens of day-to-day administration of the Society's finances have recently grown enormously. Mr Mercer now serves as Honorary Treasurer and the day-to-day administration of finances is undertaken by Rosemary Meldrum, acting as Assistant Treasurer. The old Finance Committee has been remodelled and strengthened, and is now called the Finance and Administration Committee. Its convener, now Mr J A Crawford, has an *ex officio* seat on Council.

Bicentenary Celebrations, 1980. Plans to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society in 1780 are well advanced. A volume of historical essays is to be published by John Donald under the editorship of Mr Alan Bell, and, if a commemorative medal offer is sufficiently subscribed, a Presidential badge is to be struck to mark the occasion. About the time of the Anniversary Meeting there will be an official government reception to recognise the role of the Society in the cultural life of Scotland, a visit to Dryburgh Abbey to pay respect to the memory of the 11th Earl of Buchan, the founder of the Society, who is buried there, and a reception after the Anniversary Meeting.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer read the following report:

The Society has seen a stable year, financially speaking and from the point of view of membership, and the slight increase in subscription income is apparent. The stability in this income, however, perhaps conceals a slightly greater turnover in membership revealed by the substantial increase in entry fees. The Society has furthermore derived considerable benefit from the very high interest rates that have prevailed during the last financial year, whereby the interest upon its investments have nearly trebled in yield. While at present, of course, the very high level of bank interest persists this is a trend upon which

it cannot afford to rely. We must also congratulate our membership, and our assistant treasurer, Mrs Meldrum, for the very substantial increase (over 100%) in income from the Inland Revenue claimed under Deeds of Covenant drawn on the subscriptions of Fellows.

On the debit side the salary costs of the Society have risen by a massive 44% during the last financial year. This increase is due to a large extent to the great increase in hours worked by the staff of the Society in the everyday management of the various enterprises (the Archaeological Field Survey, the Aberdeen and the Urban Archaeology Units) conducted for the Scottish Development Department (Ancient Monuments). This expenditure is of course chargeable against handling charges to be received from the Scottish Office but which will arrive too late to be included in the accounts for this financial year. Other very substantial increases in expenditure lie in the expenses of meetings, a 42% increase, perhaps reflecting the more ambitious nature of the Society's programme, and the 30% increase in postages. In this last instance very considerable efforts have been made to reduce such unavoidable costs to the Society to an absolute minimum.

The Publication Fund of the Society has set aside £15,500 as the estimated cost of Volume 108 of the Society's Proceedings. This is perhaps an opportunity to express appreciation of the sum made across to the Society each year by the Scottish Development Department towards the publication in our Proceedings of the results of work taking place each year under the aegis of that Department. It is to be hoped that such grants will be continued and that their sum, as a proportion of total production costs, will be increased in the future. In leaving the matter of publication the Treasurer would wish to juxtapose the figure of estimated total cost for Volume 108 with the total of annual subscriptions for 1979: £17,901, £16,501 actually being received.

The Research and Excavation Fund will be seen to have run into deficit as the sum dispersed each year has been substantially increased from the £656 available for disbursement in 1978 to £1115 dispersed in 1979. It is hoped that further expansion will be possible in this primary area of the Society's activities.

As the Society enters one of its very active years with the celebration of its bicentenary, the publication of a further Index volume to the Proceedings (contingent liability of £6,200), it will be realised that the Society's funds, while in a generally healthy state, are exercised and will continue to be exercised to their capacity, and it will therefore be appreciated that our present balanced condition is solely due to the very substantial rise in subscription implemented by the Treasurer's predecessor.

The Ballot. The Scrutineers found and declared the list of Council members for the ensuing year to be as follows:

<i>President</i>	R G Cant, MA, DLitt, FRHistS
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	B C Skinner, MA, FSA Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRHistS
	A Fenton, MA, BA
<i>Councillors</i>	Miss M Ash, BA, MA, PhD J G Dunbar, MA, FSA E J Talbot, BA D J Breeze, BA, PhD, FSA Miss J Close-Brooks, MA, DPhil R W Munro I A G Shepherd, MA Mrs R Smith H Coutts, AMA J Higgitt, MA J C Murray, BA J N G Ritchie, MA, PhD
<i>Secretary</i>	T F Watkins, BA, PhD
<i>Treasurer</i>	R J Mercer, MA, FSA
<i>Ex-Officio Members of Council</i>	A Fenton, MA, BA, (Director of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland) A A Woodham, BSc, PhD, (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum) Professor A S Robertson, MA, DLitt, FMA, FSA, (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum)

B C Skinner, MA, FSA, (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum)
 Rev D Shaw, PhD, ThDr, (Society Representative on Board of Trustees for the National Museum)
 D V Clarke, BA, PhD, (Editor)
 J A Crawford, BA, CA, ACWA, (Convener of the Finance and Administration Committee)

The Roll. The following record of changes was not read at the meeting.

The deaths of the following Fellows were intimated during the year 1978-79:

	<i>Elected</i>
W J Cameron, JP, Raeden, 11 Corstorphine House Avenue, Edinburgh 12.	1937
Thomas D Davidson, 28 Woolplace Lane, Coulsden, Surrey.	1946
James A Finlayson, DA, 4 Linden Crescent, Hawick, Roxburghshire.	1947
Angus Graham, MA, FSA, (Honorary Fellow), 1 Nelson Street, Edinburgh EH3 6LF.	1913
Edward S Harrison, The Bield, Elgin.	1927
Miss Phoebe A M Keef, Borghetto, Heyshott Green, nr Midhurst, Sussex.	1938
Rev Alexander Lamb, The Manse, Victoria Road, Eyemouth, Berwickshire.	1948
Mrs M L Machin, 17 Moorbank Road, Sheffield S10 5TR.	1965
Alexander M Meek, Dod Mill House, Lauder, Berwickshire.	1956
William D Middleton, 109 Gairn Terrace, Aberdeen.	1960
R B MacAlister, MA, 34 Thomas Telford Road, Langholm, Dumfriesshire.	1958
John MacFadyen, The Schoolhouse, Busby, Glasgow.	1972
Donald MacLeod, MA, 8 Mackenzie Crescent, Bettyhill, By Thurso, Caithness KW14 7SS.	1949
Dr W Schleiermacher, (Honorary Fellow), Stettinerstrasse 12, D-6380, Bad Homburg, Germany.	1977
William Shedden, BL, WS, 53 Arden Street, Edinburgh 9.	1974
Lt-Col I B C Taylor, Rowanbrae, 15 Old Mill Lane, Inverness IV2 3XP.	1954
Mrs Thomson of Callands, West Linton, Peeblesshire.	1927
Trevor Alfred Walden, CBE, MSc, FMA, Glasgow Museums & Art Galleries, Kelvingrove, Glasgow G3 8AG.	1974
Captain Wm R M Watson of Ardlamont, Ardlamont, Tignabruich, Argyll PA21 2AH.	1945
Colin W Walker, MInstBE, Pitt House, Chudleigh, S Devon.	1945

The following Fellows intimated their resignation:

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Robert Gove, BEd, 2 Bridge Street, Gourdon, By Montrose, Angus.
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Presentations to Dr Ritchie and Mr Donaldson. Mr Maxwell said that two officers, the Editor and Assistant Treasurer, had retired in the course of the year, and Council wished to thank them for their services to the Society. Dr Ritchie had taken over the Editorship at a difficult time, and had seen volumes

102–108 published. Mr Donaldson had been Treasurer 1973–79 and Assistant Treasurer until last July, and during this time the work had increased enormously due to the Society's additional commitments. Mr Maxwell made the presentations, and both recipients thanked the Council and the Society.

Other business. Mr Maxwell-Irving said that he, and some other Fellows, regretted the abolition of footnotes in the Proceedings and the adoption of the Harvard system of references. He was asked to write to the Secretary who would refer the matter to the Editorial Committee.

Communications. Dr J Close-Brooks read two communications: A Bronze Age Hoard from Easter Ross, and Excavation of a Cairn at Kneep, Valtos, Lewis.