

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING held in the Lecture Theatre, Royal Museum of Scotland on *Thursday, 30 November 1989*, at 4.00 pm, DR DAVID J BREEZE, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The chief scrutineer for the ballot for office-bearers, Mr R Callander, having counted postal votes in advance, was joined by Mr J N Cartwright and Mrs Isabella Lennie to count ballot papers presented at the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary read the following *Annual Report*:

Membership

The Fellowship of the Society now stands at 2588, 174 new Fellows having taken up election during the past year, and 158 names having been removed from the Roll due to resignation, death, or lapse of subscription. (Fellows should note at this point that the recent alteration to Law 8, whereby names are now removed from the Roll after one year's lapse of subscription has resulted in a temporary increase in these numbers.) No new Honorary Fellows were elected, the Society has at present a total of 21 Honorary Fellows (though the Laws allow for a maximum of 25).

Meetings

General meetings were held monthly from October to June (a longer lecture season than previously); lecture topics ranged widely in both period, from prehistoric settlement to masonic lodges, and in geographical cover, from the Orkney Islands to the English Fenlands. This was the Society's first session of meetings held in the museum lecture theatre on Chambers Street and, although the old meeting place in the Library on Queen Street was left with regret, all those who have attended the meetings have been able to appreciate the high quality of the facilities which we are now able to use. The lectures regularly attracted audiences of around 100 Fellows, and the Society must thank Mr Thomson, the projectionist in the lecture theatre, for his help throughout the year. The November meeting was the occasion of the first Public Lecture of the Society. This was delivered by Mr Chris Tabraham on the topic 'Fort William to Fort George: the Hanoverian Response to Jacobite Disaffection', and the benefits of a larger lecture theatre were quickly apparent for it was attended by some 133 Fellows and guests.

In December the Rhind Lectures for the session were delivered by the past President, Professor Leslie Alcock of Glasgow University, on the theme 'An Heroic Age: War and Society in Northern Britain AD 450–850'. These lectures were all well attended by an audience averaging 126 Fellows and guests.

The Conference for the session was moved from the usual May date to a weekend in late October. It was on the subject of 'The Heritage Industry: A New Distorting Mirror?' and Dr David Clarke from the Royal Museum gathered together an impressive range of speakers from some of the National Institutions across Britain who spoke on the way in which the new popularity of 'Heritage Attractions' has affected their profession. The conference was widely advertised and attracted an audience of over 200, many of whom travelled some distance to take part. The various professions involved in the presentation of heritage were well represented at the conference and it was an important window for the work of the Society.

There were two excursions during the session. The October trip around the abbey church of Holyrood and the Canongate Kirk in Edinburgh, led by Dr Richard Fawcett, was noted in the last Secretary's report, and in June Mr Neil Hynd of Historic Buildings and Monuments led a party round sites associated with the Hamilton family. The day was a full one and a variety of sites were visited, from the elegance of the recently restored hunting lodge at Chatelherault to the ruins of the fortified strongholds at Craignethan and Kinneil. The trip was much appreciated by all who took part.

The session saw one further innovation for the Society. In April several Fellows gathered in the the Findlay Building on Queen Street where members of staff from the Departments of Archaeology and History and Applied Arts had assembled some of the most recent acquisitions to the National Museums to be viewed. Brief talks on each object were given, and Fellows were also able to visit the Portrait Gallery where Dr Duncan Thompson and Dr Rosalind Marshall spoke on two recently acquired portraits of the Hamilton family.

The Buchan Lecture in 1988–89 was delivered under the auspices of the Scottish Vernacular Buildings Working Group. The lecture was given by Professor Eric Richards of the Flinders University of

South Australia on the topic 'Cromartie: the Survival of a Highland Estate, 1700–1914' and it took place in Rosemarkie as a part of the annual conference of the Working Group.

The North-East Section

The Section held eight meetings with the same lecture programme as given in Edinburgh, with two exceptions. In February the speaker was J C Murray on the subject 'Aberdeen's Archaeology – past and future'. Owing to illness Dr F M Pryor was unable to give his lecture in Aberdeen, but the Section looks forward to welcoming him in Session 1989–90. Following the Annual General Meeting in May, the President of the Society, Dr D J Breeze, gave an address entitled 'Why did the Romans not conquer Scotland?'. All meetings were well attended, and membership of the Section stands at 208. The Committee for 1988–89 was composed of Ms J A Stones, Chairman; Mr G Leiper, Vice-Chairman; Mr A Hidalgo, Secretary; Mr J Cruse, Treasurer; Mr I Beavan; Mrs H B Dransart; Mr C Hunt; Mr J Souter; Mr G Steele; Mrs K W Stewart; Mr R A Watt.

Excursions were organized to Aberdeen harbour, Tonley House and Old Tonley, the excavations at Spynie Palace, and at Castle of Wardhouse.

The Heritage

The main concern for the Heritage Working Group of the Society has continued to be the threat posed to the archaeological heritage by forestry activities across Scotland. It is pleasing to note, however, that liaison between the forestry bodies and the archaeological institutions has been both improving and increasing. In April the Society was represented at a day meeting organized by the Forestry Commission. This was an exploratory and introductory day; since then the Forestry Commission have appointed their own archaeologist, Mr Tim Yarnell, and they have convened a Forestry/Archaeology Liaison Committee which will meet annually to act as a watchdog over the consultative procedures. The Society is represented on this committee by the Secretary.

The Society has also been long concerned at the lack of archaeological posts within some of the Regional Councils of Scotland, and it is pleasing to be able to report that three more Regions (Dumfries and Galloway, Borders, and Fife) have now appointed archaeologists. This leaves only Lothian and Tayside Regions and the Western Isles with no archaeologists in post.

In the past year two nationwide bodies have been set up to look at the situation regarding funding and research in archaeology. The first, the Forum for Co-ordination in the Funding of Archaeology, involves only the major funding bodies, and the Society is not represented on this (though a joint meeting on the work of the Forum has been organized for the 1989–90 session). The second, the British Archaeological Research Forum, is more widely based and the Society is represented on this by the Secretary. Meanwhile, the Society continues to be represented on a number of other bodies, and great thanks are owed to all of the representatives who attend meetings and report back to Council.

The Society continues to be alerted to a variety of heritage issues across Scotland and, whilst it is not possible to take action in all cases, the information is passed on to the relevant bodies. In cases of national interest the Society does try to follow up the concerns of the Fellows, and in the past year it has been represented at the Public Inquiry over the Melrose by-pass, and on the working party looking at the management of Traprain Law. In addition, the Society is asked to comment on a range of consultation papers; documents received in the past year have included various Regional Structure Plans, the papers for the National Parks Debate, and an examination of the Powers of Disposal from Museums and Art Galleries.

Research

The Society continues to support a range of projects with grants from the Research Fund: Ulva Cave, Mull (J C Bonsall); Scalasaig Bay and Machrins 3, Colonsay (S Mithen); Ellary Cave, Argyll (C Smith); Eilean Olabhat, North Uist (I Armit); Newstead, Borders (R Jones); Roman Coarse Pottery (V Swan); Whithorn Priory, Wigton (P Hill); Glenloch, Lanarkshire (T Ward); Scottish Graveyards (B Willsher).

In addition, a Young Fellow's Bursary was awarded to Ms Sally Foster to attend the 24th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo in Michigan where she presented a paper entitled 'The spatial and social context of craft specialisation in the Atlantic Province of Scotland from the time of the brochs to the arrival of the Norse'.

There were three entries for the biennial Chalmers-Jervise Prize but it was the decision of the Judges that no prize be awarded.

A brief information sheet providing full details on all of the grants, prizes and awards offered by the Society has been produced and is to be widely circulated in the hope that, while the awards offered by the Society might become further known, the administration of these awards will be eased.

Publications

Volume 117 of the *Proceedings* was published in May 1989, and great thanks are due to the Editor (Mr Ian Shepherd) and to the two Assistant Editors (Mrs Fionna Ashmore and Mr George Dagleish) for the work that they have undertaken to ensure that the consistently high standards of both presentation and content have been maintained. Volume 118 of the *Proceedings* was published in October 1989, and adds another well balanced volume of papers to the series. Selecting and editing papers for the *Proceedings* is no easy task, and we must congratulate the Editor for moving production back towards the standard production dates.

In August a further volume in the *Monograph Series* was published: *Three Scottish Carmelite Friaries, excavations at Aberdeen, Linlithgow and Perth, 1980–1983*. This brings the total of the volumes in the *Monograph Series* to six, and the Editors of the *Series* (Dr Ian Ralston, Dr Hiliary Murray and Mrs Alexandra Shepherd) must be thanked for the considerable amount of work that they put in to prepare the volumes for publication. It is with regret that the Society has received the resignation of Dr Ralston from the panel of *Monograph* editors, he played an important role in the setting up of the *Series*. Dr Murray, too, has resigned as an editor, and so we must give thanks to both for all of the work that they have put in to ensure the success of the *Series*. For the time being, the *Series* will continue under the sole editor-ship of Mrs Shepherd. The Society has also received the resignation in the past year of Mr William Meldrum who has helped with the administration and sales of the *Monograph* volumes. Mr Meldrum must be thanked for his work, and he has been replaced by Mr John Sibbald who started work as the *Monograph Series* Administrator in August.

An innovation in this session was the introduction of the Newsletter, designed to keep Fellows up to date with the affairs and concerns of the Society. The first Newsletter was sent out in September 1989 and it is hoped that this will enable the Officers to keep in touch with the Fellows and also that it will be of especial interest to those Fellows who live further afield and cannot thus attend regular meetings.

Administration

The Society continues to grow, and this growth, coupled with the increasing concerns in which it is involved, provide much work for the staff, which is reflected in their increasing hours of work. The computerization of the office has assisted greatly with the increased workload, and the Society owes considerable thanks to Mr Stuart Campbell who has put much effort into the programming and smooth running of the computer. The records of the Fellowship are now on computer and the transactions involving both the Fellows and the exchange libraries have been greatly eased. Mr Campbell is continuing to provide much help to the Society, both maintaining our existing programmes and updating them, for as we become more familiar with the computer there are many small modifications that will make the administration yet easier.

Throughout the year a number of sub-committees have met to start a wide-ranging policy review of all aspects of the Society's activities.

As always, the Society is indebted to those Fellows who have given of their time so generously in the past year to help in the smooth running of our affairs. Mr G H G Tilling has continued to check the postcodes of new Fellows, and the following Fellows have kindly made themselves available to spend whole mornings filling envelopes with the increasing amounts of materials that go out in the general mailings: Mr R Callander; Miss M E Doull; Lady Elliot; Mr H G Ford; Miss M F Froude; Mrs A Gray; Mrs S Grossmith; Mr K Hay; Miss M R Hilton; Mrs B J Murray; Mrs A Macaulay; Mr and Mrs R W Munro; Mr J P Shepherd; Miss J Sym; and Mrs M N Weston. The Society relies on the goodwill of many people, and to them all thanks are owed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read the following *Treasurer's Report*:

The financial report for 1987–88 ended with the conclusion that the Society was experiencing a period of financial and administrative change and that it was difficult to predict tresorial trends. This has indeed proved to be the case and will continue to be so. The modest surplus for the year 1987–88 has risen this year to a sum of £4232; this is in part due to the effects of tight budgetry controls that have been

introduced, but owes more to the sustained level of New Fellows and to the current high interest rates which have given an added boost to the Society's funds. This year's unpredictably large surplus is, perhaps, misleading, as the long Fellowship roll and the widening range of the Society's activities are placing an increasing burden on the Society's part-time staff, which, if sustained, will necessitate a considerable rise in our wages bill. This and other issues, however, will be considered as a part of the policy review programme, which will doubtless bring in its wake considerable financial implications.

The President stressed the debt owed to the staff for the smooth running of the Society; in particular to the Editor and his assistants for their achievement in the production of the *Proceedings* and to the Editors of the *Monograph Series*.

There were no questions on the Reports.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's *Annual Reports* were adopted on the motion of Mr R J Mercer, seconded by Dr D V Clarke.

THE BALLOT

The ballot for four new Councillors resulted in the election of the following Fellows: Dr Iain Brown; Dr Ian Morrison; Dr Carol Swanson; Ms Naomi Tarrant.

Council for 1989-90 comprises:

<i>President</i>	David J Breeze, BA, PhD, FSA
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	David V Clarke, BA, PhD, FSA Roger J Mercer, MA, FSA Athol L Murray, MA, PhD, LLB, FRHistS
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<i>Secretary</i>	Miss Caroline R Wickham-Jones, MA, MIFA
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jack B Stevenson, BA, FSA, MIFA
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	Ian A G Shepherd, MA, FSA, MIFA (Editor) Andrew D Foxon, MA (Convener of the Research Committee) Martin T Williams, BE (Convener of the Finance and Administration Committee) Ms Judith A Stones, MA (Chair of North-east Section) Ronald D Cramond, MA, MBIM (Representative of the Trustees of the National Museums of Scotland)
<i>Assessors</i>	Robert G W Anderson, BSc, MA, DPhil, FRSC (Director of the National Museums of Scotland) Miss Dale Idiens, BA (Keeper of History and Applied Arts, National Museums of Scotland) James Hogarth, MA (Representative of the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland).

THE ROLL

The record of the deaths of the following Fellows, intimated during the year 1988-89 was not read at the meeting:

Edward Calvert Armstrong, MBE, 2 Charlotte Street, Langholm, Dumfriesshire	<i>Elected</i> 1984
Miss Marinell Ash, BA, MA, PhD, 42 Woodburn Terrace, Edinburgh	1970

George Donald Banks, 12 Coltbridge Terrace, Edinburgh	1946
Miss G C G Bonthrone, Smiddy Cottage, Schoolhill, Ceres, Cupar, Fife	1952
Mrs Ruth M Cammock, MD, ARIBA, Tigh-na-Coille, Ardfern, Lochgilphead, Argyll	1971
The Rev Colin Campbell, Barclay Manse, Old Kilpatrick, Glasgow	1954
Ronald G Clouston, LRCPE, LRCSE, Seabank, Drummore, Stranraer, Wigtownshire	1922
James C Corson, Mossrig, Lilliesleaf, Melrose, Roxburghshire	1954
John Aikman Crawford, BA, CA, ACWA, Boswall House, Boswall Road, Edinburgh	1964
G Edwin Davidson, 16 Swan Court, Eyemouth, Berwickshire	1979
Captain T S Davidson, Culblean, 1 Easter Livilands, Stirling	1962
Iain Hamish Padraig Doherty, MB, ChB, MRCGP, Primrose House, Dalrymple Loan, Musselburgh, Midlothian	1972
Sir Arthur Francis Augustus Boswell Elliott of Stobs, Bart, MA, Redheugh, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire	1985
Andrew Simon Fraser, 120 Ashley Road, Hopkins, Minnesota 55343, USA	1985
Mrs Helen Penny Fraser, 30 Barclay Road, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire	1986
Richard M D Grange, 22B Beacon Way, Banstead, Surrey	1948
Ms Sonia Jane Hackett, BArch, RIBA, 24 Gardner's Crescent, Edinburgh	1981
Thomas Hamilton, 2 Montgomerie Drive, Fairlie, Largs, Ayrshire	1960
Ms Jennifer Hay, 212 Springfield Road, Aberdeen	1985
Alexander Hubert Arthur Hogg, CBE, MA, DLitt, FSA, Brynfield, Waun Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed	1941
Godfrey William Iredell, LL.M, PhD, DPA, Woodlands, Braithwaite, Keswick, Cumbria	1945
Edward A Meldrum, ARIBA, Clachan, Dunlichity, Farr, Inverness-shire	1956
Wing Commander Marcus K Milne, 34 Hammersmith Road, Aberdeen	1947
Andrew Mushet, MA, Penpont Schoolhouse, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire	1969
Eoin Macpherson, 7 Glen Grove, Glen Road, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire	1970
John Macpherson Pinkerton, QC, BA, LLB, Arthur Lodge, 60 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh	1977
John Freeland Scott, 8 Marchbank Gardens, Balerno, Midlothian	1977
George Smith, Maulesbank, Maule Street, Arbroath, Angus	1979
Miss V H C Stirling, CBE, BA, Gargunnoch, Stirling	1959
William Oswald Gibson Taylor, MB, ChB, DOMS, FRCPP, 16 Ronaldshaw Park, Ayr	1974
Thomas Davidson Thomson, CMG, OBE, MA, LLB, The Hill, Coldingham, Eyemouth, Berwickshire	1967
William Mark Turnbull, DipTP, MRTPI, 18 Easterfield Court, Livingston Village, Livingston, West Lothian	1981
Archibald White Maconochie Whiteley, MBE, MA, JP, Beach Lodge, Monymusk, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire	1977
G R Winram, 3A Mackie Place, Aberdeen	1977

Communication

Ms Naomi Tarrant, BA, AMA, addressed the meeting on 'A Stuart Marriage Commemorated: Embroidered Hangings of 1719'. There was also an opportunity for Fellows to view the hangings.

A reception with music was held after the meeting, in the Bird Hall of the Royal Museum.