

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION, 1860-61.  
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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1860.

THE HON. LORD NEAVES, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Office-bearers of the Society for the Session were elected, as follows:—

Patron.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President.

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF BREADALBANE, K.T.

Vice-Presidents.

PROFESSOR JAMES Y. SIMPSON, M.D.

DAVID LAING, Esq.

JAMES T. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq.

Councillors.

Right Hon. Lord ELCHO, M.P., } *Representing the*
GEORGE PATTON, Esq., } *Board of Trustees.*
ALEXANDER WHITE, Esq.

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JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq.
 COSMO INNES, Esq.
 JOSEPH ROBERTSON, Esq.
 The Hon. Lord NEAVES.
 ROBERT PATERSON, M.D.
 DAVID MILNE HOME, Esq.

Secretaries.

JOHN STUART, Esq., General Register House.
 JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D.
 DAVID LAING, Esq.;
 JOHN M. MITCHELL, Esq., } *for Foreign Correspondence.*

Treasurer.

THOMAS B. JOHNSTON, Esq.

Curators of the Museum.

BARRON GRAHAME, Esq.
 JAMES JOHNSTONE, Esq.

Librarian.

FRANCIS ABBOTT, Esq.

Auditors.

GEORGE SETON, Esq.
 ROBERT HUTCHISON, Esq.

Mr WILLIAM T. M'CULLOCH, *Keeper of the Museum.*
 Mr ROBERT PAUL, *Assistant.*

The following Gentlemen were balloted for and elected Members of the Society :—

WILLIAM BRUCE, M.D., Deputy Inspector General of the Fleet.
 JOHN AITKEN CARLYLE, M.D.
 MICHAEL H. CRICHTON, Esq.
 ERSKINE NICOL, Esq., R.S.A.
 ALEXANDER HOWE, Esq., W.S.
 P. ROBERT WEBB, Esq.

The following Gentlemen were also elected Corresponding Members :—

Dr FERDINAND KELLER, Zurich.
 GEORGE TAIT, Esq., Alnwick.

The Society has lost the following members by death in the course of the past year, viz. :—

<i>Honorary Member.</i>		<i>Elected</i>
The Chevalier CHRISTIAN C. J. BUNSEN, D.C.L.		1851
<i>Fellows.</i>		
WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Esq., W.S.		1841
General Sir THOMAS MACDOUGALL BRISBANE of Makerstoun and Brisbane, Bart., President of the Royal Society, Edinburgh,		1840
GEORGE BUIST, Esq., LL.D., Bombay,		1846
ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, Esq., A.R.S.A.,		1848
WILLIAM MITCHELL INNES of Parson's Green, Esq.,		1811
Sir JOHN MELVILLE, Knight, Writer to the Signet,		1858
FRANCIS F. NEILSON, Esq., Banker, Calcutta,		1854
WILLIAM WARING HAY NEWTON of Newton, Esq.,		1814

The following Report was read, and having been approved of, was ordered to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Manufactures, &c. :—

REPORT by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland to the Honourable Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland, adopted at the General Meeting held on the 30th November 1860—

The National Museum of the Antiquaries of Scotland was opened to the public on the 26th day of December 1859, under the regulations formerly adjusted with your Honourable Board, and sanctioned by the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The number of the donations to the Museum received since June 1859 (not including books, maps, &c.), Articles or objects, 331, Coins and Medals, 185. These have been contributed by 92 individuals, and are exclusive of the valuable and extensive collection of Egyptian antiquities presented by A. Henry Rhind of Sibster, Esq. The donations of Lady Murray, the late William Waring Hay Newton of Newton. Esq. —the late John Mackinlay, Esq., and Charles S. Temple, Esq., are especially deserving of notice for their intrinsic value, and all, for their interest and importance, in an archæological point of view.

In addition to the donations, several articles have been purchased for the Museum.

The arrangement and classification of the objects have been steadily proceeded with, and now approach completion, so that at no distant period the printing of the Catalogue will be commenced.

The Museum has been closed during the month of November.

JOHN STUART, *Secretary*.

The annexed Table shows the number of visitors from the above date to the 30th September 1860.

1859.	Dec. 26 to January 1, 1860,	.	.	.	.	4,565
1860.	January,	.	.	.	.	12,978
"	February,	.	.	.	.	1,461
"	March,	.	.	.	.	2,413
"	April,	.	.	.	.	3,054
"	May,	.	.	.	.	6,171
"	June,	.	.	.	.	5,728
"	July,	.	.	.	.	7,768
"	August,	.	.	.	.	13,093
"	September,	.	.	.	.	9,928
						67,159

The Secretary called the attention of the meeting to the present very imperfect mode of heating the Society's apartments; and it was unanimously resolved that a Memorial be presented to the Treasury through the Honourable the Board of Trustees, requesting that all necessary steps be taken to rectify as early as possible this very serious inconvenience.

Letters were read from Professor Munch, Dr Lepsius, Dr Pertz, and Lord Talbot de Malahide returning thanks for their election as Honorary Members of the Society.

Mr Laing gave notice of a motion in terms of the Laws of the Society, that in consequence of the admission of the two official members of Council from the Board of Trustees; the law which requires three of the ordinary members of Council to retire annually, should be so far altered as to allow the retirement of only two such members annually.

The thanks of the meeting were voted to the Honourable Lord Neaves, for his services while Vice-President, and the general interest which he had always taken in the business of the Society.

The Inaugural Address, by PROFESSOR SIMPSON, Vice-President, which was intended for the present Meeting, was unavoidably postponed, and delivered at a special meeting on the 28th of January. It was subsequently printed in a separate form at the request of the Society, and is here subjoined.