

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION, 1876-77.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1876.

JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D., Vice-President,  
in the Chair.

The Office-Bearers of the Society for the ensuing Session were  
elected as follows:—

*Patron.*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

*President.*

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN.

*Vice-Presidents.*

Sir WALTER ELLIOT, K.C.S.I.

JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D.

ROBERT HORN, Esq., Dean of Faculty of Advocates.

*Councillors.*

JAMES T. GIBSON-CRAIG, Esq., } *Representing the Board*

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JOHN STUART, LL.D., General Register House.  
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*Treasurer.*

DAVID DOUGLAS, Esq.

*Curators of the Museum.*

JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., R.S.A.  
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*Curator of Coins.*

GEORGE SIM, Esq.

*Librarian.*

JOHN TAYLOR BROWN, Esq.

*Auditors.*

JOHN F. RODGER, Esq., S.S.C.  
 ROBERT HUTCHISON, Esq.

*Publishers.*

Messrs EDMONSTON and DOUGLAS.

*Keeper of the Museum.*—JOSEPH ANDERSON.

*Assistant.*—GEORGE HASTIE.

A ballot having then taken place, the following Gentlemen were duly admitted Fellows, viz. :—

JOHN S. GIBB, Esq., 8 Buccleuch Place.  
 HERCULES LINTON, Esq., 2 Thornly Terrace, Dundee.  
 WILLIAM LONG, Esq., M.A., West Hay, Somerset.

ALEXANDER MACKAY, Esq., Trowbridge, Wilts.  
 JAMES T. SMITH, Esq., Duloch, Inverkeithing.

There were also balloted for, and admitted as Corresponding Members,  
 viz. :—

GEORGE HAY, Esq., Arbroath, Author of “History of Arbroath.”  
 ALLAN MATHEWSON, Esq., Dundee.

The Secretary stated, that the Society had lost 15 Fellows by death during the past Session, that 28 new Fellows had been added, and that the number of Ordinary Fellows now on the roll is 434.

The following list gives the names of the deceased Fellows and the dates of their election :—

|  | Elected |
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| ARBUTHNOT, GEORGE CLERK, Esq., . . . . .                   | 1859    |
| BEGGIE, J. WARBURTON, M.D., . . . . .                      | 1854    |
| BRASH, RICHARD ROLT, Esq., . . . . .                       | 1874    |
| BRYCE, DAVID, R.S.A., Esq., . . . . .                      | 1849    |
| BURNETT, SIR JAMES HORN, . . . . .                         | 1860    |
| DRUMMOND, GEORGE STIRLING HOME, Esq., of Blairdrummond,    | 1851    |
| FARQUHARSON, FRANCIS, of Finzean, Esq., . . . . .          | 1858    |
| HARVEY, SIR GEORGE, Pres. R.S.A., . . . . .                | 1849    |
| JAMIESON, THOMAS HILL, Esq., Advocates' Library, . . . . . | 1873    |
| LOVAT, Right Hon. Lord, . . . . .                          | 1866    |
| MELDRUM, GEORGE, Esq., Free Church Offices, . . . . .      | 1864    |
| MUNDIE, JOHN, Esq. of Pitmuies, . . . . .                  | 1860    |
| MURRAY, KENNETH, Esq. of Geanies, . . . . .                | 1871    |
| ORROCK, ALEXANDER, Junior, Esq., . . . . .                 | 1873    |
| ROBERTSON, JOHN, S.S.C., Esq., . . . . .                   | 1862    |
| STUART, Right Hon. Sir JOHN, . . . . .                     | 1845    |

*Honorary Members.*

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| Right Hon. the Earl of STANHOPE, D.C.L., . . . . . | 1851 |
| Chevalier G. H. PERTZ, LL.D., Berlin, . . . . .    | 1868 |

The Secretary then read to the meeting the Annual Report of the Society to the Board of Trustees, approved by the Council, and ordered to be transmitted to the Lords of H.M. Treasury, as follows :—

ANNUAL REPORT of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland to the Honourable the Board of Trustees for Manufactures for Scotland, for the year ending 30th September 1876.

The Museum has been open to the public throughout the year as formerly, with the exception of the month of November, when it was closed as usual for cleaning and re-arrangement.

The following table shows the number of visitors for each month, distinguishing between day visitors and visitors on the Saturday evenings:—

| 1875-76.            | Day Visitors. | Sat. Evenings: | Total.  |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| October . . . . .   | 5,893         | 887            | 6,780   |
| December . . . . .  | 7,199         | 1,216          | 8,415   |
| January . . . . .   | 18,849        | 791            | 19,640  |
| February . . . . .  | 3,506         | 589            | 4,095   |
| March . . . . .     | 3,922         | 831            | 4,753   |
| April . . . . .     | 4,891         | 737            | 5,628   |
| May . . . . .       | 7,027         | 693            | 7,720   |
| June . . . . .      | 9,296         | 559            | 9,855   |
| July . . . . .      | 19,066        | 1,166          | 20,232  |
| August . . . . .    | 20,649        | 1,336          | 21,985  |
| September . . . . . | 10,002        | 1,405          | 11,407  |
| Total . . . . .     | 110,300       | 10,210         | 120,510 |
| Previous Year,      | 107,903       | 9,837          | 117,740 |
| Increase, . . . . . | 2,397         | 373            | 2,770   |

The Donations to the Museum during the year have amounted to 104 objects of antiquity, exclusive of the extensive collection from Wigtownshire, amounting to upwards of 300 specimens, chiefly in flint and bronze, presented by Rev. George Wilson, Glenluce, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.; and a fine collection of Greek Vases presented by Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Bart. of Pollok and Keir, K.T., F.S.A. Scot.

The Donations to the Library have amounted to 87 volumes of books and pamphlets. The Society has received a legacy of L 250, bequeathed

by the late JOHN MUDIE of Pitmuies, Esq., one of its Fellows, to be expended in the purchase of books for the Library.

JOHN STUART, *Sec.*

The following notice of the Deceased Members was then read:—

I. HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY DECEASED.

Right Hon. PHILIP HENRY STANHOPE, LORD MAHON, D.C.L., succeeded, on his father's death, as fifth EARL STANHOPE. He was born in 1805, and held some public offices before succeeding to the earldom in 1855. His Lordship was elected President of the Society of Antiquaries of London in 1846, and continued so for nearly thirty years, taking an active interest in its success and all its proceedings. In 1858 he was chosen Lord Rector of the University of Aberdeen, having for many years distinguished himself as a historian—among other works, by his "History of the War of the Succession in Spain (1702–1714)," 1832, and "History of England from the Peace of Utrecht (1717) to the Peace of Versailles (1783)," 7 vols. 8vo, Lond. 1836–1853; and his "Life of the Right Hon. William Pitt," 4 vols. 8vo, Lond. 1861. It is not necessary to enter upon his political or public career.

Sir JOHN, first LORD ROMILLY, and second son of the eminent statesman Sir Samuel Romilly, was born in 1802. He was called to the Bar in 1827. This eminent lawyer filled successively the offices of Solicitor-General, Attorney-General, and Master of the Rolls in 1851. He was created Baron Romilly in 1866. He will always be distinguished for having commenced and carried on for so many years the extensive and useful "Calendars of State Papers" to upwards of eighty volumes, besides those in press; and the equally great and important series of works illustrating the early History of Great Britain, entitled "Rerum Britannicarum Medii Ævi Scriptores; or Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland during the Middle Ages. Published under the Direction of the Master of the Rolls." This Series has reached to upwards of One Hundred and Thirty Volumes. London, 1858–1876, royal 8vo.

The Chevalier, Dr GEORGE-HENRI PERTZ, a native of Hanover. He was born in the year 1795; and obtained the title of Doctor in Philo-

sophy at the University of Göttingen. In 1820, when a Society was founded at Frankfort for elucidating the History of Germany, Dr Pertz was employed to examine the archives and libraries of Germany and Italy in collecting materials for this important work, of which he undertook the direction, under the auspices of that Society. For this purpose he may be said to have visited nearly all the chief cities of Europe; and the work referred to appeared in successive volumes in folio, printed at Hanover between the years 1826 and 1875, under this title: "MONUMENTA GERMANÆ HISTORICA, inde ab anno Christi 500 usque ad annum 1500, auspiciis Societatis aperiendis fontibus Rerum Germanicarum Medii Ævi: Vols. 1-12, SCRIPTORES; Vols. 13-15, LEGES; Vols. 16-23, SCRIPTORES ET DIPLOMATA." This, in every sense great work, was not his only contribution to German history and literature, and for many years he held the important office of chief keeper of the Royal Library at Berlin. He was reckoned one of the most learned men in Germany. He was twice married—his second wife, connecting him with this country, was a daughter of the late Leonard Horner, Esq.

## II. FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY DECEASED.

GEORGE CLERK ARBUTHNOT, Esq. of Mavisbank, Loanhead. He was the third son of Sir William Arbuthnot, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, who was created a baronet by George IV. in person, on the Royal Visit to Scotland, 24th August 1822. He remained several years in India, connected with a large mercantile establishment at Madras. On returning to his native place about the year 1852, he acquired the property of Mavisbank, in the parish of Lasswade, where he continued to reside, on the banks of the North Esk, one of the most picturesque localities in the county.

JAMES WARBURTON BEGBIE, M.D. He was a native of Edinburgh, and second son of Dr James Begbie; was born in November 1826; and, on completing his medical studies, he took his degree of M.D. in the University of Edinburgh in the year 1847. He was admitted a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, in 1852. He speedily acquired extensive practice as a consulting physician, and his death at the age of fifty was universally regretted. A detailed sketch of

his life is given in the "Edinburgh Medical Journal," vol. xxi. part ii. pp. 950 and 957.

RICHARD ROLT BRASH, Esq., architect, Cork. He was distinguished for his researches connected with Irish archæology, and contributed many articles to the Royal Irish Academy and other Societies.

DAVID BRYCE, Esq., architect, R.S.A. For several years he was a partner with Mr William Burn, architect, and became his successor when he had removed and settled in the Metropolis. Mr Bryce was elected a member of the Royal Scottish Academy in the year 1856; and on the death of Mr William Playfair and Mr Thomas Hamilton, the eminent architects, he speedily raised himself to very extensive professional employment connected with public buildings in Edinburgh and the baronial edifices of the Scottish gentry in various parts of the country. His last and greatest undertaking, that of the New Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, he did not live to see completed.

Sir JAMES HORN BURNETT of Leys, Bart., the representative of the ancient family of Burnett of Leys, in Aberdeenshire. Sir James was born in 1801; was admitted a member of the Society of Writers to the Signet in 1824; and in 1856, on the death of his brother, Sir Alexander Burnett, having succeeded to the title, he gave up his residence in Edinburgh, and filled the office of Lieutenant and Sheriff-Principal of Kincardineshire.

GEORGE STIRLING HOME DRUMMOND of Blair-Drummond, Esq., was the elder son of Henry Home Drummond, Esq. of Blair-Drummond, LL.B., and great-grandson of Henry Home, Lord Kames. His father, who was educated at Oxford, passed Advocate in 1808, was long a member of the Society of Antiquaries; and by his marriage with the sister and, ultimately, the heiress of the Morays of Abercairny, Ardoch, &c., these valuable estates came into the possession of the Home-Drummond family.

FRANCIS FARQUHARSON of Finzean, Esq., was the son of Dr William Farquharson, a physician who settled in Edinburgh in 1785, and became one of the members of this Society in that year. He practised for many

years with success. His son, Francis, was educated also for the medical profession, taking his degree of M.D. at Edinburgh in the year 1823. He dropped, however, his title of doctor, having succeeded to the valuable estate of Finzean, in the parish of Birse, Aberdeenshire, and having also relinquished his practice, he resided chiefly in the north.

Sir GEORGE HARVEY, P.R.S.A., a native of St Ninians, Stirlingshire, was born in the year 1805. Having adopted the profession of a painter in 1822, on the occasion of the first Exhibition of the Scottish Academy (founded in February 1827) he became an exhibitor, and was elected among the first Associates. Three years later, in 1829, he was chosen a member of the Academy, and took a continued and special interest in its success. When the chair became vacant by the decease of Sir John Watson Gordon in 1864, Mr Harvey was elected President of the Academy; and in 1867 he had the honour of knighthood conferred on him by the Queen. In 1872 Sir George printed a volume containing "Notes of the Early History of the Royal Scottish Academy," of which a second edition appeared the following year.

THOMAS HILL JAMIESON, Esq., was originally employed in the library at Arbroath, from whence he came to Edinburgh to the office of Messrs W. and R. Chambers till 1868, when he became first assistant in the Advocates' Library. On Mr Halkett's death, two years later, he was appointed his successor as keeper of the library, a position which he did not long enjoy, as he was cut off in the prime of life in the beginning of this year. In the handsome republication (from the rare edition at London, printed by Richard Pynson, in 1508) of "The Ship of Fools," translated by Alexander Barclay from the Latin of Sebastian Brandt, Mr Jamieson acted as editor, prefixing a learned account of the Life and Writings of the Translator.

GEORGE MELDRUM, Esq., Free Church Offices, was a member of the Society of Accountants, Edinburgh, from 1854, and held the office of Depute-Clerk of the Free Church of Scotland. His attachment to that branch of the Church was evinced, according to a notice that has recently

appeared, in leaving a handsome bequest, chiefly in connexion with the Library of the New College, Edinburgh.

JOHN MUDIE of Pitmuies, Esq. He passed advocate in the year 1838. Not requiring to practise, he was led to take an interest in archaeological pursuits, from intimacy with his accomplished neighbour and friend, Patrick Chalmers, Esq. of Aldbar. His feelings in regard to this Society were manifested in his legacy to the Council for the purchase of books to be added to the Society's Library.

KENNETH MURRAY, of Geanies, Esq., Ross-shire, was well-known throughout the North for the leading part he took in the material improvement of the country, and especially in the extensive reclamations of waste lands on the Sutherland estates, which he initiated.

Mr ALEXANDER ORROCK, son of Mr Alexander Orrock, bookbinder in Edinburgh, was employed for some years as a junior assistant in the Signet Library. During this period he acquired a knowledge of books and turn for literary research. On his retiring from this situation to assist in carrying on his father's business, he continued to be employed in arranging and cataloguing the libraries of some noblemen and others in the vicinity of Edinburgh, and in particular at Dalkeith, Newbattle, and also at Abbotsford. He also assisted the editor in completing the two volumes of "Lothian Papers" in 1875.

JOHN ROBERTSON, Esq., S.S.C., Portobello. He was a younger son of Mr Andrew Robertson, minister of Inverkeithing, in the Presbytery of Dunfermline. In 1830 his name appears in the list of Solicitors-at-Law; and his professional business in Edinburgh increasing, he became in 1850 a member of the "Society of Solicitors before the Supreme Courts;" but while his office was in Edinburgh, he was for many years a resident in Portobello.

Right Honourable Sir JOHN STUART. This eminent lawyer was the son of Dugald Stuart of Lochcarron, Ross-shire. He was born in 1793, and called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1819; appointed a

Queen's Counsel in 1839, and held the office of Vice-Chancellor from September 1852 till March 1871.

Among the Corresponding Members deceased, we have to mention EDWARD FRANCIS RIMBAULT, LL.D.; and for the following notice we are indebted to a communication by his friend, William Chappell, Esq., which appeared in the *Athenæum* for October 1876 (p. 473), who says, that his decease "leaves a void, not only in the musical world, but also in a considerable literary circle, and it is such a void as cannot easily be filled up. Dr Rimbault died in his own house, 29 St Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, on the morning of the 26th September, and was buried on the 30th in the Highgate Cemetery. He had completed his sixtieth year the preceding 13th of June." Dr Rimbault was possessed of a wonderful knowledge of early English music, whether printed or manuscript, and of the history of its professors. As secretary to the Percy and the Musical Antiquarian Societies, he acted as editor of many of their publications; he also contributed to the Handel and other Societies. He was elected a Corresponding Member of this Society in May 24, 1847, with which he was so much gratified that, in publishing a curious little volume, entitled "A Little Book of Songs and Ballads," &c., he inscribed it as follows: "To the President and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, this trifle is respectfully inscribed, as a small acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon the Editor by electing him a Corresponding Member of their learned Body."

The decease of another Corresponding Member, who had been elected also in May 1847, is recently noticed:—WILLIAM DOWNING BRUCE, Esq., formerly connected with Culross, studied for the English Bar, and had a call, as counsel, 30th April 1853. His leisure hours he devoted to local and genealogical investigations. But such pursuits were relinquished, in 1869, on receiving an appointment as a District Judge in Jamaica, where he probably died.

MONDAY, 11th December 1876.

Dr JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following gentlemen were duly elected Fellows :—

CHARLES G. BEAUMONT, Esq., 20 Stafford Street.

G. KEITH MAITLAND, Esq., 20 Stafford Street.

J. JOHN VERNON, Esq., Hawick.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donors :—

(1.) By GILBERT GOUDIE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Monumental Stone of Micaceous Schist, 2 feet 6 inches in length, having an Ogham Inscription cut along one edge. It was found in an ancient burying-ground in St Ninian's Isle, Dunrossness, Shetland. (See the subsequent communication by Mr Goudie.)

(2.) By Rev. J. C. ROGER, Lerwick.

Monumental Stone of brown-coloured, fine-grained sandstone, 3 feet 8 inches in length, having an Ogham Inscription on one face; found in a moss in Lunnasting, Shetland. (See the subsequent communication by Mr Goudie.)

(3.) By the INDIA OFFICE, through Dr FORBES WATSON of the Indian Museum.

Primitive Tribes and Monuments of the Nilagiris. By the late James Wilkinson Breeks. 4to. London, 1873.

(4.) By the Author, R. W. COCHRAN PATRICK, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Records of the Coinage of Scotland from the earliest period to the Union. Collected by R. W. Cochran Patrick, of Woodside, LL.B., &c. 2 vols. 4to. Edinburgh, 1876.

## (5.) By the DUKE and DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND.

The Earls of Cromartie: their Kindred, Country, and Correspondence. By William Fraser. With Illustrations. (Privately printed.) 2 vols. Edinburgh, 1876. 4to.

## (6.) By the Author, JOHN EVANS, Esq., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Petit Album de l'Age du Bronze de la Grande Bretagne. Par John Evans, F.R.S., &c. London, 1876. 4to.

## (7.) By the DEAN AND CURATORS OF THE FACULTY OF ADVOCATES.

Catalogue of the Printed Books in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates (A to Marx). 4 vols. Edinburgh, 1867-76. 4to.

## (8.) By THOMAS COATS, Esq. of Ferguslie, through Edward Burns, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Catalogue of a series of Coins and Medals illustrative of Scottish Numismatics and History. Selected from the Cabinet of Thomas Coats, Esq. of Ferguslie, and exhibited at the Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Glasgow, September 1876. Described and annotated by Edward Burns, F.S.A. Scot. Privately printed, 1876. 8vo, large paper.

The following Communications were read :—