

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH SESSION, 1896-97.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1896.

JAMES MACDONALD, LL.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

DAVID FRASER HARRIS, B.Sc., M.B., C.M., &c., Muirhead Demonstrator
of Physiology, University of Glasgow.

JOHN TENNANT, High Street, Ecclefechan.

HARRY MALLAM WILLIAMS, 8 Forest Road, Priory Park, Kew, Surrey.

PHILIP SULLEY, Surveyor of Taxes, Parkhurst, Dumfries.

The Office-Bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows :—

Patron.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President.

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, K.T., LL.D.

Vice-Presidents.

JAMES MACDONALD, LL.D.

J. BALFOUR PAUL, Lyon King of Arms.

Major-Gen. Sir ROBERT MURDOCH SMITH, K.C.M.G., R.E.

Councillors.

Sir GEORGE REID,
LL.D., P.R.S.A.,
JOHN RITCHE FIND-
LAY,
JOHN TAYLOR BROWN.
The Hon. JOHN ABERCROMBY.

} *Representing*
} *the Board*
} *of Trustees.*

CHARLES J. GUTHRIE.
THOMAS ROSS.
GILBERT GOUDIE.
REGINALD MACLEOD, C.B.
Sir HERBERT MAXWELL, Bart., M.P.

Secretaries.

DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D.

ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., M.D.

JOSEPH ANDERSON, LL.D., *Assistant Secretary.*

Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., } *Secretaries for Foreign*
THOMAS GRAVES LAW, } *Correspondence.*

Treasurer.

JAMES HENRY CUNNINGHAM, 2 Ravelston Crescent.

Curators of the Museum.

ROBERT CARFRAE.

Professor DUNS, D.D.

Curator of Coins.

ADAM B. RICHARDSON.

Librarian.

JAMES CURLE, JUN.

The following list of the names of members deceased, since the date of the last Annual Meeting, was read by the Secretary :—

Honorary Member.

Rev. JAMES RAINE, M.A., D.C.L., Chancellor of York, Elected
1877

Fellows.

	Elected
ARTHUR ANDERSON, C.B., M.D., Pitlochry,	1865
ROBERT H. BLYTH, Banker, Durham,	1886
SIR THOMAS DAWSON BRODIE, Bart., of Idvies,	1857
JAMES CAMPBELL of Craignish,	1884
JAMES COPLAND, Assist. Keeper, Historical Dept., Gen. Reg. House, .	1867
JAMES CHALMERS, Westburn, Aberdeen,	1865
CARUS D. CUNNINGHAM, Oriental Club, London,	1883
JAMES T. GOUDIE, Oakleigh Park, Pollokshields,	1885
Rev. D. K. GUTHRIE, 49 Cluny Gardens,	1878
H. EDGELL HUNT, 1 Hyde Park Gate, London,	1887
JOSIAH LIVINGSTONE, 4 Minto Street, Edinburgh,	1878
Rev. WILLIAM MAKELLAR, 8 Charlotte Square,	1878
JAMES M'DOUALL of Logan, Stranraer,	1887
ALEXANDER MACMILLAN, Publisher, London,	1879
WILLIAM MARTINE, M.D., Haddington,	1879
HUGH MILLER, H.M. Geological Survey,	1889
SIR JOHN PENDER, K.C.M.G., 18 Arlington Street, London,	1855
JAMES CLERK RATTRAY, M.D., Coral Bank, Blairgowrie,	1874
JOHN C. REID, Banker, Dundee,	1887
J. STEWART ROBERTSON of Edradynate,	1884
ROBERT SHAND, Charlotte Place, Perth,	1864
HORACE SKEETE, Solicitor, Perth,	1878
THOMAS SMITH, 18 Moray Place, Edinburgh,	1888
CECIL R. GILLES SMITH, M.A., Advocate,	1891
JOHN STUART of Ballechin, Perthshire,	1889
Major-Gen. the Hon. A. STEWART, of Corsbie,	1888
SIR WILLIAM STUART WALKER of Bowland,	1861
A. D. WELD-FRENCH, Boston, U.S.,	1893

The meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society had sustained in the deaths of these members.

The Treasurer read the Abstract of the Society's Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the Fellows.

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees, approved by the Council, and ordered to be forwarded to the Board for transmission to the Lords of H.M. Treasury, as follows :—

ANNUAL REPORT to the Honourable the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, with reference to the Scottish National Museum of Antiquities under their charge, for the year ending 30th September 1896 :—

During the past year the Museum has been open to the public as formerly, and has been visited by 22,638 persons, of whom 21,088 were visitors on free days, and 1550 on pay days.

The number of objects of antiquity added to the Museum during the year has been 613 by donation and 428 by purchase; while 179 volumes of books and pamphlets have been added to the Library by donation and 82 by purchase, and the binding of upwards of 200 volumes has been completed.

Among the more important of the donations to the Museum are the collection of objects obtained during the excavation by the Society of the Roman Station at Birrens, in Annandale, including three Roman altars, three inscribed slabs, a great variety of specimens of architectural decoration, and articles of pottery and bronze, presented with consent of His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch; a series of casts and moulds of the Sculptured Stones of Islay, presented by Mr R. C. Graham, F.S.A. Scot.; a finely carved slab with the arms of William, Earl of Gowrie, 1587, from the old Gowrie House, Perth, presented by Lord Ruthven; and a series of the pottery vessels found in the tombs of "The New Race," recently discovered in Upper Egypt by Professor W. Flinders Petrie.

Among the more important donations to the Library are three volumes of the Riddell Manuscript Collections of Scottish Antiquities, presented by the Manchester Free Library; a portfolio of plans and drawings of early churches in the North of Scotland (supplementary to those previously presented), by Sir Henry Dryden, Bart.; and the following privately printed Books :—The Family Book of the Johnstones of Annandale, by John J. Hope Johnstone of Annandale;—The Book of Islay, by Mrs Ramsay of Kildalton;—and Dundee, its Quaint and Historic Buildings (large paper copy), by A. C. Lamb, F.S.A. Scot.

MONDAY, 14th December 1896.

The HON. JOHN ABERCROMBY in the Chair.

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

ALEXANDER BAIN, Surveyor, Inland Revenue, 5 Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh.

CHARLES MOXON, 77 George Street, Edinburgh.

The following Purchases acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library, during the recess 30th April to 30th November 1896, were Exhibited:—

Small Bronze Age Whetstone of quartzite, quadrangular, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, from Kirklands, Abernethy, Perthshire.

Carved Stone Ball, with six projecting discs, from Urlair, Aberfeldy, Perthshire.

Portion of Iron Signet Ring, with intaglio setting of paste, found in the Roman Fort at Achindavie, Kirkintilloch. It is engraved in Stuart's *Caledonia Romana*, plate xi. fig. 6.

Small Coffier of wood, brass mounted, measuring $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, 4 inches in width, and 2 inches deep.

Six Collections of Flint Implements from Culbin Sands, two from Glenluce Sands, and one from Tannadice, Forfarshire.

Books for the Library:—Goodyear's Grammar of the Lotus; Cattaneo's Architecture in Italy; Raine's St Cuthbert; Boye, Trouvailles de Cercueils en Chene de l'Age du Bronze en Denmark; The Annals of Clonmacnoise; Evans, Animal Symbolism in Ecclesiastical Architecture; Woodward's Heraldry, two vols.; Chronicles of Strathearn; Annals of Ulster, three vols.; St Margaret's Gospel Book; Martigny's Dictionaire des Antiquites Chretiennes; Stokes's Three Months' Pilgrimage in search of Vestiges of Irish Saints in France; L'Age du Bronze au Musee de Minoussinsk; Parker's Ancient Crosses of Gosforth; Sephton's Translation of the Saga of Olaf Tryggvason; Powell's Translation of the Faereyinga Saga; Bugge's Studier over de Nordiske Gude og Heltedags Oprindelse; Hausmann's Grabfunde aus Estland.

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

(1) By JOHN KNOX, Public School, Forfar.

Lamp of bronze or brass, with spout and wick, found at Restennet.

(2) By JOHN DOUGLAS.

Brass Buckle, from the Macdonalds' Cave, Island of Eigg.

(3) By Professor W. M. FLINDERS PETRIE.

Wooden Statuette of the Priest of Amon, in Karnak (xxii. Dynasty),
Wooden Figure of the God Bes, and some Fragments of old Woodwork
from the Ramesseum, Thebes.

(4) By the Executors of Lady BURTON.

Life of Sir Richard Burton. Two vols. 8vo.

(5) By JAMES CURLE, *Librarian*.

Schneider, Das Alte Rom, Entwicklung seines Grundrisses und
Geschichte. Oblong folio; Leipsic, 1896.

(6) By DAVID MURRAY, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

An Archæological Survey of the United Kingdom. 8vo; Glasgow,
1896.

(7) By FREDERICK SEEBORM, LL.D., the Author.

The English Village Community. 8vo; 1896. The Tribal System
in Wales. 8vo; 1895.

(8) By the ACADEMIE DES INSCRIPTIONS.

Memoires de l'Academie des Inscriptions. Vols. xiv.—xxxv. pt. 1,
and xxxviii. pt. 1.

(9) By Messrs D. MACGIBBON; F.S.A. Scot., and THOMAS ROSS,
F.S.A. Scot., the Authors.

The Ecclesiastical Architecture of Scotland. Vol. ii. 1896.

(10) By Messrs BLACKWOOD & SONS, through Sir HERBERT
MAXWELL, M.P., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

History of Dumfries and Galloway. 8vo; 1896.

The following Communications were read :—