

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, 1901-1902.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1901.

DAVID MURRAY, M.A., LL.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Rev. Dr Hugh Macmillan and Mr Gilbert Goudie were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for the election of Office-Bearers and Councillors.

The Ballot having been concluded, the Scrutineers found and declared the List of the Council for the ensuing year to be as follows:—

President.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR HERBERT E. MAXWELL, Bart., M.P.

Vice-Presidents.

Sir THOMAS GIBSON CARMICHAEL, Bart.

DAVID MURRAY, M.A., LL.D.

The Right Hon. The EARL OF SOUTHESK, K.T., LL.D.

R. SMEATON DOUGLAS, Art Master, Madras College, St Andrews.
 EDWARD D. FRASER, 23 Rutland Square, Edinburgh.
 P. A. H. GRANT of Druminnor, Rhyne, Aberdeenshire.
 ADAM HENDERSON, 26 Havelock Street, Dowanhill, Glasgow.
 F. S. LEVESON-GOWER, M.P., Berkeley House, Berkeley Square, London.
 F. J. MARTIN, W.S., 17 Rothesay Place, Edinburgh.
 CHAS. R. B. M'GILCHRIST, 14 Westminster Road, Liscard, Cheshire.
 DAVID PAULIN, F.F.A., 6 Forres Street, Edinburgh.
 A. DUNCAN SMITH, Advocate, 27 India Street, Edinburgh.
 JAMES STEUART, W.S., 10 Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh.
 ROBERT THIN, Medical Practitioner, 38 Albany Street.

The meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society had sustained in the deaths of the following Members and Office-Bearers, deceased since last Annual Meeting:—

Corresponding Member.

	Elected
Dr ALLAN MACNAUGHTON, Achabaie, Taynult	1897

Fellows.

ROBERT ANDERSON, Ardgowan, Dick Place,	1899
ALEXANDER BAIN, Inspector of Stamps and Taxes,	1897
JOHN TAYLOR BROWN, LL.D., Gibraltar House,	1871
RICHARD VARY CAMPBELL, M.A., LL.B.,	1884
Rev. J. A. LEGH CAMPBELL, 2 Albyn Place,	1850
JOHN COOPER, Burgh Engineer, 15 Cumin Place,	1885
JAMES C. COX, The Cottage, Lochee,	1876
JAMES CAMPBELL of Tillichewan,	1877
JAMES FOULIS, M.D., 34 Heriot Row,	1887
JAMES M. GRAHAM of Cultoquhey, Crieff,	1882
Rev. JOHN HUTCHISON, D.D., Afton Lodge, Bonnington,	1891
Dr STEVENSON MACADAM, Lecturer on Chemistry, Surgeons Hall,	1875
CHARLES FRASER MACKINTOSH, LL.D., of Drummond, Inverness,	1864
Sir GRAHAM G. MONTGOMERY, Bart. of Stobo,	1851
JOHN E. SIBBALD, 8 Ettrick Road,	1879
WILLIAM SKINNER, W.S., 35 George Square,	1876
Rev. ALEX. STEWART, LL.D., Nether Lochaber,	1876
D. M. WATSON of Bullionfield, Dundee,	1890

The Chairman moved that the Laws, as revised by the Committee appointed for that purpose and finally revised and approved by the Council (a copy of which had been sent to each Fellow, with notice that they would be submitted to the present meeting), be now adopted as the Laws of the Society.

The motion was seconded by James Macdonald, W.S.

An amendment was moved by Dr W. W. Ireland, that the Laws be remitted back to the Council for their consideration of the following alterations proposed by him, viz. :—

1. In respect to Law 3—That candidates for admission as Fellows should be seconded by one Fellow only, instead of “two Members of the Council”—which was seconded by Sir Kenneth Mackenzie.
2. In respect to Law 13—That the President should be elected for a period of three years, instead of “five years”—which was seconded by Dr William Watson.
3. In respect to Law 16—That a clause be added to enable any four Fellows to nominate a Fellow for election to any office, the names of the Fellows so nominating and of the Fellow so nominated to be printed in the Balloting List along with those nominated by the Council, so that the votes should be taken between them—which was not seconded.

The amendment and the motion having been put to the meeting, there voted for the amendment 5, and for the motion 15.

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and the Revised Laws to be now the Laws of the Society.

Dr Christison, Secretary, read the following Report on the chief events in the career of the Society during the past year :—

The Roll of Membership.—In last year's Report, Mr Cunningham noticed the considerable diminution in the Fellowship, whereby the number had fallen from 710 to 685, being a net loss of 25 in the year ending November 1900, and pointed out the serious consequences that must result, unless the Fellows exerted themselves to procure new

members. This appeal met with a due response both from the Fellows at large and from the Council, with the result that in the year now closing, 53 new Fellows have been added to the Roll, as compared with 19 last year. This increase is largely due to our President, who represented to a number of the nobility and gentry of Scotland the special claims of our Society on the support of the landed interest. No less than seventeen of the Scottish nobility responded to this appeal and joined the Society ; a result that confirms on a large scale my own experience, which is that many persons are quite willing to apply for the Fellowship when it is suggested to them to do so, who do not think of applying of their own accord.

A further addition to the Roll was made by the election of five ladies. Ladies have been occasionally elected *honoris causa* as Lady Associates of the Society for the last thirty years, but up to the past session there had been no lady applicants for admission in terms of the Laws applicable to Fellows. The question of their eligibility came naturally before the Council in the course of the revision of the Laws ; but it was found unnecessary to make any change in order to provide for the contingency of such applications, as in the opinion of the Society's law-agent and of the legal members of the Council there was no obstacle to the admission of ladies under the Laws applicable to the election of Fellows. The first two lady applicants, elected by ballot in the usual way in March last, were followed by other three in April ; and now, as it becomes more widely known that ladies are admitted in the same way and on the same terms as other Fellows, the number of applicants will, no doubt, greatly increase.

The total addition to the roll therefore for the year is 58.

Publications.—The Volume of *Proceedings*, 1900–1901, of which an advance copy is laid on the table, contains papers on a variety of subjects, but deals to an unusual extent with the Society's investigations of the Roman occupation of Scotland. This arises partly from the necessary postponement from the previous year of the Report upon the excavations at Camelon, one of the heaviest tasks we have yet undertaken ; a delay,

however, not to be regretted, as the Report has thereby gained much in both fulness and accuracy. But the volume also contains papers on our extensive excavations of forts and posts on the line of the Roman Road from Ardoch to Gask, and on the very complete excavation of the Camp or Station at Lyne.

Early Christian Monuments of Scotland.—This great work has been pushed steadily forward in the past year. The descriptive part may be said to be complete in MS., and well advanced in print, and the numerous beautiful drawings, rubbings, and photographs supplied by Mr Romilly Allen have been engraved. But the subject is so vast, and the monuments are so scattered, that it has proved impossible as yet to procure all the illustrations required, particularly from the south of Scotland. Through the unremitting exertions of Dr Joseph Anderson, on whom the difficult task has devolved, the deficiencies are being gradually and steadily reduced, and there is a good prospect of the work being finished in the ensuing year.

Catalogue of Scottish Coins in the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh.—The Society is to be congratulated on the publication of this important work, and the handsome volume produced testifies to the great pains taken and skill displayed by Mr Adam B. Richardson, whose resignation of the Curatorship of Coins, owing to his removal to the south, we all so much regret.

Rhind Lectures.—The course of lectures lately given by Bishop Dowden on "The Constitution, Organisation, and Law of the Mediæval Church in Scotland," founded upon original documents, many of which have only recently become available, while others, although accessible, have hitherto been little, if at all, utilised, have brought together a mass of information which, when published, will constitute the standard work on this important subject, and will be a much needed contribution to Scottish History.

Last year the Council appointed Mr Thomas Ross to supplement his Lectures in 1900 on "The Ecclesiastical Architecture in Scotland" by a second course in 1902 upon "Secular Architecture in Scotland from its

First Beginnings"; and they have further provided for the two following years by the appointment of Professor Hume Brown for 1903, on the subject of "The Times of Queen Mary," and of Mr George Macdonald, M.A., for 1904, on the "Origin and History of Coinage."

The Gunning Fellowship was conferred for the third successive year upon Mr F. R. Coles, to enable him to continue his investigation of the Stone Circles of Aberdeenshire. Besides completing the Inverurie District, Mr Coles was able to overtake the eastern parishes from Belhelvie to Tarves, and the Inch or Strathbogie district, dealing with no less than 48 recognisable sites of Circles, besides 22 Standing Stones, many of them probably the sole survivors of Circles, or 70 sites in all, during the third investigation. This work is all the more to be valued, as the destruction of this class of monuments goes steadily on, so that in no long time the record in our *Proceedings* will be all that is left to tell of the previous existence of many of them.

Excavations.—The interesting results of the Society's excavations at Birrens, Birrenswark, Ardoch, Camelon, Lyne, and the Posts connected with the Roman Road from Ardoch to Gask, encouraged the Council to continue the investigation of the Roman sites in Scotland, doubts which were felt as to the prudence of any further reduction of the capital of the Society for this purpose having been happily set at rest by generous gifts from our President of £50 for the excavation of the Rectangular Fort at Rispaun in Galloway, and of £100, afterwards raised to £150, by the Hon. John Abercromby for the excavation of the extensive earth-works at Inchtuthil, Perthshire, to which they were invited by the proprietor, Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, Bart. of Delvine. The results will be laid before the Society in the present session by Mr Abercromby in regard to the latter, and by Mr James Barbour, who undertook the charge of the former. Much work yet remains to be done before the secrets of all the more important Roman sites are revealed, and it is earnestly to be hoped that other Fellows, who have the means, may be led to emulate the excellent example of our President and Mr Abercromby, so as to enable the Society to carry on an investigation

of such great importance both in its archæological and historical bearings.

The Council were so persuaded of the value of excavation in Archæological Research that they sanctioned the addition to the Rhind-Primrose Excavation Fund of the sum of £100, bequeathed unconditionally to the Society by the late Mr Carfrae. The annual interest from the Fund now amounts to about £15, and we have had in the past year a pleasing proof of the good work that may be effected even by a grant of so small a sum as this, as it enabled Dr T. H. Bryce, of Queen Margaret's College, Glasgow, to excavate certain Cairns in Arran and Islay, and not only to make discoveries new to science, but to add to the National Museum objects of much archæological interest and greatly exceeding in money value the small expense incurred.

Another small grant from the Society's ordinary funds gave Mr MacRitchie the opportunity of determining, as far as it could be done, the nature of a ruined tower-like structure on Loch Lomond side.

Laws of the Society.—The system of electing the Office-bearers of the Society by voting papers was introduced at last Annual Meeting, and in pursuance of a remit from the meeting, the Council, after mature deliberation, in which they were greatly assisted by the Society's agent, Mr William Garson, W.S., drew up a draft of proposed changes which have now been adopted by the Society. It was found that without making any revolutionary alterations, a great deal could be done to simplify and make more intelligible the Laws as they formerly stood.

The Treasurer submitted a statement 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, as follows :—

ANNUAL REPORT to the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, with reference to the National Museum of Antiquities under their charge, for the year ending 30th September 1901 :—

During the past year the Museum has been open to the public as formerly, and has been visited by 16,207 persons, of whom 14,853 were visitors on free days, and 1354 on pay days.

The number of objects of antiquity added to the Museum has been 764 by donation and 668 by purchase. The number of books added to the Library has been 139 by donation and 42 by purchase, and the binding of 140 volumes has been proceeded with.

The most important addition to the Museum during the past year has been a collection of pre-historic stone implements, chiefly from Glenluce and other localities in Wigtownshire, presented by Mr J. G. Gilchrist Clark of Speddoch, F.S.A. Scot., numbering in all 672 specimens.

D. CHRISTISON, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, 9th December 1901.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR HERBERT MAXWELL, BART., M.P., LL.D.,
President of the Society, in the Chair.

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

Mrs L. DUFF DUNBAR, Ackergill Tower, Caithness.

G. DEANS RITCHIE, Chapelgill, Broughton, Peeblesshire.

CHARLES EDWARD WHITELOW, Architect, 168 Bath Street, Glasgow.

This being the opening meeting of the fifty-first year of the annual issue of the *Proceedings of the Society* to the Fellows, an address was delivered, at the request of the Council, by Sir Arthur Mitchell, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., the subject of the Address being:—"The Pre-History of the Scottish Area—a Review of the work of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland during the last fifty years."

The objects in the Museum that are peculiar to Scotland were exhibited, and the address was also illustrated by diagrams and large-scale drawings.

On the motion of the President, the meeting unanimously awarded a cordial vote of thanks to Sir Arthur Mitchell for his address.