

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION, 1906-1907.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1906.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR HERBERT MAXWELL, BART., LL.D.,
President, in the Chair.

Sir James Balfour Paul and Mr Francis J. Grant 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.

Vice-Presidents.

The Right Hon. LORD BALCARRES, M.P.
DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D., LL.D.
Right Rev. JOHN DOWDEN, D.D., LL.D.

Councillors.

Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D.,	} <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i>	HEW MORRISON, LL.D.
The Hon. HEW HAMIL- TON DALRYMPLE,		THOMAS ROSS.
Sir KENNETH J. MACKENZIE, Bart., <i>Representing the Treasury.</i>		J. D. G. DALRYMPLE.
Sir JOHN STIRLING MAXWELL, Bart.		J. GRAHAM CALLANDER.
Sir GEORGE DOUGLAS, Bart.		CHARLES EDWARD WHITELAW.
		LUDOVIC M'LELLAN MANN.
		WILLIAM GARSON, W.S.

Secretaries.

WILLIAM K. DICKSON. | ALEXANDER O. CURLE, W.S.

For Foreign Correspondence.

Rev. Professor A. H. SAYCE, M.A., | J. MAITLAND THOMSON, LL.D.
LL.D., D.D.

Treasurer.

JOHN NOTMAN, F.F.A., 28 St Andrew Square.

Curators of the Museum.

Rev. JOHN DUNS, D.D. | ALEXANDER J. S. BROOK.

Curator of Coins.

GEORGE MACDONALD, M.A., LL.D.

Librarian.

JAMES CURLE, Jun.

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

ARTHUR FOULKES-ROBERTS, Solicitor, Denbigh.
Rev. J. EDGAR HATCH, M.A., St Paul's Vicarage, Southampton.
JOHN CONGREVE MURRAY, 7 Eton Terrace.
ROBERT PRINGLE, 2 Canonmills Bridge.
ALEX. JAMES RAVEN, Solicitor, The Capital and Counties Bank, Ipswich.

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

<i>Fellows.</i>	<i>Elected</i>
ALEXANDER BALLANTINE, 42 George Street,	1876
WALTER G. BLACKIE, LL.D., 1 Belhaven Terrace, Glasgow,	1847
WILLIAM BUCHAN, Town-Clerk of Peebles,	1899
HENRY FORRESTER, Woodfield, Colinton,	1890
ALEXANDER GIBB, 58 Ashley Terrace,	1895
Sir MOUNTSTUART E. GRANT DUFF,	1867
GEORGE GRAY, Blairtum Park, Rutherglen,	1882
JAMES HAMILTON, Hafton, Kilmarnock,	1891
GEORGE HAY, Editor <i>Arbroath Guide</i> , Arbroath,	1882
Col. GEORGE HENDERSON of Heverswood, Kent,	1888
FREDERICK J. HORNIMAN, Surrey Mount, London,	1874
Rev. JOSEPH HUNTER, M.A., Cockburnspath,	1886
ROBERT KERR, 17 Cornwall Street, Edinburgh,	1905
The Right Hon. the EARL OF LEVEN AND MELVILLE, K.T., Dunphail,	1901
WILLIAM MACKISON, Architect, Dundee,	1865
The Right Hon. the EARL OF MANSFIELD, Scone Palace,	1901
Col. Sir ALEXANDER MONCRIEFF, K.C.B., of Culfargie and Bandirran,	1890
Very Rev. ANDREW JAMESON MILNE, LL.D., Fyvie,	1890
Rev. Canon ALEXANDER D. MURDOCH, All Saints Church, Brougham Street,	1885
ROBERT ORR of Kinnaird, Larbert,	1899
JOHN RYLEY ROBINSON, LL.D., The Cedars, Dewsbury,	1865
Sir CHARLES TENNANT, Bart., The Glen, Innerleithen,	1870
FREDERICK J. TURNER, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts,	1880

Mr W. K. Dickson, Secretary, read the following Report on the progress and work of the Society during the past year :—

Membership.—At last Anniversary Meeting the total number of Fellows on the roll of the Society was 706. Of these we have during the year lost 23 by death and 13 by resignation,—36 in all. On the other hand, 28 new Fellows have been elected, and one, who had allowed his fellowship to lapse, has been reponed, so that we close the year

with a net loss of 7, our membership now standing at 699. I am glad to say, however, that we open the new Session, our 127th, with a number of candidates awaiting election; five are coming up at the Anniversary Meeting and five at the meeting in December. I need not dwell upon the importance of securing a sufficient supply of recruits to fill the vacancies which occur in our ranks from year to year. I venture, on behalf of the Council, to invite the attention of Fellows to the necessity of a certain amount of missionary work among their friends.

Proceedings.—The fortieth volume of the *Proceedings*, an advance copy of which lies upon the table, contains 24 papers. According to the method of classification suggested last year by Dr Christison, these may be grouped in two classes: (1) descriptions of finds, excavations, or buildings; and (2) papers dealing in a more general way with historical, topographical, or similar subjects. Some papers partake of both characters, but, roughly speaking, eighteen of the year's papers may be placed in the former class and six in the latter. Of the eighteen descriptive papers, thirteen relate to prehistoric and two to proto-historic times, two to the Middle Ages, and one to the post-Reformation period.

Much the most important paper of the year is the "Notice of the Excavation of the Roman Forts on the Bar Hill, Dumbartonshire," by Dr George Macdonald and Mr Alexander Park. These excavations, commenced in 1902, and carried out at the expense of Mr Alexander Whitelaw of Gartshore, threw much new light not only on the structure and arrangements of the forts, but on the history of the Roman occupation; they brought us for the first time into certain contact with the handiwork of Agricola, and they yielded a large crop of relics—weapons, tools, shoes, inscribed stones, pieces of sculpture, and the finest collection of Roman architectural fragments hitherto found in Scotland. These fragments have been the subject of a separate note by Mr Thomas Ross.

Special mention should be made of a paper by Mrs Place of Loch Dochart, not merely for its intrinsic interest, but as the record of an admirable example. Under Mrs Place's direction the ruins of the sixteenth-century castle on the Isle of Loch Dochart, which were in an entirely neglected condition and choked up with rubbish, have been cleared out, described, and figured, and a number of interesting relics which they contained have been collected and recorded. It is to be hoped that other owners of ancient ruins may go and do likewise.

Among the papers of a more literary character, three deal with subjects of comparatively modern interest. My colleague, Mr A. O. Curle, in his notes on the Inventories of Rossie House, has shown us how much history and romance may be found in some old furniture-lists. I may perhaps be allowed to add, with reference to this paper, that old inventories and other business documents, which are too often regarded merely as waste-paper, might often be valuable contributions to our *Proceedings*. Mr Alan Reid continues his interesting series of papers on the Lothian Kirkyards, and figures many monuments at Currie, Kirknewton, and the Calders. Another paper of great general interest is contributed by Mr Francis Caird Inglis, who, apropos of a wax medallion and relative autograph letter of Paul Jones, now in the Museum, gives us an account of the personality and career of the famous American sailor, with an appendix of interesting documents and a full bibliography. An ornament to the volume is an illustration of a beautiful bust of Paul Jones by Houdon.

Another notable feature of the volume, from an artistic point of view, is the series of illustrations to Mr Brook's paper on the two table-clocks, bequeathed respectively by Mr Hugh J. Rollo and Lady Jane Dundas, now in the Museum. They are both exceedingly fine in their very different styles: one Nuremberg work of the sixteenth century; the other Parisian of the eighteenth.

I venture to think that it is matter for satisfaction that an unusually large proportion of this year's *Proceedings* falls under the second

of the classes into which I have divided the papers read to the Society. Our *Proceedings* always consist chiefly of descriptive papers relating to objects of the prehistoric and proto-historic periods. This is natural and desirable; these are the data which may be the bases of most interesting and important generalizations, and the collecting and recording of such data is one of the chief functions of the Society. But the detailed records of the actual data are naturally of interest chiefly to the specialist, and it seems desirable that our *Proceedings* should include a large proportion of matter appealing to a wider audience. Above all, I would express the hope that we may have more papers on comparatively modern subjects. I am sure that the Society will welcome the work of students of all periods of history. It is not well to draw a sharp line between archæology and history, or between history ancient and modern. The more that the archæologist and the historian meet within the same walls, and within the covers of the same volume, the more they will realize that they are both working at the same subject, and that the man who is excavating a Roman camp and the man who is editing an eighteenth century memoir are merely reading different pages of that story of human endeavour of which the first chapter is written in the chipped flints of the river drift, and the latest—just at present—in this afternoon's *Evening Dispatch*.

Museum and Purchase Fund.—The principal additions made to the Museum during the year are referred to in the Report to the Board of Manufactures, which will be submitted to this meeting. It will be recollected that the purchase of the "Queen Mary" harp in 1904 involved the surrender for two years of our Treasury grant of £200 a year for purchases for the Museum and Library. The Council have learned with satisfaction that this sum is to be replaced in the Estimates for next year.

Rhind Lectures.—Two courses of Rhind Lectures have been delivered since last Anniversary Meeting,—Dr Haverfield's, on "Roman

Britain," delivered in April last; and Professor Sayce's, on "The Archæology of the Cuneiform Inscriptions," delivered at the end of October. Both were well attended by Fellows of the Society and by the public.

Excavations.—The excavation of the Roman Station at Newstead, begun in February 1905, has proceeded steadily during the past year, and its results have exceeded the most sanguine expectation, both as regards the interest of the discoveries which have been made as to the fort itself, and as regards the variety and value of the finds. Descriptions of these have appeared from time to time in the newspapers, in the *Scottish Historical Review*, and in a circular which has been issued to Fellows. The Society will learn with pleasure that a preliminary Report as to the Excavations is to be presented to the December meeting by Mr James Curle. I need say nothing in anticipation of that report. I feel, however, that I ought to take this opportunity of expressing the very great debt of gratitude which the Society and the science of archæology owe to Mr Curle, to whose unremitting exertions the notable results of these excavations are due. In conclusion, I would ask leave to commend to the favourable consideration of Fellows a circular shortly to be issued appealing for a further subscription towards the operations at Newstead. Some further funds are absolutely required if we are to complete the excavations satisfactorily, and it would be a great misfortune if it were found necessary to leave unfinished the work which has made the past year a memorable one in the history of archæology.

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 1906:—

During the past year the Museum has been open to the public as formerly, and has been visited by 14,684 persons, of whom 1,248 were visitors on pay days and 13,436 on free days.

The number of objects of antiquity added to the Museum during the year has been 96 by donation and 44 by purchase ; and the number of volumes added to the Library has been 136 by donation and 35 by purchase.

Among the additions to the Museum by purchase may be mentioned that of two very finely ornamented Celtic Brooches of silver from Perthshire, which completes the acquisition for the Museum of all the brooches of this ornate type that are known to exist in Scotland.

Among the additions to the Library by purchase is a collection of five hundred drawings, sketches, and sheets of measurements of the Ecclesiastical Buildings and Monuments in Iona, made by the late Sir Henry Dryden, Bart., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot., 1874-1877.

WILLIAM K. DICKSON, }
ALEXANDER O. CURLE, } *Secretaries.*

MONDAY, 10th December 1906.

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

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

LEONARD WALTER DICKSON, C.A., 45 Manor Place.
CHARLES FREDERICK FORSHAW, LL.D., D.C.L., Baltimore House, Bradford.
JOHN A. INGLIS, Advocate, 2 Rothesay Place.
THOMAS A. NELSON, St Leonard's, Edinburgh.
ROBERT REID, J.P., Banker, Friockheim, Forfarshire.
DAVID COUPER THOMSON, J.P., D.L., *Courier* Office, Dundee.

The following purchases, acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum during the recess, 14th May to 30th November 1906, were exhibited:—

Three Bronze Pins, 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches in length, with ornamented heads, found

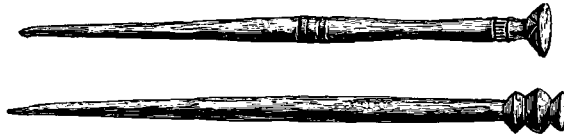


Fig. 1. Two Bronze Pins from North Ronaldsay.

in a mound at Finyar House Brae, in the island of North Ronaldsay, Orkney. The two figured (fig. 1) show the two varieties of head.

Two Water Jars of glazed earthenware, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, with loop handles, found in the bottom of the Forth, near Port of Menteith.

Cinerary Urn, 13 inches in height, 11 inches in diameter across the mouth, and 5 inches across the bottom, ornamented with curved lines and chevrons, fragments of two other Urns, and a small oblong piece of Bone perforated with two small holes, found among the burnt bones in

the first urn. They were all found about 6 inches under the surface in making a road at Woodhead of Garvock, Dunning.

Polished Axe of greyish quartzite, $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, from Hawthornside, parish of Hobkirk, Roxburghshire.

Arrow-head, with Barbs and Stem, and Scraper of flint, found on the farm of Hallrule, parish of Hobkirk, Roxburghshire.

Carved Powder-horn from Glenlivet, with initials L M P, and the date 1688.

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

(1) By ALAN REID, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Kinghorn : A Short History and Description. With Illustrations. 1906.

(2) By J. J. MACLEHOSE, F.S.A. Scot., the Publisher.

Portraits and Jewels of Mary Stuart. By Andrew Lang. 8vo. 1906.

(3) By R. COLTMAN CLEPHAN, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

An Outline of the History and Development of Hand Firearms from the Earliest Period to the end of the Fifteenth Century.

(4) By H. ST GEORGE GRAY, the Author.

Barrow Digging at Martinstown, near Dorchester, 1903. By H. St George Gray and Chas. S. Prideaux. 1906.

(5) By the Right Rev. JOHN DOWDEN, D.D., LL.D., *Vice-President*.

Den Danske Samling Oldtiden: Viedledning for Besogende. Copenhagen.

(6) By W. T. OLDRIEVE, F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

What H.M. Office of Works is doing for Historical Buildings in Scotland. With Illustrations. 4to. 1906.

The following Communications were read :—