

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION, 1917-1918

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, *30th November* 1917.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ABERCROMBY, LL.D., President,
in the Chair.

Mr James Mackenzie and Mr Symington Grieve were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for the election of Office-Bearers.

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. LORD ABERCROMBY, LL.D.

Vice-Presidents.

ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, LL.D.
PATRICK MURRAY, W.S.
DAVID MACRITCHIE.

Councillors.

Sir JOHN R. FINDLAY, K.B.E. The Hon. HEW HAMIL- TON DALRYMPLE, M.P. Sir KENNETH MACKENZIE, Bart., <i>Representing the Treasury.</i> The Hon. LORD GUTHRIE, LL.D. Sir JAMES BALFOUR PAUL, C.V.O., LL.D.	} <i>Representing the Board of Trustees.</i>	JOHN A. INGLIS. GEORGE MACKAY, M.D., F.R.C.S.E. J. R. N. MACPHAIL, K.C. JOHN BRUCE. The Right Hon. LORD CARMICHAEL, G.C.I.E., K.C.M.G. JAMES MACLEHOSE, M.A., LL.D. JOHN G. KIRKPATRICK, W.S.
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Secretaries.

ROBERT SCOTT-MONCRIEFF, W.S. | J. GRAHAM CALLANDER.

For Foreign Correspondence.

The Rev. Professor A. H. SAYCE, M.A., | Professor G. BALDWIN BROWN.
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Treasurer.

JOHN NOTMAN, F.F.A.

Curators of the Museum.

JAMES CURLE, W.S. | Professor THOMAS H. BRYCE.

Curator of Coins.

GEORGE MACDONALD, C.B., F.B.A., LL.D.

Librarian.

WILLIAM K. DICKSON, LL.D.

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

- ROBERT H. GILBERT BRUCE, M.B., C.M., Eastgate House, Friockheim.
- W. M. BURKE, City Chamberlain, Dundee, "Avondale," Bingham Terrace, Dundee.
- J. STORER CLOUSTON, Smoogro-House, Orphir, Orkney.
- HUGH ALEXANDER FORSYTH, Murroes Schoolhouse, near Dundee.
- GEORGE ALEXANDER GARDNER, C.A., Calle Callao, 194, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

- WILLIAM HENDERSON LOVE, M.A. (Glas.), A.Mus. Trin. Coll. London,
5 Blythswood Drive, Glasgow.
- R. W. MACFARLANE-GRIEVE, Lieutenant, 3rd The Black Watch, Impington
Park, Cambridge.
- JOHN NAIRN MARSHALL, M.D., 7 Battery Place, Rothesay.
- THOMAS PURVES MARWICK, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., F.I.Arbit., Architect,
43 Lauder Road.
- Rev. A. T. RICHARDSON, "Lincluden," Kirkcaldy.
- JULIUS ADOLPHUS SHAW, 4 Grosvenor Road, Whalley Range, Manchester.
- WILLIAM B. SHAW, F.R. Hist. Soc., Honorary Curator of the Collections
of the Presbyterian Historical Society of England, London, "Inver-
keith," Cecil Road, Stretford, Manchester.
- JOHN ALEXANDER STEWART, 104 Cheapside Street, Glasgow.
- FRANK J. TAYLOR, Librarian, Public Library, Barnsley, 5 Regent Street
South, Barnsley.
- WILLIAM TRAILL, C.E., 4 Warrander Park Crescent.
- GEORGE WILLIAMSON, J.P., of Westquarter, Lanarkshire, 5 Chamber-
lain Road.

The following list of members deceased since the last Annual Meeting was read:—

Corresponding Members.

	Elected.
C. G. CASH, F.R.S.G.S., 15 Barnton Gardens, Davidson's Mains	1908
MATTHEW LIVINGSTONE, I.S.O., 32 Hermitage Gardens	1910

Fellows.

	Elected.
His Grace The DUKE OF ATHOLL, K.T., Blair Castle, Blair Atholl	1889
JOHN G. ALEXANDER BAIRD, Wellwood, Muirkirk, Ayrshire	1900
HIPPOLYTE J. BLANC, R.S.A., 25 Rutland Square	1879
HORATIUS BONAR, W.S., 3 St Margaret's Road	1880
The Right Hon. The EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, K.G., G.C.S.I., LL.D., Broomhall, Dunfermline	1901
ALEXANDER FOOTE	1875
The Right Hon. The EARL OF HADDINGTON, K.T., Tynninghame, Preston- kirk	1861
Sir WILLIAM HENRY HOULDSWORTH, Bart., Coodham, Kilmarnock	1901
ALEXANDER HUTCHESON, Herschel House, Broughty Ferry	1882
JAMES LENNOX, Eden Bank, Dumfries	1884
JAMES RONALDSON LYELL, Bantuscal, 30 Blacket Place	1915
W. A. MACFARLANE-GRIEVE, M.A. and S.C.L. Oxon., M.A. Cantab., of Penchrise and Edenhall, Roxburghshire, Impington Park, Cam- bridgeshire	1899
WILLIAM MACGILLIVRAY, W.S., 32 Charlotte Square	1878

	Elected.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir ALEXANDER BURNES M'HARDY, K.C.B., 3 Ravelston Park	1889
J. M. MACKINLAY, M.A., F.S.A., The Lee, 18 Colinton Road	1888
CHARLES MACPHATER, 96 Langside Avenue, Glasgow	1913
THOMAS A. NELSON, St Leonard's, Dalkeith Road	1906
HENRY K. SHIELLS, C.A., 141 George Street	1892
DAVID CRAWFORD SMITH, Croft Lodge, Craigie, Perth	1898
WILLIAM STEELE, Marlborough Cottage, Kelso	1891
FRANK SYKES, Brookfield, Cheadle, Cheshire	1910

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

In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society for the year ending 30th November 1917, which, on the motion of the Chairman, was duly approved :—

The Council beg to submit to the Fellows of the Society their Report for the year ending 30th November 1917.

Membership.—The total number of Fellows on the roll at 30th November 1916 was 682
At 30th November 1917 the number was 677
being a decrease of 5

There were 21 new members added to the roll during the year, while 19 died, 2 resigned, and 9 allowed their membership to lapse. Two Corresponding Members died, and two were elected. The Council feel that the way in which the membership of the Society is being maintained is a matter of sincere congratulation.

In the list of those who have died during the year will be found the names of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Alexander M'Hardy, K.C.B., and Mr Mackinlay, two regular attenders at the meetings of the Society, whose presence will be much missed.

Sir Alexander M'Hardy was elected a Fellow in 1889; he was a member of Council for many years, and was at one time a Vice-President of the Society. He was especially interested in the question of vitrified forts, and made a series of experiments in the vitrification of stone, the result of which he communicated to the Society in February 1906. The interests of Mr Mackinlay, on the other hand, lay more particularly in hagiology and ecclesiology, in regard to which he published several valuable works and contributed papers to our *Proceedings*. Mr Mackinlay, who immediately preceded the date of his

death was a Member of Council, had been blind for many years as the result of an accident, and was thus obliged to do his research work through others. That the result attained should have been so excellent is a testimony to the enthusiasm which he carried into his work and a wonderful example of triumph over physical disabilities.

We have also to regret the death of Mr J. G. A. Baird, who had only of recent years found leisure to associate himself in the active work of the Society. In 1915 he was a member of the Traprain Excavation Committee, and from time to time rendered valuable service by personally superintending the workmen engaged on the hill. On his own estate of Muirkirk he was fortunate to find several cairns and other monuments of prehistoric times, and these he was systematically excavating up to the time of his death.

Through the death of Mr Matthew Livingstone, formerly Deputy-Keeper of the Records of Scotland, the Society has lost a friend to whom it owed much. Members will remember that Mr Livingstone devoted a great deal of valuable time to examining and cataloguing the large collection of charters belonging to the Society, the result of his labours being published in the *Proceedings* of the Society in April 1907.

Another keen antiquary in the person of Mr William Steele has been removed from our midst. His interest in the Society is evidenced after his death, for he has bequeathed to it his small collection of prehistoric implements, to which after reference will be made.

The Society has also to mourn the death of the Duke of Atholl, who, although he never took an active part in the work of the Society, was keenly interested in its doings and was a not infrequent visitor to the Museum.

Another name, that of Captain Nelson, falls to be added to the roll of those of our Fellows who have fallen for their country. Lastly, almost on the eve of our meeting, we have had intimation of the death of Mr Alexander Hutcheson of Broughty Ferry. Mr Hutcheson was well known as an architect with keen antiquarian tastes, and throughout a long period of years was a member of this Society, having joined it in 1882. He was one of the most frequent contributors to our *Proceedings*, in the course of his connection with the Society having given to us as many as thirty papers covering a wide range of subjects, from records of prehistoric burials to sculptured monuments. His interest in all antiquarian matters made him a most valued Fellow of the Society. In the latest volume, an advance copy of which is on the table to-night, we have his last communication dealing with some interesting carved panels seen by him many years before and with characteristic care noted with a view to

subsequent record, also giving us an inventory of the household plinishing of a daughter of Cardinal Betoun, which he had obtained in a collection of old papers. Besides contributing to our Society, Mr Hutcheson was a not infrequent contributor on antiquarian matters to his own local press.

Proceedings.—There is again a decrease in the number of papers read, there being only fourteen this year as against eighteen in the preceding year. Four papers dealt with historical and ten with archæological subjects. Mr Goudie and Mr MacRitchie both contributed interesting papers dealing with earth-houses and their inhabitants, which led to a good deal of discussion. Mr Fraser read a paper on the Artificial Island of Loch Kinellan, giving the results of further investigations into the origin and composition of these interesting structures; and Mr Callander in his paper on a Flint Workers' Factory directed attention to a series of sites such as might easily be passed over without antecedent knowledge. Mr James Curle's paper on Samian Ware, its production and evolution, was of exceptional interest and importance, and will be found to repay careful study. Additional interest was added to the papers of Miss Hanna and Mr Scott-Moncrieff by the exhibition of the actual objects described—in one case the heart of King Henry III. of England, and in the other three needlework hangings inventoried as having at one time belonged to Mary of Guise, and afterwards to her daughter, Mary Queen of Scots.

Museum.—The number of objects added to the Museum during the past year has been 37 by donation, 12 by bequest, and 6 by purchase.

Owing to the War, and the need to refrain from employment of labour unnecessary for the welfare of the country, no excavations have been conducted by the Society during the past year, and this cause, taken in conjunction with the fact that the Museum is still closed, largely accounts for the great falling off in acquisitions as compared with normal times.

The most interesting object added to the Museum within the last year is a gold ring set with a natural uncut diamond, found in the grounds of Holyrood Palace while a shrubbery there was being cleared up. It is believed to be a relic of fourteenth-century date. The probability is that such a relic must have belonged to some important personage, but that is a point upon which it is idle to speculate.

As previously mentioned, a small collection of prehistoric relics was bequeathed to the Museum by the late Mr William Steele of Kelso, a Fellow of the Society. Among them was included a small circular button of jet, plano-convex, and having a V-shaped perforation on the flat side. Buttons of this form in this country belong to the Bronze Age, and on the Continent are found associated with neolithic interments.

There has also been added to the Museum a plaquette medal to commemorate the late Joseph Déchelette, one of our Honorary Fellows, and one of the most eminent archæologists in Europe.

A private excavation conducted by Mr G. P. H. Watson on a sand-hill near Bogside in Ayrshire has yielded a very interesting collection of fragments of pottery, probably of fourteenth-century date, which will form a useful series for comparative purposes for the student of mediæval ceramic.

Library.—The Museum still remains closed to the public and the collections stored away, but the Society will be pleased to learn that the books have been restored to their shelves and that the Library is once more available for their use. Unfortunately, owing to the restrictions as to lighting, it will be impossible to hold the meetings of the Society there during the winter, and we are again indebted to the Royal Society for the use of their rooms.

The number of books added to the Library during the past year is 39 by donation and 14 by purchase. In addition, a considerable number of publications of learned societies, etc., have been received by way of exchange.

Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1916 were delivered in the autumn of the year, the lecturer being Professor Watson, and his subject being "Celtic Place-Names in Scotland." The lecturer for 1917 was Mr Charles J. Foulkes, Curator of the Armouries in the Tower of London, his subject being "Arms and Armour." The lectures for 1918 will be delivered by Mr A. O. Curle on "The Prehistoric Monuments of Scotland."

The Gunning Fellowship and the Chalmers-Jervise Bequest.—Owing to the War, no grants have been made in respect of these during the year.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

ABERCROMBY.

Mr John Notman, F.F.A., Treasurer, made the annual statement of the Society's Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members; and, on the motion of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Notman for his gratuitous services as Treasurer.

MONDAY, 10th December 1917.

The RIGHT HON. LORD ABERCROMBY, LL.D., President,
in the Chair.

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

J. J. BONAR, Lieutenant, Royal Scots, 3 St Margaret's Road.
ROBERT M'CULLOCH KATER, Dean View, Kilmarnock.
JAMES M'LEAN, Drumelzier School House, Broughton, Peebleshire.
COURTENAY JOHN SHIELLS, C.A., 141 George Street.
ROBERT FINNIE M'EWEN, B.A. Cantab., Advocate, of Marchmont and
Bardrochat, Marchmont, Berwickshire.

There was exhibited by Miss Bruce, 59 Great King Street, a Stone Mould for casting buttons, which was found in a field at Edenshead, Gateside, Fife. It is described as follows by Mr Alexander O. Curle:—

The mould, which is a pentagonal fragment of claystone about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in thickness, has a circular matrix on each face. The larger, which has been for a small brooch or button, with a subconical centre, is surrounded by a lettered border, and measures $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter. The central portion is divided into five equal segments by radial lines, and each segment is ornamented with a chevron, placed point inwards, resting on the inner edge of the border, with a single pellet in advance of its point. The lettering on the border does not appear to make an intelligible inscription.

The smaller matrix has been for a slightly convex circular button measuring $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter. It has been divided by beaded radial lines into four equal segments, and is ornamented with identical designs in the opposing segments. These consist respectively of a chevron placed point inwards, and of two pellets with an object resembling a boar's head between them.

The following Donations, received during the recess from 14th May to 30th November, were announced:—

(1) By LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH.

Four plates of photographs of a twelfth-century enamelled Ciborium, stated to have been presented by Mary Queen of Scots to Sir James Balfour of Burleigh, from whom it has passed by descent to the donor. For descriptive details see *Scottish National Memorials*, 1890, pp. 45-53.

(2) By the Rev. WILLIAM M'MILLAN, F.S.A. Scot.

Sixteen leaves of manuscript containing copies of Notarial Instruments, made for the most part at Selkirk between the months of April and June 1591; probably part of a Protocol Book.

(3) By Mr J. H. JAMIESON, 12 Sciennes Gardens, Edinburgh.

Two Church Tokens—Whittinghame, 1822, and Knox Free Church, Haddington, 1858.

(4) By the Misses ROBERTSON - MACDONALD, 66 St John's Road, Oxford.

Impression in red wax of the Great Seal of Charles II., dated 1660.

(5) By G. P. H. WATSON, F.S.A. Scot.

Fragments of Mediæval Pottery, probably of thirteenth-century date, from excavation at Kidsneuk, Bogside, Parish of Irvine, Ayrshire.

It was announced that the purchase had been made of an Oblong Plaquette of oxidised silver, commemorating Joseph Déchelette. *Obv.* Portrait bust in medallion; underneath, JOSEPH DECHELETTE, MDCCCLXII-MCMXIV. *Rev.* Trophy of Arms, wreathed, between the legends GALLIAE RELIQUIAS ILLUSTRAVIT and PRO GALLIA MILES CECEdit.

The following donations of Books for the Library were also intimated :—

(1) By HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

Calendar of State Papers, relating to English Affairs, preserved principally at Rome, in the Vatican Archives and Library. Vol. i. Elizabeth, 1558-1571. Edited by J. M. Rigg. London, 1916.

(2) By ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., M.D., LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., the Author.

Darwinism and Human Civilisation, with special reference to the Origin of German Military "Kultur." Reprint from the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh*, vol. xxxvii., Part II. (No. 10). Edinburgh, 1917. Pamphlet.

(3) By the Right Hon. LORD ARERCROMBY, LL.D., *President*, the Author.

Sculptured Figures from near Aden. Reprint from the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland*. Vol. xlv. Pamphlet.

A Study of the Ancient Speech of the Canary Islands. Reprinted from the *Harvard African Studies*, vol. i., Cambridge, 1917, pp. 95-129.

(4) By the CURATOR OF THE CASTLE MUSEUM, Norwich.

The Report of the Castle Museum Committee to the Town Council, 1916. Pamphlet.

- (5) By Lieutenant DAVID N. MACKAY, R.N.V.R., H.M. Naval Depot, Inverness, the Editor.

The Grossett Manuscript, being an unpublished Record of Events in the Stirling District during the Jacobite Rising of 1745-1746. Reprinted from *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness*, vol. xxviii. Inverness, 1917. Pamphlet.

- (6) By ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot., the Editor.

The Burgh Records of Dunfermline, transcribed from the Original Manuscript Volume, Courts, Sasines, etc., 1488-1584. Edinburgh, 1917. 4to.

- (7) By FREDERICK T. MACLEOD, F.S.A.Scot., the Editor.

Eilean a' Cheò (The Isle of Mist), comprising Articles on Skye by Skyemen. Edinburgh, 1917. 8vo.

- (8) By T. J. WESTROPP, M.A., 115 Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin, the Author.

The Ancient Sanctuaries of Knockainey and Clogher, Co. Limerick, and their Goddesses. *Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy*, vol. xxxiv.

Prehistoric Remains in North-Western and Central Co. Clare. Part XV. Addenda. West Clare.

Notes on the Primitive Remains (Forts and Dolmens) in Central Co. Clare. Part XVI. Addenda. Reprints from *The Journal of the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*, Part I., vol. xlvii.

A Study in the Legends of the Connacht Coast, Ireland—The Gods and Earliest Heroes. From *Folk-Lore*, vol. xxviii., No. 2.

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

Bibliography: its Scope and Methods. Glasgow, 1917. 8vo.

Some Letters of Robert Foulis. Glasgow, 1917. 4to.

- (10) By THE FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, Chicago, U.S.A.

Publication, 195. Anthropological Series. Vol. vi.; No. 4. Three Etruscan Painted Sarcophagi. By F. B. Tarbell, Professor of Classical Archæology in the University of Chicago. Chicago, 1917. Pamphlet.

- (11) By the COUNCIL OF THE RYMOUR CLUB, Edinburgh.

Miscellanea, vol. ii., Part V., June 1917.

- (12) By the Rev. J. ARNOTT HAMILTON, M.A., The Manse, Kirkfieldbank, Lanark, the Author.

The Church of Kaisariani in Attica: its History, Architecture, and Mural Paintings: a Study in Byzantine Art. Reprinted from the Scottish Ecclesiological Society's *Transactions*, 1916.

(13) By the SUPERINTENDENT OF ARCHÆOLOGY, Hyderabad.

The Journal of the Hyderabad Archæological Society, 1917.

Hyderabad Archæological Series. No. 2. The Daulatabad Plates of Jagadekamalla, A.D. 1017. Calcutta, 1917.

Annual Report of the Archæological Department of His Highness the Nizam's Dominions, 1915-1916.

Purchases of Books for the Library were announced:—

Scottish Record Society. Parts LXXV. and LXXVII. Calendar of Writs preserved at Yester House, 1166-1536. 13th February 1502—1st June 1536; 2nd November 1536—6th October 1598. Edited by Charles C. Harvey.

Scottish Record Society. Part LXXVIII. Protocol Books of Dominus Thomas Johnoun, 1528-1578. Edited by James Beveridge, M.A., Rector of Linlithgow Academy, and James Russell, Town Clerk of Linlithgow.

Fasti Ecclesiæ Scoticanæ: The Succession of Ministers in the Church of Scotland from the Reformation. By Hew Scott, D.D. Vol. ii. Synods of Merse and Teviotdale, Dumfries, and Galloway. Edinburgh, 1917. 8vo.

Egypt Exploration Fund. The Inscriptions of Sinai. By Alan H. Gardiner, D. Litt., and T. Eric Peet, B.A. Part I. Introduction and Plates. London, 1917. Folio.

The Glastonbury Lake Village. Vol. ii. By Arthur Bulleid, L.R.C.P., F.S.A., and Harold St George Gray. The Glastonbury Antiquarian Society, 1917. 4to.

Scottish History Society, Second Series, vol. xv. A Contribution to the Bibliography of Scottish Topography. Vol. ii. By the late Sir Arthur Mitchell, K.C.B., and C. G. Cash, F.R.S.G.S., Corr. Mem. Soc. Ant. Scot.

Scottish History Society, Second Series, vol. xvi. Papers relating to the Army of the Solemn League and Covenant, 1643-1647. Vol. i. Edited by Professor Charles Sanford Terry.

Inventory and Survey of the Armouries of the Tower of London. By Charles J. Foulkes, B. Litt. Oxon., F.S.A., Curator of the Armouries. 2 vols. London, 1916. 4to.

The Muster Roll of the Forfarshire or Lord Ogilvy's Regiment raised on behalf of the Royal House of Stuart in 1745-1746, with Biographical Sketches. By Alexander Mackintosh, Forfar. Inverness, 1914. 8vo.

Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts — Eighteenth Report. London, 1917.

Henry Bradshaw Society, vol. lii. "Missale Gothicum," a Gallican Sacramentary MS. Vatican. Regin. Lat. 317.

Henry Bradshaw Society, vol. liii. The Bobbio Missal, a Gallican Mass-Book (MS. Paris. Lat. 13246). Facsimile.

Dumbarton Castle: its Place in the General History of Scotland.

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Forming Part I. of a Revised History of Dumbartonshire. By John Irving. Dumbarton, 1917. 8vo.

Airlie: A Parish History. By the Rev. William Wilson. Coatbridge, 1917. 8vo.

Der Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes des Römerreiches. Lieferung 42: Kastell und die Erdlager von Heddernheim. Kastell Frankfurt a M.

The following communications were read:—