

MONDAY, 13th January 1936.

SIR GEORGE MACDONALD, K.C.B.,
President, in the Chair.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held previous to the Ordinary Meeting, at which a new Law of the Society, as under, was passed un-animously. By a subsequent resolution it was agreed that this new Law should be Law 21, and that the present Law 21 should become Law 22.

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

E. ALLAN, F.R.C.S.E., West View, Elgin.

Sir IAIN COLQUHOUN of Luss, Bart., Rossthdu, Luss, Dunbartonshire.

Rev. JOHN L. DINWIDDIE, M.A., D.D., The Manse, Ruthwell, Dumfries.

His Honour The Deemster R. D. FARRANT, 4 Albert Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man.

ALEXANDER M. FINLAYSON, 31 Brown Place, Wick.

DUNCAN M'NAUGHTON, M.A., 4 Forth Crescent, Stirling.

ARTHUR WALKER RUSSELL, M.A., W.S., 25 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh, 10.

JOHN FREDERICK SMITH (Chief Librarian, Liverpool Public Libraries), 103 Brodie Avenue, Liverpool, 18.

DAVID SWAN WALLACE, W.S., 6 Eton Terrace, Edinburgh, 4.

There was exhibited by Theodora, Lady Forbes of Newe, a fourteenth-century talismanic Brooch of Gold, from the Doune of Invernochty, Aberdeenshire. (See subsequent note by W. Douglas Simpson, M.A., D.Litt.)

The following Donations to the Museum were intimated, and thanks voted to the Donors:—

(1) By ARTHUR BASIL SIMPSON, West Close, Lockeridge, near Marlborough, grandson of the finder.

Massive Stone Axe-hammer, measuring $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches by

3 inches, found in 1878 by Mr Thomas Nelson of Friars Carse, Dumfriesshire, in a loch on his property there.

(2) By GEORGE VEITCH, F.S.A.Scot.

Quaich of Laburnum Wood, with two lugs, which belonged to Rob Donn, the Gaelic bard, measuring $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter and 2 inches in height. The staves are bound by a silver band near the centre, and the foot by another. On the front is the inscription—1714 “Cuach Roib Dhuinn Bard dutcha Mhic Aoidh” 1778.

(3) By The Right Hon. LORD CLYDE, LL.D., F.S.A.Scot.

Covenanters' Flag of white Linen, measuring 6 feet in width and 4 feet $9\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height, probably belonging to the Post-Revolution period, beginning of eighteenth century. In the centre is a Scottish thistle in green and red; above, on left, is a flaming sword, and on right, IEHOVAH NISSI, below, FOR GOD AND/ THE · COVENANTED · WORK · OF REFORMATION, all painted in red. Round three sides is a border of blue silk edged with a yellow silk fringe, probably added at a later date.

(4) By ERNEST W. SWAN, Newbrough Park, Fourstone, Northumberland.

Silver Medal of the Royal Society, Edinburgh, of oval shape, pierced at the top for suspension. *obv.* ROYAL/ SOCIETY/ EDINBURGH/ INSTITUTED/ 1783; *rev.* DR REID CLANNY/ 1825.

(5) By THOMAS TROTTER, Main Street, Gifford, the finder, through Mrs Broun-Lindsay, F.S.A.Scot.

Whetstone of rectangular section, measuring $3\frac{9}{16}$ inches by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by $\frac{11}{32}$ inch, perforated at one end which takes the form of an obtuse angle. Found at the side of the Donolly Reservoir, near Garvald, East Lothian.

(6) By Mrs BROUN LINDSAY, F.S.A.Scot.

Wooden Spurtle with a bulbous end, measuring $7\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, from Perthshire.

The following Purchases for the Museum were intimated:—

“Napier's Box” of tables for mathematical calculations. Inside the lid of the box is a table of figures written on paper, and fitted within are

six transverse cylinders covered with paper, also bearing figures, which are operated by small carved handles projecting through the front of the box. The figures on the cylinders correspond with those on the four sides of a set of "Napier's Rods" of wood, and of another "Napier's Bones" of ivory in the Museum. The box measures $5\frac{5}{8}$ inches by $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. The family tradition is that the relic was given to Bailie John Gibb of Stirling, in or about 1732, by a Napier who belonged to the Merchiston family, and that it has been handed down in the Gibb family ever since.

Facsimile of a Silver Fibula found in the Broch of Carn Liath, Dunrobin, Sutherland. (See *Arch. Scot.*, vol. v. p. 102, and *Proceedings*, vol. lxvi. p. 337, fig. 36, Nos. 5 and 6.)

The following Donations to the Library were intimated, and thanks voted to the Donors:—

(1) By HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

Calendar of the Fine Rolls. Vol. xv. Henry VI.—A.D. 1422–1430. London, 1935.

(2) By W. DUGALD MACCOLL, F.S.A.Scot.

Land Utilisation Map of Scotland based on the "One-Inch" Ordnance Map. Sheet 4—South Mainland (Shetland Islands). Sheet 53—Sound of Mull. Sheet 59—Iona and Colonsay. Sheet 60—North Jura and Firth of Lorne. Sheet 68—Firth of Forth.

(3) By Professor Dr ERNST FABRICUS, H.F.S.A.Scot.

Der Obergermanisch-Raetische Limes des Roemerreiches. Lieferung lii. Berlin and Leipzig, 1935.

(4) By Professor H. Dragendorff, H.F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

Darstellungen aus der augusteischen Geschichte auf arretinischen Kelchen. Reprint from *Germania*, 19. Heft 4. Berlin, 1935.

(5) By Sir GEORGE MACDONALD, K.C.B., LL.D., President.

Gerard Baldwin Brown, 1849–1932. By the donor. (From *The Proceedings of the British Academy*, vol. xxi.)

Proceedings of the Devon Archaeological Exploration Society, 1934. Vol. ii., part 2.

Medicine in Early Greek Mythology. By J. D. Gilruth, M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin. (From *The Edinburgh Medical Journal*, vol. xlii. No. 12. 1935.)

- (6) By Rev. ARCHIBALD MACKENZIE, M.A., B.D., F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

An Ancient Church. The Pre-Reformation Church of St John the Baptist at Ayr. Ayr, 1935.

- (7) By Professor V. GORDON CHILDE, B.Litt., F.S.A.Scot.

Bulletin. Historical Museum, Moscow. Otchet. Imp. Rossiyskago Istoricheskago Muzeya. v. Moskv'e. 1906-1911 and 1915.

Iranian Miniatures. Huzalyan & Dyakonov.

Sassanid Metal Work. By J. Orbeli & C. Trever. Moscow, 1935.

- (8) By JOHN FRASER, Corresponding Member.

The Life of Major-General Sir Robert Murdoch Smith, K.C.M.G., Royal Engineers. By his son-in-law, William Kirk Dickson. Edinburgh and London, 1901.

- (9) By THOMAS SHEPPARD, M.Sc., F.S.A.Scot.

Hall Museum Publications, Nos. 185-187.

- (10) By THE RUSSELL-COTES ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Bulletin. Vol. xiv. No. 4.

- (11) By THE CARNEGIE TRUST FOR THE UNIVERSITIES OF SCOTLAND.

Record of Fellows and Scholars, 1903-1935. Edinburgh, 1935.

- (12) By DONALD S. MACDONALD, W.S., F.S.A.Scot.

The Grange of St Giles, The Bass: and the other Baronial Homes of the Dick-Lauder Family. By Mrs J. Stewart Smith. Edinburgh, 1898.

- (13) By THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

The Teaching of Chemistry in the Universities of Aberdeen. By Alexander Findlay. Aberdeen, 1935. Aberdeen University Studies, No. 112.

- (14) By THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS.

The Apostolic Camera and Scottish Benefices, 1418-1488. By Annie I. Cameron, M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt. St Andrews University Publications, No. XXXV. Oxford, 1934.

(15) By JAMES DAVIDSON, F.S.A.Scot.

Primitive Beliefs in the North-East of Scotland. By J. M. McPherson, B.D. London, 1929.

(16) By WILLOUGHBY GARDNER, D.Sc., F.S.A.Scot., the Author.

The Native Hill-Forts in North Wales, and their Defences.

Craig Gwrtheyrn Hill-Fort, Llanfihangel Ar Arth, Caermarthenshire.

Ffridd Faldwyn Hill-Fort, near Montgomery.

Caer y Twr, a Hill-Fort on Holy Island, Anglesey.

The Bulwarks, a Promontory Fort at Porthkerry, Glamorganshire.

Reprints from *Archæologia Cambrensis*, December 1926, June 1932, December 1932, June 1934, June 1935.

(17) By THE MANX MUSEUM.

The Journal. Vol. iii. No. 45. December, 1935.

(18) By A. J. H. EDWARDS, F.S.A.Scot.

Bristol Museum and Art Gallery—"What to See" Guide. Sixth edition. Bristol, 1930.

Newport (Mon.) Museum and Art Gallery. "What to See" Guide. 1927.

Guide to the Chesters Museum. By R. G. Collingwood, M.A., F.S.A. Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1932.

(19) By WILLIAM E. F. MACMILLAN, F.S.A.Scot.

Prehistoric Man in Ireland. By Cecil P. Martin, M.B., M.Sc. London, 1935.

The following Purchases for the Library were intimated:—

English Glass. By W. A. Thorpe. London, 1935.

Acta Archæologica. Vol. vi. Fasc. 1-2. Copenhagen, 1935.

The Gallovidian Annual, 1935-1936. Dumfries, 1935.

The following Communications were read:—