

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST SESSION, 1940-1941

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1940.

ALEXANDER O. CURLE, C.V.O., LL.D., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

William K. Dickson, LL.D., and W. G. C. Hanna, O.B.E., were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for 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.

Sir JOHN STIRLING MAXWELL, Bart., K.T.

Vice-Presidents.

The Hon. LORD ST. VIGEANS, LL.D.
ALEXANDER O. CURLE, C.V.O., LL.D.
Rev. WILLIAM BURNETT, B.D.

Councillors.

Sheriff C. H. BROWN, K.C.	IAN A. RICHMOND, M.A., F.S.A.
WILLIAM ANGUS.	REGINALD F. J. FAIRLIE, LL.D.,
WILLIAM K. DICKSON, LL.D.	R.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.
THOMAS YULE, W.S.	Emeritus Professor W. B. STEVENSON,
DAVID BAIRD SMITH, C.B.E., LL.D.	D.Litt., D.D., LL.D.
Professor D. TALBOT RICE.	

Secretaries.

DOUGLAS P. MACLAGAN, W.S. | ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A.

For Foreign Correspondence.

Professor V. GORDON CHILDE, D.Litt., | Professor W. M. CALDER, LL.D.,
D.So., F.B.A. | F.B.A.

Treasurer.

J. BOLAM JOHNSON, C.A.

Curators of the Museum,

JAMES CURLE, LL.D.] JAMES S. RICHARDSON.

Curator of Coins.

ROBERT KERR, M.A.

Librarian.

MARRYAT R. DOBIE, B.A.(Oxon.).

Councillors ex-officio.

The Hon. Sir HEW H. DALRYMPLE, K.C.V.O. \ *Representing the Board of*
 KENNETH SANDERSON, W.S. J *Trustees.*
 JOHN A. INGLIS, K.C. *Representing the Treasury.*

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Walter B. A. L. Chalmers, Civil Servant; J. E. Scott, B.A.

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased since the last Annual Meeting: Stair C. Agnew, M.A., LL.B.; James Ballantine; The Rev. Charles D. Bentinck, D.D.; William Bonnar; Charles C. Calder; Charles Campbell, M.B.E.; The Right Hon. The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, K.T., LL.D.; Henry James Crawford, B.S.(Lond.); William Johnston Cullen; James H. H. Macgregor Dowsett; Captain W. H. Drummond-Moray of Abercairney; Rev. David Duncan; Arthur Blake Easterbrook; Rev. William Edgar, B.A., B.D., Ph.D.; John Gibson; James Maxtone Graham, C.A.; William Mackie Greig; Mrs J. Macalister Hall of Killean; James Hamilton, J.P.; Professor R. K. Hannay, LL.D., H.R.S.A.; James Stewart Henderson; William Horn; Thomas Duncan Hunter, J.P.; Francis Caird Inglis; Henry Johnstone, M.A.(Oxon.); Charles Ker, LL.D., C.A.; Sir John Westall King, Bart.; John G. Kirkpatrick, W.S.; Arthur Ling; Sir George Macdonald, K.C.B., LL.D., D.Litt., F.B.A., H.R.S.A.; P. M. McIntyre; R. F. B. Mackay, B.A.(Cantab.), F.R.A.I.; Alexander J. Mackenzie; John Reid; John Richardson; W. S. Irvine Robertson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.; John D. Ross, LL.D.; R. J. Serjeantson; Provost J. M. Slater; Ian Armour Smith; Charles Henry Taylor; W. Glassford Walker, C.A.; Harry J. Younger.

Corresponding Member : Alexander Mann.

The Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society for the year ending 30th November 1940:—

The Council beg to submit to the Fellows of the Society their Report for the year ending 30th November 1940.

Fellowship.—The total number of Fellows on the roll at
 30th November 1939 was 986
 At 30th November 1940 the number was 948

showing a decrease of 38

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 23, while 42 died, 12 resigned, and 7 allowed their membership to lapse.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the loss that the Society has sustained through the death of the President, Sir George Macdonald, K.C.B., M.A., F.B.A., D.Litt., LL.D. His record is one which cannot be matched in our annals, by virtue alike of his distinction in all branches of antiquarian study, of the learned and carefully reasoned papers that he contributed to our *Proceedings*, and of the untiring vigour and energy with which he strove at all times to advance the Society's interests. An account of his archæological work, with an appreciation of his services in advancing our knowledge, particularly of Roman Scotland, has been printed in Volume LXXIV of *The Proceedings*.

Sir George left to the Society, subject to a liferent, the sum of £1000, to be held as a Fund, the income of which is to be directed towards meeting the cost of excavations on sites which might throw light upon the Roman occupation of Scotland; and, in so far as not so used, the said income is to be accumulated and added to the capital of the said Fund, but without prejudice to the power of the Society to use such accumulations of income in the future in fulfilment of the purposes of the said Fund.

The Proceedings.—Volume LXXIV of *The Proceedings* is still in the press, and no advance copy is yet available for inspection. It contains 8 papers, of which one constitutes a most important contribution to our knowledge of the early sculptured stones of Scotland.

The Museum.—The number of relics added to the Museum during the year amounted to 135 by donation, 250 by bequest, and 1 acquired through the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.

As no excavation work has been undertaken by the Society during the past year, owing to the war, it is not a matter of surprise that the acquisitions are fewer in number than in recent years. The grant from His Majesty's Treasury for the purchase of specimens has also been suspended, and expenditure on new exhibits must be considerably limited in the future.

An important addition to the Bronze Age Collection is a beaker urn and a flint knife, found in a cist at Thurston Mains, Haddington, which were presented by Mr and Mrs Hunter. A number of relics, found on excavation sites, have been donated by the proprietors through the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works.

A fifteenth-century iconographic ring, of silver-gilt, found at Hume Castle, Berwickshire, was presented by Miss Eleanor Warrender.

The bequest by Mr Charles E. Whitelaw of 235 objects, comprising Highland broadswords, dirks, pistols, powderhorns, brooches of brass

and silver, Luckenbooth brooches, also fine examples of the Edinburgh gunsmiths' work of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, together with a number of obsolete tools used by gunmakers, is one of the most important and valuable contributions to the Historical Collection which has ever been received. The Collection, which was exhibited on loan in the Museum for some years before Mr Whitelaw's death, is representative of the various types of Scottish weapons. It was arranged and labelled by Mr Whitelaw, personally, so as to make it as instructive to students as possible. Mr Whitelaw was well known as an authority on Scottish weapons, and the Society will appreciate and greatly value the bequest.

Bequests of Communion Tokens have been made by Mr A. S. Kinloch Paul and Miss J. C. C. Macdonald, and a two-handled silver quaich, made in Edinburgh by David Mitchell in 1737-38, was bequeathed by Mr John Richardson, F.S.A.Scot.

The Library.—Notwithstanding the difficult circumstances resulting from the war, the Library has remained open throughout the year. It has been made use of by many readers, both Fellows and members of the public. The suspension of the Treasury grant, already alluded to, has affected the Library as well as the Museum, and only 20 new volumes have been acquired by purchase. By donation, however, there have been contributed 70 volumes, while a bequest by the late Sir George Macdonald has added a further 112 of particular value and interest. The number of publications obtained by exchange with or subscription to learned societies has been much reduced by the war.

The Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures of 1940, which were to have been delivered by Dr W. C. Dickinson, have had to be postponed. If it is found possible to arrange for a course by another lecturer during the year 1940-41, notification will be made to Fellows.

The Gunning Fellowship.—No award was made during 1940.

The Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—This prize was not advertised owing to the circumstances created by the war.

ALEX. O. CURLE,
Vice-President.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was seconded by Dr W. Douglas Simpson.

The Accounts of the Society for the year 1938-39, which had been circulated amongst the Fellows, were unanimously approved. Adoption of the Accounts was moved by Mr John W. M. Loney, seconded by Mr W. T. Ketchen, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer.