

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND SESSION, 1941-1942

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 29th November 1941.

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

William Angus and James S. Richardson 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.*

ALEXANDER O. CURLE, C.V.O., LL.D.  
Rev. WILLIAM BURNETT, B.D.  
Sheriff C. H. BROWN, K.C.

*Councillors.*

DAVID BAIRD SMITH, C.B.E., LL.D.	Emeritus Professor W. B. STEVENSON, D.Litt., D.D., LL.D.
Professor D. TALBOT RICE, M.A., B.Sc.	JOHN RICHARDSON, W.S.
IAN A. RICHMOND, M.A., F.S.A.	W. A. MUNRO, D.Litt.
REGINALD F. J. FAIRLIE, LL.D., R.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.	IAN G. LINDSAY.
	W. MACKAY MACKENZIE, M.A., D.Litt.

*Secretaries.*

DOUGLAS P. MACLAGAN, W.S. | ANGUS GRAHAM, M.A.  
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*For Foreign Correspondence.*

Professor V. GORDON CHILDE, D.Litt., | Professor W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D.,  
D.Sc., 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.*

W. DOUGLAS SIMPSON, M.A., D.Litt.

*Councillors ex-officio.*

The Hon. Sir HEW H. DALRYMPLE, K.C.V.O., } *Representing the Board of*  
KENNETH SANDERSON, W.S., } *Trustees.*

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: William Nicol McSkimming Armour, C.A.; Erling J. F. Clausen, F.R.G.S.; Robert D. S. Grant, M.A.(Edin.); Ronald L. Jay; Rev. Alexander Lamb, B.D.; David C. Marshall, C.A., F.R.S.A., Lieut. R.N.V.R.; Rev. McIntosh Mowat, B.L.; The Rt. Hon. Lord Normand, P.C., Lord Justice General; Robert Pringle Stewart; Harold Ellis Tomlinson, B.A.(Hons.), F.F.T.Com.

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased since the last Annual Meeting:—

Sir Arthur John Evans, D.C.L., *Honorary Fellow*; John Fraser, *Corresponding Member*; Major John Hamilton Anderson; Major Robert Douglas Anderson; John M. Barr; William Brook; Sheriff J. R. Wardlaw Burnet, K.C.; Alexander M. Cowie, M.B., C.M.; Arthur Foulkes-Roberts; Rev. James Bryce Gordon; The Very Rev. K. M. Sutherland Graeme; Rev. J. King Hewison, D.D.; John A. Inglis, K.C., King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer; Quentin H. I. Irvine; John M. Lamont, O.B.E., LL.D.; Leonard C. C. Lindsay; Rev. Robert McElney, M.A.; Thomas McGrouther; P. T. Mackintosh, W.S.; George G. Napier, M.A.; John H. Sinclair; Robert Thin, M.B., C.M., LL.D.; Rev. Herbert A. Whitelaw; Thomas E. Young, W.S.; Thomas Yule, W.S.

The Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society for the year ending 30th November 1941:—

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council herewith submit to the Fellows of the Society their Report for the year ending 30th November 1941.

<i>Fellowship</i> .—The total number of Fellows on the roll at	
30th November 1940 was . . . . .	949
At 30th November 1941 the number was . . . . .	919
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being a decrease of . . . . .	30

During the year the names of 11 new Fellows were added to the roll, while 23 died, 13 resigned, and 5 allowed their membership to lapse. Under present conditions it is inevitable that new applications for Fellowship should show a considerable falling off as compared with those of previous years, and that there should also be a number of resignations. To counteract this, the Council hope that Fellows will do what they can to lay before their friends the advantages of joining the Society.

Among the Fellows who have died in the course of the year, the Council desire to make particular reference to Mr Thomas Yule. In addition to his long period of service on the Council, Mr Yule was a most generous donor and was never appealed to in vain for the means necessary for the purchase of an object for the Museum or of a book for the Library.

*Proceedings*.—Volume LXXV. of the *Proceedings* is in the press, and no advance copy is available for inspection. It contains 11 papers dealing with prehistoric, mediæval, and post-mediæval subjects, together with a number of Notes, mostly concerned with reports on sporadic finds of prehistoric objects.

*The Museum*.—The number of relics added to the Museum during the year amounted to 101 by donation and 1 acquired through The King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.

Owing to the war the scientific excavation of archæological sites, whether by the Society or by the Ministry of Public Works and Buildings, has practically ceased, and during the year sites have only been examined in cases where this was urgently necessary for the purpose of recording structural features and the preservation of any relics that might be found before the sites were destroyed. It is largely on this account, and also because the Museum still remains closed to the public, that the number of acquisitions has fallen off.

A number of important additions have, however, been made to the Bronze Age Collection. A food-vessel urn found in a cist at Skateraw, East Lothian, was presented by Mr D. L. Bowes; and several pieces of cinerary urns and flint implements, found on the estate of Balnamoon, Balrownie, Brechin, were presented by Lt.-Col. W. B. Carnegy-Arbuthnott, F.S.A.Scot.

Relics from the excavation of a "Wag" near Forse, Caithness, and its associated dwelling, by Dr A. O. Curle, the first to be obtained from such a site, were presented by Captain W. Baird of Forse.

Among objects belonging to later periods, an early seventeenth-century slipped-in-the-stalk silver spoon, found at Kirkhope Tower, Selkirkshire, was presented by Mrs Macmillan, and a further donation of Communion Tokens has been made by Mr A. S. Kinloch Paul.

*The Library.*—The Library has remained open throughout the year and has been used for reference by Fellows and by members of the general public. Only 23 books have been acquired by donation, and 4 by purchase. The number obtained by exchange with societies has been much reduced, and fewer volumes than usual have been bound owing to the reduction of the grant for this purpose.

*Rhind Lectureship.*—The Rhind Lectures for 1941 were delivered by Dr W. Douglas Simpson, his subject being “The Province of Mar.” It is hoped that Dr W. C. Dickinson, who was appointed Rhind Lecturer for 1940, will be able to deliver his course of lectures some time next year, the subject being “The Jurisdictions of Mediæval Scotland.” Notification will be made to Fellows in due course.

*The Gunning Fellowship.*—No award was made for 1941.

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

(Signed) ALEX. O. CURLE,  
*Vice-President.*

Dr James MacLehose moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was seconded by Dr W. Mackay Mackenzie.

The Accounts of the Society for the year 1939-40, which had been circulated amongst the Fellows, were unanimously approved.

Professor Stevenson moved the adoption of the Accounts and Mr John Richardson seconded the motion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer.