

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION, 1943-1944

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1943.

W. MACKAY MACKENZIE, M.A., D.Litt., H.R.S.A.,
Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr George Mackay and Mr F. T. Macleod 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:—

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A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: Stephen Charles de Lancey Aitchison; Henry Frederick Ashton, J.P.; Rev. James B. P. Bulloch, B.D.; James Russell Crawford; John Donald, L.I.O.B.; James Fletcher, J.P.; R. I. Greenblatt, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S.Glas.; D. G. Henderson; Edward Henderson; Walter R. Humphries, M.A.(Hons.); Pastor M. C. S. Johnston; Lt.-Col. Harold Andrew Balvaird Lawson; Peter Neil McFarlane, F.R.S.E.; Rev. John Macintyre, M.A., B.D.; William J. Mackay; F. Severne Mackenna, M.A., M.B.; Duncan Macpherson; D. Kenneth Mills; Captain George Ness, L.D.S., R.F.P.S.(Glas.); William Thomas Palmer, F.R.G.S.; Geoffrey Martin Rhodes, B.A.(Oxon.), LL.B.; Miss Marsali Ross, M.A.; Frank Russell; Ian Robert Russell, M.A.(Hons. Hist.); William McNab Stark; John Sommerville; A. Clark Stephenson, M.B., Ch.B.; William Watt, C.E.

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased since the last Annual Meeting: *Honorary Fellows*—Professor Marcellin Boule; Mrs Arthur Strong, C.B.E., M.A., LL.D., Litt.D., F.S.A. *Corresponding Member*—David Tait. *Fellows*—The Countess Vincent Baillet de Latour; Captain Robert Greenhill Black, late I.A.; Rev. F. Odo Blundell; William Brough; Robert Lockhart Bryden; Rev. John A. Cameron, M.A., B.D., Hon. C.F.; John Douglas Boswell Campbell, W.S.; Alfred W. Cox; Thomas Crockett, M.A., D.Litt.; Hugh Davidson; Arthur Hope Drummond Dixon; Colonel George Henry Edington, T.D., D.L., M.D., D.Sc., F.F.P.S.; John T. Ewen, O.B.E., B.Sc., F.R.S.E.; Thomas Wilson Fish, J.P., M.Inst.N.A.; John Hamilton; Walter B. Harris; John Reid Hewison; James Hoult, F.R.Hist.S.; Thomas Maule Guthrie; William Ingram, K.C., D.F.C.; Captain William Henry Knowles, F.S.A.; P. A. Leitch, M.Inst.C.E.; Gordon Nasmyth Mackintosh; James McLintock, J.P.; Rev. Thomas Miller; George Duncan Paterson; Miss H. M. Leslie Paterson; John Robertson, J.P.; Kenneth Sanderson, W.S.; William B. Shaw, F.R.Hist.Soc.; Thomas H. Vale; Professor S. P. Varma; W. Percival Westell, F.L.S., F.R.S.A.; Rev. S. Gordon F. Wilson.

The Secretary read the following Report by the Council on the affairs of the Society:—

The Council beg to submit to the Fellows of the Society their Report for the year ending 30th November 1943.

<i>Fellowship.</i> —The total number of Fellows on the Roll at 30th November 1942 was	887
At 30th November 1943 the number was	846
being a decrease of	41

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 22, while 34 died, 9 resigned, and 20 allowed their membership to lapse. Considering the times through which we are passing, it is a cause for congratulation that the number of Fellows should be so well maintained.

Proceedings.—Volume LXXVII of the *Proceedings* is in the press. It contains 8 papers dealing with subjects dating from prehistoric to post-mediæval times, together with a number of Notes reporting finds of archæological interest and importance.

The Museum.—The number of acquisitions during the year was 366, of which 363 were donations and 3 were purchases. The outstanding additions assignable to early periods are a stone axe of quartzite found at Nearhouse, Orkney, and presented by Mr Walter G. Grant, F.S.A.Scot.; a polished axe of porphyritic greenstone from Berwickshire, presented by Mr R. H. Dodds; a beaker urn of clay found in a cist at Boghead Farm, Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire, given by Mrs Helen Simpson, Moss-side, Rathen; and an encrusted cinerary urn found at Melgund Muir, Aberlemno, Angus, presented by Mr Stewart A. Smith. Relics from a late Viking house at Freswick Links, excavated by Professor V. G. Childe, were donated by Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair, G.C.B.; and a socketed spear-head of iron, of Viking type, from North Uist, by Mr George Beveridge.

The majority of the objects acquired by donation during the past year belong to a late period, and the most important is a bequest of six early Scottish silver spoons by Mr George Henderson. A collection of over three hundred Communion Tokens was presented by Mrs Goalen, and a leaden bulla of Pope Honorius III, found near Inchaffray Abbey, by Mr C. S. T. Calder, F.S.A.Scot.

Some interesting by-gones were given, and these included an eighteenth-century sampler; a "minishing" glass, also of the eighteenth century; two archery scoring-cards, in use about a hundred years ago, and a "pricker" for marking the cards, presented by Miss Maria Stewart; a military gorget of the time of George I, presented by Mr James S. Richardson, F.S.A.Scot.; and fishing tackle, comprising landing-nets with

whalebone frames, fishing reels, horse-hair lines, and books of salmon flies, in use about 1870, presented by Sheriff Brown, F.S.A.Scot.

The Library.—Additions to the Library amounted to 26 volumes acquired by donation and 4 by purchase.

Exchange of publications is still maintained with Allied and neutral countries, although occasionally with some difficulty.

The blocks in possession of the Society have recently been re-arranged, four new cases having been acquired for this purpose.

Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1943 were given by our Honorary Fellow, Mr O. G. S. Crawford, F.S.A., his subject being "The Topography of Roman Scotland." The lectures for 1944 are to be given by Professor V. G. Childe on a subject connected with Prehistoric Scotland.

The Gunning Fellowship.—No award was made for 1943.

The Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—This prize was not advertised.

(Signed) W. MACKAY MACKENZIE,
Vice-President.

Dr Alexander O. Curle moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was seconded by Mr W. G. C. Hanna, O.B.E., C.A.

It was also moved by Mr James S. Richardson and seconded by Mr W. G. C. Hanna that representation should be made to the proper authorities with a view to having the St Andrew's flag flown from all Government buildings in Scotland on Saint Andrew's Day. The suggestion met with the unanimous approval of the meeting.

Dr Alexander O. Curle proposed a vote of thanks to Professor V. G. Childe for the valuable work he had done for the Society and as Editor of the *Proceedings*. This was seconded by Mr James S. Richardson, and the meeting thereupon accorded a hearty vote of thanks to Professor Childe.

Professor Childe thanked the meeting for their kind appreciation of his services and said the Society was equally indebted to the members of the Editorial Committee who must remain anonymous.