

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION, 1944-1945

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1944.

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

Mr Thomas Innes of Learney and Mr John W. M. Loney 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., D.L.

Vice-Presidents.

Sir FRANCIS J. GRANT, K.C.V.O., LL.D., Lord Lyon King of Arms.
WILLIAM ANGUS.
J. M. DAVIDSON, O.B.E., F.C.I.S.

Councillors.

The Hon. Sir HEW H. DALRYMPLE, K.C.V.O., H.R.S.A., *Representing the Board of Trustees.*

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THOMAS INNES OF LEARNEY, Albany Herald.	DAVID RUSSELL, LL.D.
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	Brigadier-General E. CRAIG-BROWN, D.S.O.

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Secretaries.

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

For Foreign Correspondence.

Professor V. GORDON CHILDE, D.Litt., D.Sc., F.B.A., V.-P.S.A.		Professor W. M. CALDER, M.A., LL.D., F.B.A.
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Treasurer.

J. BOLAM JOHNSON, C.A.

Curators of the Museum.

JAMES S. RICHARDSON. | IAN A. RICHMOND, M.A., F.S.A.

Curator of Coins.

ROBERT KERR, M.A.

Librarian.

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

A Ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows: James Farquharson MacLaren Anderson, Lieut., R.N.R.; James Michie Mavor Anderson; Charles Begg; John Bremner; George Watson Campbell; Walter T. Currie, M.A.; Will Grant; Alexander L. Gray; Rev. Douglas McNeill Livingstone, M.A.(Hons.), Squadron-Leader (Chaplain), Royal Air Force; William L. McAdam, M.B., Ch.B.; Rev. Archibald MacFadyen; Charles William Macfarlane, Ph.C.; James McIntyre, F.S.A.; A. Roy Maddock; Miss Elizabeth Margaret Mein, B.L.; James Milne; Robert Brand Oliphant; Alexander Redford; Charles Thomson Reid, M.A., LL.B., W.S.; R. C. Reid; B. H. Sumner, M.A., F.R.Hist.S.; Donald Waters; George Watson, M.A.

The Secretary read the following List of Members deceased since the last Anniversary Meeting: John Bannerman; William Chamney, J.P.; Emeritus Professor A. B. Clark, M.A., LL.D.; J. Storer Clouston, O.B.E.; The Right Hon. Lord Clyde, P.C., K.C., LL.D.; Professor R. G. Collingwood, M.A., LL.D., F.S.A.; John Craigie; William M. Crooks, J.P.; James Curle, LL.D., F.S.A., Vice-President; Loudon M. Douglas, F.R.S.E.; Arthur J. H. Edwards, Director of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland; Kenneth C. Ferguson; W. J. Gibson, C.B.E.; Thomas Mathieson Halliday; Sir Robert W. Hamilton, Kt., F.R.G.S.; J. Stanley Holmes; Rev. Alexander R. Howell, M.A.; George F. Hoy; Robert Hyslop, F.R.Hist.S.; Alan Inglis; Donald H. Jones; James Leitch; Robert Little, R.W.S.; John McCaskill, J.P.; Walter T. McIntire, B.A.; John McIntosh, M.A.; William Macintosh; James MacLehose, M.A., LL.D., F.S.A.; Alexander N. McLeod; Rev. Malcolm MacNeill; Mrs Mildred E. Maitland; William Marshall; W. D. Graham Menzies; Rev. Thomas D. Meredith, M.A.; Frank Miller; William H. Morrison; Joseph H. Murray; Robert C. Nesbitt; Alfred W. Oke, B.A., F.L.S.; William B. Rankin; G. Guthrie Roger, M.A., B.Sc.; Joseph Skelton; Rev. John Stirton, C.V.O., M.A., D.D.; George W. Stronach; James Thomson; William Traill, C.E., J.P.; Ninian Walker; William Wolfenden, J.P.

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

The Council herewith submits to the Fellows of the Society its Report for the year ending 30th November 1944.

Fellowship.—The total number of Fellows on the Roll at
 30th November 1943 was 840
 At 30th November 1944 the number was 809

being a decrease of 31

The number of new Fellows added to the roll during the year was 39, while 48 died, 3 resigned, and 19 allowed their membership to lapse.

It is with particular regret that we record the deaths of Dr James Curle, one of our most distinguished Fellows, and of Mr A. J. H. Edwards, Director of the Museum since 1938. A biographical note on Dr Curle is being prepared by Mr I. A. Richmond, and an appreciation of Mr Edwards's work for the Society and the Museum by Professor V. G. Childe. These will be printed in the *Proceedings*.

Proceedings.—No advance copy of Volume LXXVIII is yet available for exhibition. This volume will contain eight papers, four of which deal with the prehistoric periods and four with mediæval and later times. There are also several notes on new discoveries.

The Museum.—On 26th July through the sudden and greatly deplored death of Mr Arthur J. H. Edwards, referred to elsewhere in this Report, the Museum was deprived of its head, while the Keeper is still on active service. Pending the meeting of Council, Dr A. O. Curle, at considerable personal inconvenience, took charge. The Council on 2nd August recommended the appointment of Professor V. G. Childe as Interim Honorary Director, and Mr J. S. Richardson undertook the supervision of the Museum pending that appointment. Professor V. G. Childe was appointed Interim Honorary Director on 1st September pending a permanent salaried appointment.

Cordial thanks are due to those gentlemen for their ready help in this emergency.

During the past year 667 objects have been added to the collection as donations and 3 have been purchased. Micro-burins from Culbin Sands illustrate a significant extension of this mesolithic type fossil, which was discussed by the donor, Mr A. D. Lacaille, in a recent paper in the *Proceedings*. Other noteworthy additions to the prehistoric collections include a handsome Beaker Urn from West Fenton, Drem, presented by Mr John A. Morrison.

The collections representative of later periods have been signally enriched by 621 Communion Tokens from the collection of the late Alfred W. Cox, presented by Mr E. W. M. Cox; a Playing Piece of cetacean bone decorated with interlacing patterns found by Dr and Mrs Clark in a cave on the island of Rhum, and presented by Lady Monica Bullough; and a fragment of a carved sandstone panel that about 1670 formed part of the interior decoration of "Laird" Giffard's House at West Linton, and has been presented by Mr J. R. Lockie, F.S.A.Scot. A handsomely carved wooden Toddy-bowl from Caithness, gifted by Mr T. Barlow, a horn beard-comb donated by Dr W. Douglas Simpson, and a witch's "Cursing-bone," consisting of a peat-stained deer's marrow-bone fixed in a ring of bog oak and formerly the property of a reputed witch in Glen Shira, which has now been presented by Miss Helen J. Warwick of Fochabers, form noteworthy enlargements of the collection of bygones.

By the Will of Angus Roderick Macdonald, 23rd Chief and Captain of Clanranald, who died on 17th March 1944, the Museum has become the proprietor of the exceedingly valuable collection of Jacobite and Family Relics deposited in the Museum by the Testator, supplemented by additional specimens through the courtesy of Mrs Macdonald of Clanranald and Mr S. H. Easterbrook, the executors.

The Library.—The Library has remained open throughout the year and, although the ban on the lending of books had to be kept in force until October, it has been made use of both by Fellows of the Society and by the general public. The ban has now been lifted, and books may be borrowed from the Library under the conditions obtaining before the 3rd September 1939. The Library has acquired 73 volumes by donation and 4 by purchase, the number of publications received by exchange with or by subscription to learned Societies remaining small owing to war conditions. Rebinding and repairs have been kept up to the extent permitted by reduced funds and increased prices.

Rhind Lectureship.—The Rhind Lectures for 1944 were given by our Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, Professor V. G. Childe, D.Litt., D.Sc., F.B.A., V.-P.S.A., his subject being "The Development of Tribal Society in Scotland." The lectures for 1945 are to be given by Dr W. Mackay Mackenzie on "The Scottish Burghs."

The Gunning Fellowship.—No award was made for 1944.

The Chalmers-Jervise Prize.—This prize was not advertised in 1944.

FRANCIS J. GRANT,

Vice-President.

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Mr John W. M. Loney moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was seconded by Mr W. T. Ketchen.

The Accounts of the Society for the year 1942-43, which had been circulated amongst the Fellows, were unanimously approved.

Mr William Angus moved the adoption of the Accounts and Professor W. C. Dickinson seconded the motion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer.