

SIR JOHN STIRLING MAXWELL OF POLLOK, Br., K.T.

Sir John Stirling Maxwell died on 30th May 1956, within a week of his ninetieth birthday. He was then the Society's senior Fellow, having been elected in 1892. He had served as an ordinary Councillor from 1904 to 1907, and as one of the Board of Trustees' representatives on the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland from 1907 to 1910 and again in 1946. On the death of Sir George Macdonald in 1940 he was elected President, and carried out the duties of that office until 1945, regularly presiding at meetings of the Council in spite of an almost total physical disablement.

Sir John's activities and interests covered so wide a field that a review of his career as a whole would outrun the scope of these *Proceedings*. His achievements have, moreover, already been worthily recorded both by the nation's press and also by a number of societies and organisations which, like our own Society, have enjoyed his friendship and support and have known, in particular, what he did for the preservation of historic and beautiful buildings in Scotland.

It will therefore be best, in this place, simply to recall, with grateful respect and regret, his interest in the Society's work and the example of his unselfish courage.

¹ *P.P.S.*, 1938, 82.

² *Ibid.*, 1958, 83-84.

³ *Ibid.*, 1953, 170. The row of dashes along the sides of the lenticular bosses are less regular than shown in *P.S.A.S.*, xxxv, 270, fig. 3, and are not on the outside of the end one: they were evidently accidentally made by the chasing tool while hatching.