

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION, 1854-55.  
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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, *November* 30, 1854.

THE REV. WILLIAM STEVENSON, D.D., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

The Office-Bearers for the Session were elected as follows :—

President.

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF BREADALBANE, K.T.

Vice-Presidents.

WILLIAM FORBES SKENE, Esq.
REV. W. LINDSAY ALEXANDER, D.D.
ARCHIBALD T. BOYLE, Esq.

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THOMAS A. WISE, M.D.
GEORGE SETON, Esq.
REV. WILLIAM STEVENSON, D.D.
RICHARD HUIE, M.D.
PROFESSOR J. Y. SIMPSON, M.D.
JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., R.S.A.

Secretaries.

JOHN STUART, Esq., General Register House.
 JOHN ALEXANDER SMITH, M.D.
 DAVID LAING, Esq. } for Foreign Correspondence.
 JOHN M. MITCHELL, Esq. }

Treasurer.

THOMAS B. JOHNSTON, Esq.

Curators of the Museum.

ROBERT FRAZER, Esq. ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, Esq., A.R.S.A.

Librarian and Curator of Coins.

WILLIAM HENRY SCOTT, M.D.

Assistant Librarian.

MR WILLIAM T. M'CULLOCH.

Auditors.

ROBERT COX, Esq. ROBERT CHAMBERS, Esq.

On the motion of Mr LAING, the thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., R.S.A., on his resigning the office of a Curator, for his efficient services during a period of three years ; and to ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, Esq., for undertaking the duties of Secretary during the past Session.

In the Address from the Chair, the Vice-President referred briefly to the state and prospects of the Society ; and as customary at the Anniversary Meeting, he read the names of the Members deceased during the past year, alluding in a more especial manner to the Rev. Dr BRUNTON and to Mr CHALMERS of Aldbar. The latter gentleman, although not many years one of their associates, and but recently elected a Vice-President, had signalized himself as a liberal patron of Archæological pursuits, and his name will remain in connexion with the earliest attempt on a large scale to illustrate the ancient Sculptured Monuments of the county of Angus, as a

munificent contribution to the members of the Bannatyne Club. At the same time, Dr STEVENSON expressed a hope that the acquisition of new Members might in some measure compensate for the losses which the Society had sustained. In adverting to the changes which had been made in the regulations for admitting the public to the Museum, he stated, as the result of these alterations, that the number of visitors for the past year amounted to 22,326, or more than double the number of any former year.

The following is a list of Fellows of the Society recently deceased, or omitted to be inserted in the last Report in the Proceedings :—

Honorary Member.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SAXONY.

Fellows of the Society.

The Reverend ALEXANDER BRUNTON, D.D., one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, and Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Languages in the University. Elected in 1813, and held the office of Foreign Secretary since the year 1813.

PATRICK CHALMERS of Aldbar, Esq. Elected in 1846, and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society.

WILLIAM MURRAY of Henderland, Esq. Elected in 1847.

GEORGE ROBERTSON, Esq., one of the Deputy Keepers of the Public Records of Scotland. Elected in 1830.

The Right Hon. JAMES BARON RUTHVEN. Elected in 1828.

ROBERT SCOTT MONCREIFF WELLWOOD of Pitliver, Esq. Elected in 1806, and filled the office of Treasurer from 1808 to 1825.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of the Candidates who had been proposed for admission.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND,
as a Peer of the Realm, was admitted without ballot; and

GEORGE ANDERSON, Esq., Inverness, and
JOSEPH ROBERTSON, Esq., General Register House,
were balloted for, and duly elected as Fellows.

The Donations to the Museum and Library during the recess were exhibited, and will be detailed at the subsequent Meetings.

The thanks of the Society having been voted to the Rev. Dr STEVENSON for his conduct while Vice-President, and for presiding on the present occasion, the Meeting adjourned to Monday the 11th of December.

December 11, 1854.

THE REV. WILLIAM LINDSAY ALEXANDER, D.D.,
Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen having been duly recommended as candidates, were balloted for, and admitted Fellows of the Society.

JOHN RUSSELL, Esq.
FRANCIS ROBERT NEILSON, Esq.
JAMES CRUICKSHANKS ROGER, Esq.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were exhibited, and the thanks of the Society moved to the several donors.

A large Urn of Stone, and several broken fragments of a rude clay urn, found in a barrow near the Standing Stones of Stennis, Orkney: by JAMES FARRER, Esq., M.P. The stone urn is somewhat irregular in its shape, measuring $19\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and $22\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter at the mouth. It contained a quantity of calcined human bones. (See Plate II.)

Collection of Stone Vessels and Implements of Bone, found in a Pict's House, Island of Burray, Orkney: by JAMES FARRER, Esq., M.P.

Flint Arrow-Head and Stone Hammer, from the United States: by ALEX. CRAIG, Esq.

Oak Cabinet, richly carved, from the Priory, Pittenweem: by the Right Rev. DAVID LOW, D.D., of the Scottish Episcopal Church

of Scotland. The carved doors of this cabinet were discovered at Pittenweem in 1829; and are described and figured in the *Archæologia Scotica*, Vol. III. p. 309, Plate XI. No. 2.

Selections from the Family Papers preserved at Caldwell. 3 vols. 4to: by Colonel MURE of Caldwell. Printed for the Maitland Club.

Mémoires de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie, Vol. XX. Part 2: by the Society.

Archæologia, Vol. XXXV. Part 2. Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries, London, and List of the Members: by the Society.

The following Communications were read :—