

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD SESSION, 1912-1913.

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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1912.

PROFESSOR THOMAS H. BRYCE, Vice-President,  
in the Chair.

Sir James Balfour Paul and Mr James Curle, W.S., were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for the election of 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.*

The Right Hon. Sir HERBERT E. MAXWELL, Bart., LL.D., D.C.L.

*Vice-Presidents.*

Professor THOMAS H. BRYCE, M.D.

The Hon. LORD GUTHRIE.

W. T. OLDRIEVE, F.R.I.B.A.

*Councillors.*

JOHN R. FINDLAY,	} <i>Representing</i> <i>the Board</i> <i>of Trustees.</i>	FRANCIS C. EELES.
The Hon. HEW H. DALRYMPLE.		The Most Hon. THE MARQUIS OF BUTE.
Sir KENNETH J. MACKENZIE, Bart., <i>Representing the Treasury.</i>		WILLIAM MOIR BRYCE.
THOMAS ROSS, LL.D.		ROBERT DE CARDONNÉL FINDLAY.
Professor G. BALDWIN BROWN.		ERSKINE BEVERIDGE, LL.D.
		ANDREW HENDERSON BISHOP.
		NEIL J. K. COCHRAN-PATRICK.

*Secretaries.*

ALEXANDER O. CURLE, W.S. | ROBERT SCOTT-MONCRIEFF, W.S.

*For Foreign Correspondence.*

Rev. Professor A. H. SAYCE, M.A., LL.D., D.D., | J. MAITLAND THOMSON, LL.D.

*Treasurer.*

JOHN NOTMAN, F.F.A., 28 St Andrew Square.

*Curators of the Museum.*

JAMES CURLE, W.S. | J. GRAHAM CALLANDER.

*Curator of Coins.*

GEORGE MACDONALD, M.A., LL.D.

*Librarian.*

W. K. DICKSON, LL.D.

A Ballot having been taken, the following were duly elected Fellows :—

CLEMENT ARMSTRONG, Eskholm, Langholm.  
VINCENT CONNELL BRUCE, B.A. (Oxon.), of Longside and Inverquhomery, 8 Ainslie Place.  
Miss VIOLET M. CASSELS, Juniper Hill, Rickmansworth, Herts.  
HUGH W. DRUMMOND, Hawthornden, Lasswade.  
EDWARD EWART, M.D., Ch.B., of Broadgates, Gullane.  
HUGH S. GLADSTONE, M.A., F.R.S.E., Capenoch, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.  
ROBERT HYSLOP, 5 Bellevue Crescent, Sunderland.  
CHARLES KING, 21 Newton Place, Glasgow.

Rev. JAMES KING, St Mary's Vicarage, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
 RICHARD QUICK, Superintendent of the Art Gallery and Museum, Bristol.  
 Rev. HENRY GUY SCLATER, 20 Brandon Avenue, Gallatown, Kirkcaldy.  
 DAVID STEVENSON, Firenze, 93 Trinity Road.  
 Rev. W. B. ROBERTSON WILSON, Minister Emeritus of Dollar U.F. Church,  
 Strathdevon, Dollar.  
 WILLIAM J. WATSON, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.E., Rector of Edinburgh High  
 School, 17 Merchiston Avenue.  
 THOMAS YULE, W.S., 16 East Claremont Street.

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

*Corresponding Members.*

	Elected
ALEXANDER A. CARMICHAEL, LL.D. . . . .	1870
Rev. ANGUS MACKAY, Westerdale Manse, Halkirk, Caithness, . . . . .	1908
Rev. DAVID LANDSBOROUGH, LL.D., Henderson U.F. Church, Kil- marnock, . . . . .	1889

*Fellows.*

CHARLES M. ANDERSON, Gardenhurst, Prestwich, Manchester, . . . . .	1884
JOHN ALEXANDER BALFOUR, F.R. Hist. Soc., Kelvindare, Kelvinside, Glasgow, . . . . .	1908
JAMES BARBOUR, Architect, St Christopher's, Dumfries, . . . . .	1896
ALEXANDER BOGIE, Manager of the Commercial Bank, 48 Lauder Road, Edinburgh, . . . . .	1887
Rev. R. BORLAND, D.D., Manse of Yarrow, Selkirkshire, . . . . .	1898
JOHN BROUN BROUN-MORISON, of Murie and Finderlie, Murie House, Errol, . . . . .	1878
DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D., LL.D., 20 Magdala Crescent, Edinburgh, . . . . .	1882
Rev. JAMES MYLES CROMBIE, The Manse, Cote des Neiges, Montreal, Canada, . . . . .	1889
Lieut.-Col. KENNETH MACKENZIE DOWNIE, M.D., Pentland Cottage, Colinton, . . . . .	1895
JOHN SMITH GIBB, 8 Cobden Crescent, Edinburgh, . . . . .	1877
T. WATSON GREIG, of Glencarse, Perthshire, . . . . .	1886
Rev. W. MASON INGLIS, M.A., Minister of Auchterhouse, . . . . .	1887
ANDREW LANG, M.A., LL.D., D.C.L., 1 Marloes Road, Kensington, London, . . . . .	1900

REV. ROBERT LOGAN, Woodlands, Moffat, . . . . .	1910
ÆNEAS J. G. MACKAY, K.C., LL.D., 7 Albyn Place, Edinburgh, . . . . .	1876
JOHN ANDERSON MACLEAN, Union Bank House, Forfar, . . . . .	1896
WILLIAM WATSON, Dep.-Surgeon-General, The Lea, Corstorphine, . . . . .	1893
WILLIAM LAURENCE YOUNG, Belvidere, Auchterarder, . . . . .	1891

The meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society had sustained in the deaths of these Members.

Mr R. Scott-Moncrieff, *Secretary*, read the following Report by the Secretaries on the progress and work of the Society for the past year :—

<i>Membership.</i> —The total number of Members on the roll at 30th November 1911, as finally adjusted, was . . . . .	730
At 30th November 1912 . . . . .	730
thus showing neither an increase or decrease.	

Thirty-six New Fellows were added to the Roll, while 19 died, 6 resigned, and 11 allowed their membership to lapse.

*Proceedings.*—An advance copy of the Proceedings for the past year is on the table, and we may turn to it for an estimate of the progress which the Society is making. A mere statement of the number of papers or pages in the volume will not necessarily help us to that end, but it is satisfactory to note that the 30 papers it contains are 2 in excess of the number of the previous year.

We are entering on our 133rd Session. Our age grows venerable, but our vigour is not impaired. For the last forty-seven years we have published a thick annual volume of *Proceedings*, and, in addition, we had previously published five volumes of *Archæologia Scotica*. Notwithstanding this constant drain on our supply of archæological matter, it is a subject for congratulation to note that among the communica-

tions of last session there are no less than seven dealing with subjects of research new to the Society. A paper on ancient bridges treats of a subject which has waited long for its exponent; the records of the corporation of Surgeons and Barbers in Edinburgh have been unearthed from their strong-box and remind us of the almost forgotten relationship between the noblest of the professions and a less exalted calling. The subject of watch-houses, mort-safes, and vaults, not hitherto treated of, takes us back to the days of the body-snatchers, and enlightens us on the remarkable expedients employed to prevent the rifling of graves. As the objects dealt with in this paper are barely a century old, we have here a subject but newly ripened for our consideration. The pirlie pigs, the earthenware money boxes of onion shape much in vogue in the sixteenth century, have been brought into notice; and a paper on kayaks, with special reference to the specimen preserved in the Anthropological Museum of Aberdeen, which was taken with its occupant somewhere about the beginning of the eighteenth century, also goes deeply into a subject fresh to us here. We have on record also in this volume the first discovery of mediæval relics on a mote hill, and the account of the first excavation of one of the recently noted galleried structures of Caithness. Of fresh information on old subjects and further records of varieties whereof the types are already known—such as churchyard memorials of various periods—there is no lack. Lastly, we would direct attention to the first published essay in the Chalmers-Jervise Essay Competition, entitled “Some Shetland Brochs and Standing Stones,” contributed by Miss Elizabeth Stout, Hamnavoe, Burra Isle, Shetland.

*Excavation.*—No particular excavation was undertaken by the Society last session; but the excavation of the Roman fort of Cappuck in Roxburghshire, conducted by Mr G. H. Stevenson, M.A., University College, Oxford, and Mr E. N. Miller, M.A., Lecturer in Roman History, Glasgow University, by means of a grant from the Carnegie Trust,

has been brought to completion, and the report will appear in the forthcoming volume.

Arrangements have been made with the proprietor for the excavation of the Roman fort on the Antonine vallum, situated at Mumrils, near Falkirk, and some preliminary research is being undertaken, but, owing to the condition of the cropping of the land, the thorough excavation of the site must be postponed for some time yet. Excavation of another fort on the vallum is at present being undertaken by the Glasgow Archæological Society at Balmulie, with interesting results.

*The Rhind Lectureship.*—The Rhind Lecturer for the past session was the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, Bart., President of the Society, and his lectures, “The Early Chronicles relating to Scotland,” have already been published. The lecturer for this year is Dr George Neilson, LL.D., whose subject is “Some Aspects of Scottish Feudalism.”

*The Museum.*—The additions to the Museum during the year ending 30th November 1912 have been 341 by donation and 64 by purchase. The additions to the library have been 179 books and pamphlets by donation and 35 by purchase, and the binding of 90 volumes has been proceeded with. Three of the donations to the Museum call for special mention, viz., two collections from North Uist, one consisting of 64 objects presented by Sir Campbell Orde, Bart., of Kilmory and North Uist, and the other of 162 objects presented by Dr Erskine Beveridge of Vallay, North Uist; and the ornamented hammer of hornstone presented by the Marquis of Bute. Of the two collections it need only be said that they are as valuable and interesting as they are large in number. The hammer calls for a few more words. It is one of four known examples of this kind of work, and with one exception it is the finest. The Society had long

known of its existence, and had for some time been in hopes of acquiring it. It was more than a disappointment, therefore, when a paragraph in the *Scotsman* announced its sale in London at the price of a hundred guineas. Fortunately for the Society, the purchaser proved to be the Marquis of Bute, who, on learning the circumstances, with conspicuous generosity presented it to the National collection.

At the last general meeting, a motion was made by the Chairman that "It be remitted to the Council to appoint a General Committee to consider whether any means should be taken to improve the welfare of the Society by making its meetings more attractive, and, if so, to suggest what these means should be. Also to consider whether it is possible to alter the date of the Annual General Meeting for the reason of its coincidence with so many other gatherings on St Andrew's Day." The Council accordingly appointed a Committee consisting of Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr W. K. Dickson, Dr Macdonald, Sir James Balfour Paul, and R. Scott-Moncrieff and A. O. Curle, Secretaries, who, having met and considered the matter, reported to the Council on 20th February as follows: "That there is no statutory impediment to the alteration of the date of the Annual Meeting and recommend the proposal to the Council for their consideration; further, that the most suitable innovation in the proceedings at the Annual General Meeting to render it more attractive would be the delivery of an address." The Council, after giving the matter due consideration, resolved to adhere to the statutory day of the Annual General Meeting, at which the President might be asked to deliver an address.

*Assistant Keeper of the Museum.*—The post of Assistant Keeper, which remained vacant for some time while endeavours were being made to procure an officer who had the benefit of Museum experience, has now been filled by the selection of Mr A. J. H. Edwards, who for a number of years has been on the staff of the Royal Scottish Museum.

*The Library.*—A card catalogue has been in preparation for some time, and its completion should not now be long delayed. It is believed that it will be of much service to Fellows making use of the library. The whole library has been recently cleaned and the walls repainted, and similar treatment has been meted out to the adjoining gallery.

The Secretaries cannot conclude their Report without adverting to the death of Dr David Christison and to his many services to the Society. For seventeen years, from 1888 to 1905, Dr Christison acted as Secretary, and during that period gave ungrudgingly a very large portion of his time to the work of the Society, not only in the ordinary routine of the Secretaryship, but in supervising numerous important excavations on Roman as well as native sites, and writing the official reports of them. As Rhind Lecturer, in 1894, he delivered a course of Lectures on The Early Forts of Scotland, a subject to which he devoted many years of study. To his researches the Society will long remain indebted for plans and classifications of the prehistoric fortresses in many counties in Scotland. Though for some years previous to his death failing health prevented him from taking any part in our affairs, yet the impetus he gave to various branches of archæology has not lost its force, and its effect is recognisable in each succeeding session.

Mr John Notman, Treasurer, read a statement of the Society's Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members.



MONDAY, 9th December 1912.

MR W. T. OLDRIEVE, F.R.I.B.A., Vice-President,  
in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken,

ERIC STAIR KERR, 20 Napier Road,

was duly elected a Fellow of the Society.

The following purchases acquired by the Purchase Committee during the recess, 18th May to 30th November 1912, were exhibited :—

A collection of objects found about 5 feet under the surface on the site of an ancient structure, probably a Broch, on the links of Stacwick Bay, on the farm of Skail, Island of Sanday, Orkney, comprising :—

A Cup, 5 inches in height and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  in diameter, made from a cetacean vertebra; two Weaving Combs, 6 inches and  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length, of cetacean bone; a small Knife-handle of bone,  $2\frac{1}{8}$  inches in length, with part of the blade; a small tapering cylindrical Handle of bone, 2 inches in length, with part of a blade in it, and ornamented with incised patterns round the butt end; one of a set of oblong bone Dice,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in thickness, made from a sheep-shank bone, and marked by dots on the four sides with 3, 5, 4, 6; a small three-sided Crucible of clay,  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches deep and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches of a side at the mouth; pieces of Antler cut and fashioned into Implements; a large round stone Maul perforated for a handle; and pieces of coarse Pottery.

A collection of Stone Implements, Jet Beads, etc., from the neighbourhood of West Linton, comprising :—

A polished Stone Axe of dark marble-like stone,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length

by 3 inches across the cutting face and fully half an inch in thickness, found at Hillend, Penicuik; oval Pebble of whinstone,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches by 2 inches, with flattened ends and a groove round the middle, found at West Linton; similar Pebble of quartzite,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by  $1\frac{5}{8}$  inches, from the Glebe, West Linton; Pebble of reddish stone, perforated, probably for use as a charm stone, from West Linton; eight Beads of jet about 1 inch in diameter, circular in section; two flat Beads of jet 1 inch in diameter; oval flattish Pendant of jet,  $1\frac{3}{8}$  by  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches, perforated, with two lines crossing obliquely on the one face, and on the other three parallel lines; triangular Pendant of jet, perforated, and having two lines crossing obliquely on the one face, plain on the other; one doubly conical Bead and two triangular end-plates of a jet Necklace ornamented with a punctulated pattern, from the Yirdies, near Carnwath.

Polished Axe of felstone,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches across the cutting edge, from Culmore, Drummore, Wigtownshire, and two Arrow-heads of Flint from Torrs, Glenluce.

Large wedge-shaped Stone Axe,  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length, perforated, ornamented by incised lines on the sides and faces, found on Douglas Farm, Gretna.

Silver Finger-ring with projecting facets and on each facet one letter of the talismanic inscription—IHESVS . N.

Small-toothed comb of wood found in excavating in Leith Walk.

Small Bronze Cup with flat everted lip, 2 inches in height by  $2\frac{1}{8}$  in diameter at the mouth, and 1 inch at the base, which is a raised circular moulding, with three concentric circles, incised, within the moulding, from Loch Kinord, Aberdeenshire.

Books for the Library :—

Beddoe's Races of Britain, and Anthropological History of Europe; Gibson's The Wardlaws in Scotland; Williams's Christianity in Early Britain; Luinsden's History of the Hammermen of Glasgow;

Professor W. M. Lindsay's Early Irish Minuscule Script and Early Welsh Script; Macnaught's Parish and Burgh of Kilmaurs; Marwick's Early Glasgow to the year 1611.

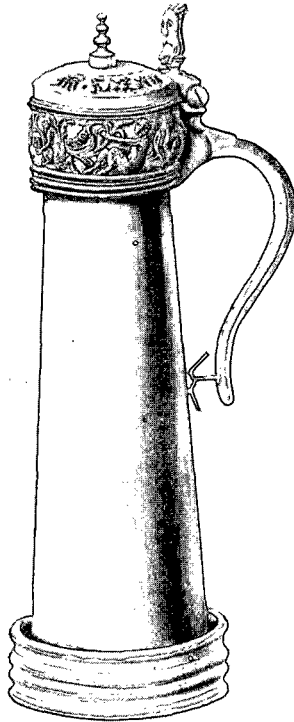


Fig. 1. Flagon of Pewter, 13 inches in height.

There was exhibited:—

By ROBERT ALLAN, Hunthill, Renfrewshire, a Flagon of Pewter (fig. 1), 13 inches high, with loop handle and ornamented brass top and hinged lid, inscribed in Gothic lettering **D.M.L.—MDXXVIII**. The lid, which is hinged to a collar of brass, with loop-handle

attached, is slightly domed, and has an ivory finial in the centre, and also a thumb-piece near the hinge, of ivory, carved into the similitude of a man's head. The collar is ornamented in relief with a band of figures of satyrs, and the bottom of the flagon is inserted into a base of brass with roll mouldings in relief.