Donations to and Purchases for the Museum, 1970–71

**Donations**

1. Surface finds from Kaimies Hill, Midlothian, including microliths; stone axehead fragment from Cairnpapple Hill, West Lothian; medieval sherds and lead disc from Cramond. By C Hoy, Edinburgh.
2-4. Stone axeheads: found near Airlie Castle, Angus, by J Jamieson, Lintrathen; from Mull, by John Campbell, Torgorm; from near Kintore, Aberdeenshire (of Antrim porcellanite), by Mrs Keith, St Andrews.
5. Finds from the excavation of a chambered cairn at Loch Nell, Argyll (NM 879267), by J A MacColl, Oban, through Dr J N G Ritchie, FSA SCOT.
6. Sherds of seven beakers and other finds from the excavation in 1956–8 of a chambered tomb at Kilcoy, Black Isle, Ross-shire (NH 569516). By Eagle Star Insurance Co., through Dr A A Woodham, FSA SCOT.
7. Beaker sherds and plain sherds found with cremated bone at a site, possibly a ring-cairn, at Cadha Riach, Garafad, Skye (NG 494676). By C C MacLeod, Portree.
8. Prehistoric, Roman and Medieval surface finds from nearly 40 sites in Angus, Perthshire, Fife and Midlothian. By D Henderson, FSA SCOT.
9. Prehistoric sherds, struck flints and ground pebbles from Hedderwick Sands, East Lothian, found in 1955; one medieval sherd possibly from Hedderwick. By The Executors of the Late Dr J S Richardson, FSA SCOT.
10. Surface finds from Ardnave, Islay and Ruaig, Tiree. By E R C Creggeen, FSA SCOT.
11. Collection of sherds, of Early Bronze Age and Iron Age type, and bone implement, from a midden near Daliburgh, South Uist. By the Rev M G Mappin, Watten.
12–13. Barbed-and-tanged arrowheads from Insir Samhan, Rhum (with chips of bloodstone), by C N Gascoigne-Hart, Burnley; from near West Calder, Midlothian, by R Cleland, Pumpherston.
15. Surface finds of sherds from Dun Mor Vaul, Tiree. By Alasdair MacInnes, Edinburgh.
16. Three sherds from Dun Arnistein, near North Dell, Lewis (NB 488627). By Dr M Campbell, Edinburgh.
17. Two-valved stone mould for a socketed bronze axe found at Rosskeen, in 1847. (D Wilson, Prehistoric Annals of Scotland, 1863, I, fig 49; fig 48 being in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford). By Lady Isobel Hay, Peebles.
18. Stone disc bead from an Unenclosed Platform Settlement at Hurl Burn, Crawford, Lanarkshire (NS 942203). By G S Maxwell, FSA SCOT.
19. Finds from an excavation of an earthwork at Ashkirkshiel, Selkirkshire (RCAM Inv., 104, no. 137), including a bronze hilt-guard of a pre-Roman Iron Age sword (Museum Cat. no. HH 728). The guard is 50 mm long, and has a decorative groove on one face (fig 1). By J A Cruickshank, FSA SCOT, and Mrs Cruickshank.
22. Two sherds from samian bowls, one with a worn stamp inside the base, from Newstead, Roxburghshire; medieval pot rim with face mask, the beard decorated with an impressed stamp, found at Springwood, Kelso. By J W Elliot, FSA SCOT.
23. Faceted grindstone, from Garpit Farm, Fife. By R D H Candow, FSA SCOT.
25. Fragment of fourteenth- or fifteenth-century medieval juglet from Balmuildy Roman fort. By A C Mansfield, Bishopton.

26. Medieval talismanic gold ring found at Cambuskenneth; seventeenth-century enamelled and jewelled cosmetic-box locket of the Carruthers' of Holmains (the Carruthers Jewel); gold and agate snuff-box presented by Peter the Great to his first physician Dr Robert Erskine in 1716. By the Right Hon. Lord Elibank, FSA Scot.


29. Five Edwardian sterlings from the hoard of 82 hidden about 1320 at Ladykirk, Duncansby Head, Caithness, found in 1969; 29 seventeenth-century coins mostly continental hidden about 1684 from the hoard of 73 found in 1969 at Hillhead, Caithness. By the Queen's and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer.


32. Cash bag of the North of Scotland and Town & County Bank Ltd, made to hold £1,000 in gold (1907–14?). By Leslie Morgan, FSA Scot.


34–37. Trade, transport, and Communion tokens. By the National Trust for Scotland; R Stewart, Haddington; Mrs A D Newson; and the Minister and Kirk Session of Keig.


39. Silver medal (Dufftown 1884) and music book of Alexander Green. By the late Alexander Green jnr., per Mrs E Cameron, Inverness.

40. Copy of Dr John Brown’s ‘Self Interpretory Illustrated Family Bible’. By Mrs V Ellis, Edinburgh.

41. Scots fiddle teaspoon marked FOR. By L Lyons, Glasgow.

42. A ‘khaki-tartan’ plaid designed by the donor’s uncle, Malcolm Craig-Brown, of Selkirk, early in the twentieth century. By Miss B Craig-Brown, Edinburgh.
43-47. Articls of costume. By Mrs Carrie, Edinburgh; Mrs Dawson, Edinburgh; Miss Dow, Edinburgh; Mrs E Haynes, London; Mrs Hope Montagu-Douglas-Scott, Edinburgh.

48-50. Spectacles. By Douglas Hamilton, Fraserburgh (collection all worn in the neighbourhood); E R Tatton, West Linton; P C Young, Newcastle upon Tyne.

51. Prestonpans marriage punchbowl (1814), Portobello china mug, violin and MS music book, snuff boxes, and other family items. By Miss E Storey, Edinburgh.

52-69. Objects of personal and domestic use. By Mrs M Cassie, Edinburgh; Mrs A W Dean, Laurencekirk; Miss Gordon, Keith; John Ingram, Edinburgh; Knox & Hutchison, Dunbar; Mrs E K Laurensen, Gorebridge; Miss J Leared, London; Mrs Lemon, Edinburgh; Miss Lyal, Edinburgh; D Macdonald, Edinburgh; E Macfarlane, Edinburgh; Mrs Petrie, South Croydon; Mrs S C Smart, Edinburgh; Miss M Smith, Turriff; Miss J Still, Paisley; D Thomson, Cupar; Mrs G Ward, Edinburgh; J M Wilson, Edinburgh.

70. Seven grates, and three kitchen ranges with their wooden surrounds removed by the donor from old cottages at Acharn, demolished in 1968. By R S Morris, Aberfeldy.

71. Shoemaker’s equipment; farm and domestic items; all from Auchterless, Aberdeenshire. By A Fenton, FSA Scot.


73. Wooden grain shovel from Alloway Water Mill, Ayr. By J G Swarbrick, Ayr.

74-80. Objects connected with fishing, agriculture and domestic life in Caithness, by Mr and Mrs J Calder, Dunnet; D Coghill, Thurso; John McKay, Dunnet; Dr P McMorran, Thurso; Mr and Mrs Simpson, Thurso; A Sinclair, Spittal; G and N Sutherland, Dunbeath.

81-83. Objects connected with fishing, agriculture and domestic life in the Outer Hebrides and Ardgour. By J R Baldwin, Edinburgh; A and N Macdonald, North Uist; D MacEachen, Benbecula.

84. Current or near-current farming items from the stock of J Lambie, Ironmonger, Biggar. By B Lambie, Biggar.


86-97. Articles of farm equipment. By Miss A M Calder, Jura; A A Cameron, Dunblane; E Darling, Edinburgh; Miss J Dow, Pitlochry; John Gordon, Inverurie; Mr and Mrs J Gray, Shetland; W Henderson, Moniaive; Mrs H Hutchison, Midlothian; J Jackson, Lockerbie; Mrs C Macdonald, York; J MacIntyre, Strontian; T Ross, Broxburn.

98. Examples of plaited straw ‘ploughman’s knots’. By Mrs M Small, Meigle.


100-102. Constructional materials from old buildings. By G A Hendry, Banff; Professor A Thom, FSA Scot; Rev Anthony Ross, Banff.

103. Seaman’s chest rope. By W J Grubb, Anstruther.

104-108. Bills and other printed ephemera. By Mrs E Hamilton, Edinburgh; D Henderson, Kintore; Miss M Nicol, Edinburgh; Miss A L Shaw Smith, FSA Scot; R Weatherup, N Ireland.


110. Notes, photographs and sketches, covering especially farm-building, land use and fishing in the Western Isles, 1934. By the author, Dr Sven T Kjellberg, Sweden.

111. The original copy of the Ford and District History, for the S.W.R.I. Village History Competition, 1967. By Mrs Jane D Carmichael, Ford.

**Purchases**

Flint macehead from the Tay near Newburgh, Fife (NO 215184), see Notes, p 225 above.

Two Early Bronze Age pots and bronze knife, Gairneybank, Kinross (NT 127988).

Roman silver ring set with intaglio, trumpet brooch and small bronze object found together on Culbin Sands in 1937, see Notes, pp 231-3 above.

Pair of Iron Age quern-stones with raised V-shaped slot for handle, from Nether Comisty, Forgue, Aberdeenshire.


Robert III, 3 groats; James I, 1 groat; James V, one-third groat; Charles I, six-shilling piece 1631.

The Cadboll Cup, sixteenth century, purchased with the aid of the National Art-Collections Fund and NMAS Endowment Fund and Bequests.
Seventeenth-century stone fireplace, Kincraig House, Elie.

Selection from the Collection of the late Dr J S Richardson, FSA SCOT:
A Gothic aumbry; 15 medieval oak carvings; 4 pieces of sixteenth-century tapestry; 8 pieces of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century furniture; a Charles II sewed workcasket; 4 maps, sixteenth-eighteenth century; late seventeenth-century painting, ‘Penny Wedding’, formerly at Abbotsford; large oil painting, c 1750, ‘Taymouth Castle’ by T Sandby, formerly in Holyroodhouse; 2 silver brooches; 6 silver rat-tail spoons by IC, Perth; various domestic and personal objects.

Domestic Silver, all Edinburgh unless otherwise noted:
Whisky flask, A Kincaid, 1715.
Footed salver, Wildgoose, Aberdeen c 1765.
Travelling inkwell, whisky flask, both W Davie, 1785.
Punch-bowl, D Macdonald, Glasgow, 1827.
Dog-collars, C Paton, 1830 made into pair of wine slides.
Collection of spoons, oyster forks, etc.
Late seventeenth-century silver-mounted wooden quaich.
Eighteenth-century laburnum chair.
Pottery leaf-dish, probably West Pans c 1770, from Dalkeith Palace.
Early nineteenth-century iron cannon (‘Falkirk’) and its wooden carriage, fished up off Isle of May.
Copper tankard, Lauderdale monogram and coronet.
Edinburgh porter’s badge, pewter, and 2 teaspoons.
Printing blocks and a cast-iron ornament both representing agricultural implements.
Two black velvet coats, children’s c 1880.
Wemyss ware plaque.
Handloom from St Kilda.
Bakers’ equipment.
Collection of Scottish £1 notes; 5 1813–76, 102 1885–1970, also 7 cheques Commercial Bank 1811–82.
Twelve Victorian commemorative medals.
Four other nineteenth-century medals and 5 Glasgow University Medals.
Set of medals, Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh 1970.
Donations to and Purchases for the Library, 1970–71

Donations

Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem XV. By THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.
Accounts of the Treasurer of Scotland XII 1566–74; Register of the Privy Council of Scotland XVI 1691; Index to the Particular Register of Sasines, Lanark I; Index to the Register of Deeds XXXIV and XXXV. By THE SCOTTISH RECORD OFFICE.
Sbornik Josefu Poulikovik sedesatinam. By THE CESKOSLOVENSKA AKADEMIE VED, BRNO.
Ironworking in Ancient Greece. R Pleiner. By THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY, PRAGUE.
Megalithic lunar observatories. A Thom. By THE AUTHOR.
Ancient monuments of Tayside. H. Coutts. By THE AUTHOR.
Mid-Argyll: a handbook of history. M Campbell. By THE AUTHOR.
The Romans in South Scotland. By ROXBURGH EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
The Vikings and their origins. D M Wilson. By THE PUBLISHER.
The Cassubian civilisation. 1935. F Lorentz. By R B K STEVENSON.
Mommale gauloises des Parisi. J-P C de Beaulieu. By THE BIBLIOTHEQUE HISTORIQUE DE PARIS.
History under the sea. M Petersen. By THE AUTHOR.
Sights and scenes in Scotland. 1899. By A FENTON.
The early history of Stitchill. 1901. G Gunn. By S MAXWELL.
Scottish swords and dirks. J Wallace. By THE AUTHOR.

Offprints, catalogues, reports etc. were received from, among others:

Purchases

On artifact analysis. C Cullberg.
The carbon 14 dating of iron. N J Van der Merwe.
Surveying in archaeology underwater. P Throckmorton et al.
Technology in the ancient world. H Hodges.
Models of commercial diffusion in the prehistoric world. B Sternquist.
Die Stielspitzen-Gruppen im nördlichen Mitteleuropa. W Taute.
The earthen long barrow in Britain. P Ashbee.
Beaker pottery of Gt. Britain and Ireland. 2 v. D L Clarke.
Kupfer und Bronze in der frühen Metallzeit [SAM 2]. S Junghans et al.
Daggers and halberds of the early bronze age in Ireland. P Harbison.
Axes of the early bronze age in Ireland. P Harbison.
The chariot of the sun. P Gelling and H E Davidson.
Early Celtic art [Exhibition catalogue]. S Piggott.
Divinités et sanctuaires de la Gaule. E Thevenot.
Sépultures à inhumation 3e–13e siècle de notre ère dans la basse vallée du Rhône. S Gagnière.
Das Haus im Nordwesten der Germania libra. B Trier.
Roman archaeology and art. 1 A Richmond [P Salway ed.].
Roman farming. K D White.
The Roman Imperial Army. G Webster.
The Roman soldier. G R Watson.
Dalmatia. J J Wilkes.
La Belgique à l'époque romaine. J Mertens.
Das Lagerdorf des Kastells Butzbach [Limesforschungen, 5]. G Muller.
L'atelier de Saturninus et de Satto à Mittelbronn. M Lutz.
Roman Bath. B Cunliffe.
Adelsgraber des 8. Jahrhunderts in Deutschland. 2 v. F Stein.
Carolingian art. J Hubert et al.
Frühmittelalterliche Studien 1/1967–
Discovering wall paintings. E C Rouse.
Medieval stone carving in Wales. C A Gresham.
Untersuchungen mittelalterlicher Keramik. U Lobbedey.
Les fortifications de terre et les origines féodales dans le Cinglais. M Fixot.
Coins in history. R Porteous.
Guidebook to the coinage of Ireland. A Dowle and P Finn.
Sources for Scottish genealogy and family history. D J Steel.
Scottish Historical Documents. G Donaldson.
A history of Scotland. R Mitchison.
A history of the Scottish people, 1560–1830. T C Smout.
Scotland in the age of improvement. N T Phillipson and R Mitchison ed.
History for young Scots. 2 v. A D Cameron.
Chambers' Scottish histories. 3 v.
A Scottish history for today. 3 v. I Gould and J Thompson.
The isle of Foula. I B S Holbourn.
Ellon in bygone days. J Wilken.
Bridge of Dee. 1913. G M Fraser.
Kirkcaldy Burgh records. 1908. L. MacBean.
Grangemouth's modern history. R. Porteous.
Portrait of a Parish (Colinton). W B Johnston ed.
Science and technology in the industrial revolution. A E Musson and E Robinson.
The industrial archaeologist's guide. M Cossons and K Hudson ed.
The history of water power in Ulster. H D Gribbon.
A history of Scottish education. 2 v. J Scotland.
Song, dance and poetry at the court of Scotland under James VI. H M Shire.
Fifty years of lawn tennis in Scotland. 1927. A W MacGregor.
Norman castles in Britain. D Renn.
The country seat: essays presented to Sir John Summerson. H Colvin and K Harris ed.
The English home. M Harrison.
The truth about cottages. J Woodforde.
Corsets and crinolines. N Waugh.
The uniform of the Scottish infantry 1740–1900. W A Thorburn.
Harris tweed. F Thompson.
The Welsh woollen industry. J G Jenkins.
Caroline silver. C Oman.
Treen and other wooden bygones. E H Pinto.
Tunbridge and Scottish souvenir woodware. E H and R Pinto.
Flur und Flurformen. H Uhlig.
Rural economy and country life in the medieval West. G Duby.
The farmers of Bute for sixty years and beyond. 1951. W Martin.
Holzgeräte und Holzbearbeitung (Seeberg Burgaschisee-Sud, Teil 5). H J Müller-Beck.
Haken und Pflug. U Bentzien.
The yields of different crops (mainly cereals) in relation to the seed, c 810–1820 [In Acta Historiae Neerlandica. 2]. B H Slicher van Bath.
Til seters. L Reinton.
Mat och miljo. N-A Bringeus.
Meetings of the Society

Monday, 14th December, 1970, at 5.30 p.m., Professor S Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., in the Chair.

A ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows:

The following Communication was read:

Monday, 11th January 1971, at 5.30 p.m., Professor S Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:
The St Ninians Isle Treasure, by Professor David M Wilson, B.A., F.S.A.

Monday, 8th February 1971, at 5.30 p.m., Professor S Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

Monday, 8th March 1971, at 5.30 p.m., Lt-Col R L Hunter, T.D., B.Sc., M.I.MECH.E., in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:
Some Scottish Book Collections in Major Scottish Libraries, by R Donaldson, M.A., PH.D.

Monday, 12th April 1971, at 5.30 p.m., Dr K A Steer, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A., in the Chair.

The ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows:
Murray Stuart Blair, T.D.; Miss Elizabeth Isobel Clark; Miss Olive Susan Clarke; Miss Joanna Close-Brooks, M.A., D.PHIL.; Edward James Cowan, M.A.; William Geraint Edwards, LL.B., B.D.; Gordon W Jackson; Major Nicholas Maclean Verity Bristol, K.o.s.b.; Robert Joseph Charles Mowat; John David
The following Communication was read:

Functional Architecture, Airlie Estate, Angus, by I Maxwell, DIP.ARCH., F.S.A.SCOT.

Monday, 11th October 1971, at 5.30 p.m., Professor S Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., in the Chair.

A ballot having been taken, the following were elected Fellows:

The following Communication was read:

Monday, 8th November, 1971, at 5.30 p.m., Professor S Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A., in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:


The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Mr W Latto and Mr D C Cargill were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for Office-Bearers.
The Secretary read the following Report by the Council:

Annual Report


Fellowship. During the year the Society gained 124 new Fellows and lost 75 (32 through death, 15
through resignation, 17 through lapse of subscriptions, 11 elections not completed). There were 2 re-instatements.

The Roll now comprises:

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which shows an increase of 51 Fellows during the year.

Regular Meetings. The Anniversary Meeting was held on 30th November 1970. Monthly meetings continued till April 1971, and were resumed on 11th October 1971.


Rhind Lectures. The Rhind Lectures of 1970-1 were delivered in October 1970 by Professor Axel Steensberg on ‘Plough and Field shape from Prehistoric Times to c AD 1500’.

Day Conference. A day conference on ‘The Two Walls’ was held on Saturday, 1st May 1971. The speakers were:

- Professor E Birley - Hadrian’s Wall, a survey of recent work.
- R E Birley - The Fort and Settlement at Chesterholm.
- Dr A S Robertson - A Pilgrimage along the Antonine Wall.
- I Maclvor - The Fort at Rough Castle.
- Dr D Breeze - Hadrian’s Wall and the Antonine Wall.

with closing remarks by Professor E L G Stones.

Excavations and Research. Grants were made to the following from Society funds for Excavation and Fieldwork for the 1971 season:

- I M Campbell - Thirteenth-century hall-house, Fraoch Eilean, Argyll.
- Dr I A Crawford - Neolithic – eighteenth-century domestic site, Udal, North Uist.
- J C Greig - Gateway and house, Castle Point, Troup, Banffshire.
- Miss A S Henshall - Recording chambered tombs in Caithness and Orkney.
- A D S Macdonald - Recording ecclesiastical sites in Caithness and Orkney.
- Miss D N Marshall - Chambered cairn, Glenveidean, Bute.
- P R Ritchie - Fieldwork on axe factories in Westmorland and Perthshire.
- Dr J K S St Joseph - Roman temporary camps, Forth to Dee.
- A Small - Vitrified fort at Craig Phadraig, Inverness.
- D J Turner - Castle at Achinduin, Lismore.
- Dr W Kissling - Survey of rural buildings in Dumfriesshire and Galloway.
- Scottish Field School in Archaeology - Roman fort, Cardean, Angus.

Medieval Urban Archaeology Committee. Following a resolution on this subject passed at the one-day Conference of the Society on 9th May 1970, the Council has appointed a Committee, the members of which are as follows: Dr Grant G Simpson (convener), Dr Nicholas P Brooks, Mr Stewart Cruden, Professor A A M Duncan, Mr John Gerrard, Mr Geoffrey Stell, Mr Eric Talbot. The object of the Committee, through the Council, is to press for excavation work in the older Scottish towns where development plans will provide opportunities for this, to create a sympathetic climate of opinion amongst local authorities and other bodies concerned with demolition and reconstruction in towns, and to encourage the creation of posts for medieval urban archaeologists to undertake the necessary work. The Committee has prepared a dossier of plans of seventeen Scottish towns, to show the extent of past destruction and of development which will lead to destruction in the future. The Committee is also preparing a pamphlet which can be used to publicise and explain the problem. This is a relatively new and little developed area of Scottish archaeology and the Committee will greatly welcome the co-operation of any Fellows who are able to contribute to its work.
Report from the North East of Scotland Section. During this session the Section was fortunate in that seven of the lecturers who addressed the Society in Edinburgh were prepared to come to Aberdeen on the following day. The programme, therefore, provided a continuous monthly series from October 1970 to April 1971. The Annual General Meeting of the Section was held on 13th April 1971, and the Secretary reported that membership of the Section had risen by 50% since its formation, from 63 to 92. Attendance at meetings had averaged a little over 30.

An excursion to see Mr Colvin Greig's excavation at Cullycan was held on 7th August and this was attended by 23 Fellows.

A member of the Section, Mr J R W Middleton put forward a suggestion that the Section should undertake the restoration of a ruined stone circle at Ellon. A photograph of the circle before its removal is in the Proceedings and it was thought that the stones could be easily located. After considerable discussion it was agreed that no action should be taken in view of the difficulty of restoring the monument to its exact original condition, and also because the restoration would have little archaeological significance.

The Section agreed to consider preparing a much-needed guide to the prehistoric antiquities of the Aberdeen region and it is hoped that the definite plans will be prepared during the 1971-2 session.

Some Fellows were of the opinion that the Section should undertake the excavation of a site in the area. It was pointed out that the Society had not itself undertaken excavations in the past, though it had encouraged and supported specific excavations through its Excavation Committee. The continuance of work at Cullycan during the present session provided an opportunity for field work and some members of the Section did in fact participate in this.

The Committee for 1971-2 was elected at the A.G.M. and is constituted as follows:

Professor R D Lockhart, Chairman
Dr A A Woodham, Secretary
Mr J Caldwell
Rev J B Clarke
Mr M T McNeil
Mr W D Middleton
Miss A S Philip
Mr G Shepherd

Editor's Report
Volume 101 for 1968-9 was published during the summer, after a delay occasioned by the prolonged postal strike in the early part of 1971.

Owing to the Editor's ill-health, Volume 102 has also been delayed. Papers and shorter notices range in date from the Mesolithic to Canongate and Maltese silver.

Some concern is felt about increased costs of production, and although some papers may qualify for grants from Government and other institutions, it is becoming increasingly difficult to produce an annual volume of adequate size within the budget allowed from annual subscriptions. This may result in the issue from time to time of a volume somewhat of restricted size so as to remain within the budget. In the foreseeable future there appears to be no dearth of papers promised, and fortunately some of these will qualify for grants.

The Report was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr B R S Megaw, seconded by Dr D J Breeze.

The Treasurer then made his report.

Treasurer's Report
You will have had by now copies of the abbreviated Accounts and there are here on the table more detailed versions available for inspection if anyone is interested.

I am glad to say that the real position is rather better than the printed Accounts might indicate and a few words are due from me in explanation of the figures you have before you.

If you look at the first page the very first item, which is for annual subscriptions, shows an apparent drop of £440 from last year's figure. The reason for this is that the usual reminder to those members whose subscriptions are in arrears - and their name is legion - did not go out until late in the financial year, in
fact not till about June. At the 30th June there was as much as £1,572 in subscriptions in arrears, but over £700 of this has since been received and the overall position is, in fact, slightly better than last year. Nevertheless it would be helpful if subscriptions could roll in without reminders being necessary. The simplest way of ensuring this is, of course, to lodge a standing order with the Bank, and there is a supply of the necessary forms on the table here which I hope to see rapidly diminishing. There are a surprising number of people who, on gently being chidden as backsliders, complain 'But I have only had one reminder from you'.

Subscribing Libraries show an apparent drop, but the figure last year was swollen by a drive being made to bring in their arrears. Many of them are, however, erratic payers.

Turning to the Expenditure side, the salary figure needs explanation.

Major Higgins, the previous Assistant Secretary, left in July 1970 and his successor did not take up her paid part-time appointment until December, though she was good enough to look after our interests without any charge to the Society in the interim. A further reduction in the salaries figure has come consequent on the institution of the new Publications Fund to which the Editor’s honorarium has been charged. A still further reduction in the net salaries figure has been made possible by the reclaiming of S.E.T., since its inception in 1966, of £335. All these reasons have produced at £154 what I expect will be an all-time low in salary figures.

By Council Resolution £3,000 per annum for an experimental period of three years is to be transferred from the General Fund to a new Publications Fund to take care of all the expenses in connection with publications, the big item being of course the cost of the Proceedings. Grants received towards cost of publications also go into this fund which shows a balance in hand of £2,916 on 30th June. At that date accounts for printing, binding and postage of Vol 101 had not been received. Binding and postage totalling £823 have since been paid but the bill for printing is still to come.

Taking into account the amount of arrears which could have been expected had reminders gone out earlier, whilst allowing for a more normal salary figure, the surplus would probably have been in the region of £1,200/1,300 and not £620 as brought out in the Accounts.

Regarding investments, the market which has been depressed for so long has been showing signs of recovery. Our Investments were valued as at 30th June and show a welcome rise.

For instance, the securities held on behalf of General Fund rose from £5,792 at 30th June 1970 to £6,879 in 1971.

Rhind Lectureship securities rose from £5,150 to £5,976.

Sears Holdings gave a Bonus Issue of 600 ordinary shares of 25p each of which 300 belong to General Fund and 150 each to Rhind and Bannerman Funds. These do not show in the accounts, as strictly speaking they do not come on the books until 1st July.

A final word about Covenants. The execution of a Covenant is a completely painless way of helping the Society by increasing its income. Anyone who pays tax at the Standard Rate of 7s. 9d. in the £ can, by signing a simple form declaring an intention to pay the Subscription for 7 years, increase the Society’s income over that period by £2 a year, being the amount of tax already suffered by the tax-payer and which the I.T. officer refunds to us. There is no cost to the subscriber whatever, not even a stamp on the form.

With the lowering of the Standard Rate of Income Tax from 8s. 3d. to 7s. 9d. the Society’s benefit by recovery of the tax paid will be somewhat lower, so we are anxiously looking for fresh Covenants. There is a supply of forms here on the table and I do hope that some of the Fellows who have not yet signed a Covenant will make use of them.


The Accounts were approved on the motion of Mr G Hay seconded by Mr A Fenton.

The President thanked the Treasurer on behalf of the Society.

The Ballot having been concluded, the Scrutineers found and declared the list of the Council for the ensuing year to be as follows:

**President**

Professor S Piggott, B.LITT., D.LITT.HUM., F.B.A., F.S.A.

**Vice-Presidents**

K A Steer, M.A., PH.D., F.S.A.

W F Cormack, M.A., LL.B., W.S.

T D Thomson, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A., LL.B.

**Councillors**

D B Taylor

R W B Morris, B.L., F.S.A.

G Jobey, D.S.O., M.A., F.S.A.
The deaths of the following Fellows were intimated during the year 1970–71:

**Elected**

F S Abercromby, A.I.B.Scot., 131 King Street, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire. 1969
J M M Anderson, Romach, Sanquhar Road, Forres, Morayshire. 1944
Bailie D G Christie, J.P., 204 Ferry Road, Dundee. 1932
W A Cocks, Lilac Cottage, Barmoor, Ryton-on-Tyne. 1945
V J Cumming, 8 Grosvenor Terrace, Glasgow, W.2. 1927
P Dobie, B.Eng., 122 Vicars Cross Road, Chester. 1966
R Duncan, M.A., 294 Strathmartine Road, Dundee. 1932
The Rev T Fraser, Kintail Manse, Inverinate, by Kyle, Ross-shire. 1968
Dr R M Gorrie, Balnagowan, Murrayfield Drive, Edinburgh 12. 1954
H A Luke, 143 Morningside Drive, Edinburgh 10. 1959
Mrs E C L McKersie, Park Lodge, 86 Ravelston Dykes, Edinburgh 12. 1949
A C MacNab of MacNab, Kinnell House, Killin, Perthshire. 1952
T McSkimming, 1 Duntocht Road, Bearsden. 1963
The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Mansfield, b.a., Logie House, Methven, Perthshire. 1942
N Matheson, 7 Youngside Place, Newport-on-Tay. 1925
Miss E M Mein, B.L., 7 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh 9. 1944
H P Morrison, M.C., M.A., LL.D., Shawpark, Selkirk. 1951
F R Perkins, Duntisbourne House, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. 1947
A Redford, Greengates, Wartle, Aberdeenshire. 1944
Professor W L Renwick, Arthur Lodge, 60 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh 9. 1953
G M Rhodes, B.A., LL.B., New House, Jackton, East Kilbride. 1943
Mrs M H Sime, 35 Craigmount Terrace, Edinburgh 12. 1968
Lord David Stuart, Old Place of Mochrum, Port William, Wigtownshire. 1939
W J C Watt, M.B., Ch.B., 1 Riccartsbar Avenue, Paisley. 1923
W Waugh, Palace Knowe, Beattock, Dumfriesshire. 1942
J Williamson, 8 West Richmond Street, Edinburgh 8. 1959
R Wilson, 7 Dovecot Loan, Edinburgh 14. 1927
K B Wright, b.sc., 6 Alfred Terrace, Glasgow, W.2. 1947
The following Fellows intimated their resignations:
P H W Bristow, M.A., 186 Garscadden Road, Drumchapel, Glasgow.
C Burns, M.A., Mus.D., Dept of Music, The University of Newcastle upon Tyne.
C C Dyer, School of History, University of Birmingham.
J M Hannavy, 20 Burnage Lane, Manchester 19.
T Hannavy, M.A., St Ringans, Braco, Perthshire.
Mrs A D Hunter, 2/10 Maidencraig Court, Edinburgh 4.
R Livingstone, 15 Royal Court Road, Aberdeen.
A Macartney, M.A., Ch.B., 22 Crawford Road, Burnside, Glasgow.
T McPhail, 19 Patrick Street, Greenock.
J G P O'Donnell, 38 Forbes Road, Edinburgh 10.

The meeting concluded with the following brief accounts of work:
1. Miss D N Marshall  The chambered cairn at Glenvoidean, Bute.
2. Dr F S MacKenna  The rediscovery of the souterrain at Pitcur, Angus.
3. Mr E J Talbot  Recent work on medieval Glasgow and Dumbarton.