

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

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EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION, 1862-63.  
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ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 28th November 1862.

DAVID LAING, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Office-bearers of the Society for the ensuing Session were elected as follows:—

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President.

THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH AND QUEENSBERRY, K.G.

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Curators of the Museum.

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 FRANCIS ABBOTT, Esq.

Librarian.

GEORGE SETON, Esq.

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ALEXANDER BRYSON, Esq.
 GEORGE A. JAMIESON, Esq.

WILLIAM T. M'CULLOCH, *Keeper of the Museum.*
 ROBERT PAUL, *Assistant.*

The Secretary reported, that during the past year the Society had lost by death three Honorary Members and seven Fellows. During the same period sixteen new Fellows had been added to the roll of the Society.

In reading over the List of deceased Members, the Chairman said, it was customary to add a notice of those who had taken any active part in the Society's proceedings. He should now do so, very briefly.

By the decease of the MARQUESS of BREADALBANE, the Society has lost a Nobleman who, for fourteen years, filled the office of PRESIDENT with general satisfaction. The only regret felt during this period was, that his Lordship should not have been resident near Edinburgh, to have more frequently honoured the meetings with his presence. But on every occasion when his influence was required, it was cheerfully accorded; and his name also occurs as a liberal donor to the Museum.

ROBERT BALD, Esq., eminent in his profession as a Mining Engineer, and author of a work entitled "General View of the Coal Trade of Scotland," Edinburgh, 1808, was a member of old standing. His residence at Alloa prevented him from taking such a prominent interest in the Society as otherwise he would have done. He was elected in 1822. In 1828 he communicated an account of one or two ancient burial-places near Alloa, in which some gold ornaments were found.

VICE-ADMIRAL NORWICH DUFF, elected in 1822.

ALEXANDER MACONOCHE WELWOOD, of Garvock and Meadowbank, Esq., formerly one of the Lords of Session, and well known by the title of Lord Meadowbank, was elected in 1822, and filled the office of Vice-President of the Society from 1822 to 1826. He retired from the Bench in 1843, but survived to the age of eighty-four.

JOHN RIDDELL, Esq., Advocate, who had gained so much reputation for his Genealogical and Antiquarian knowledge, at the time of his decease was one of the oldest members on our list, having been elected in 1815. We might have wished that one so competent had taken some active share in the Society's proceedings, but the works he published on the Peerage Law of Scotland, and his voluminous cases in the disputed succession to the Roxburghe and Crawford-Lindsay Peerages, bear ample testimony to his erudition in that particular line of research.

JAMES SMITH, Esq., Architect, H.M. Master Mason for Scotland, in the 83d year of his age; the father of our excellent Secretary, Dr John Alex. Smith. He was elected in 1841.

MATTHEW TUNNOCK, Esq., S.S.C., elected in 1861.

The three deceased HONORARY MEMBERS are—

First, H.R.H. THE PRINCE CONSORT, who consented to allow his name to be inscribed as one of the Honorary Members of the Society in 1843. It may be sufficient to add, that Prince Albert was an accomplished and active promoter of every thing connected with art and the scientific societies of Great Britain; and that his loss has been felt by all ranks to be a great national bereavement.

Second, Monsieur JEAN-BAPTISTE BIOT, Professor of Astronomy, and Member of the Imperial Institute of France. His name has been on the list of our Honorary Members for nearly half a century, having been elected in the year 1814. He was, however, chiefly distinguished as a man of science. M. Biot, at the time of his decease, had attained the patriarchal age of eighty-eight.

Third, The Chevalier CHRISTIAN CHARLES JOSIAS BUNSEN, another foreigner of distinction, was elected in 1851. He was for some time Prussian Minister in England; and in acknowledgment of his public services as a diplomatist, as well as of his learning and research, he received in his own country a patent of nobility.

To supply two of these vacancies, the Council have unanimously recommended,

First, Prince LOUIS LUCIEN BONAPARTE, who has distinguished himself by his philological researches, and the various works he has published illustrative of the Dialects of this as well as of other countries.

Second, Dr FERDINAND KELLER, President of the Archæological Society at Zurich, who has so successfully carried on his investigations into the antiquities of Switzerland, and has formed what may be called a National Museum of peculiar interest.

The Council not having recommended any one to supply the third vacancy, the Chairman said he would take the liberty to suggest, whether the Society should not at once elect by acclamation,

H.R.H. ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES,

as one of the Honorary Members, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of his Father, the PRINCE CONSORT.

The Chairman's suggestion was unanimously adopted, and he was instructed to convey to His Royal Highness this resolution of the Society.

On proceeding to a ballot,

PRINCE LOUIS LUCIEN BONAPARTE; and
Dr FERDINAND KELLER, of Zurich, were duly elected HONORARY MEMBERS.

WALTER ELLIOT of Wolflee, Esq., Roxburghshire, was elected a Fellow of the Society.

An abstract of the Treasurer's accounts was laid before the meeting, and referred to the auditors.

The first part of Vol. IV. of the Society's Proceedings for the Session 1860-61 being now completed, a copy was directed to be delivered gratis to each Fellow not in arrear; and to other parties authorised by the Council.

The next meeting of the Society will be held as a *Conversazione* on Monday the 8th December, when Mr DAVID LAING proposed to communicate some remarks on the Antiquities of Edinburgh.

Mr STUART, Secretary, read the following annual Report, which was agreed to by the Council, and was now submitted for the approval of the present meeting, in order to be laid as usual before the Board of Trustees for transmission to the Right Honourable the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury :—

“REPORT by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland to the Honourable Board of Trustees for Manufactures, adopted at their Annual General Meeting held on the 28th November 1862.

The number of visitors to the Museum during the year ending 1st November 1862 was 72,367. Of that number 7052 visited the Museum on the Saturday evenings, as exhibited in the following table :—

	Day.	Sat. Evening.	Total.
1861. December,.....	4,652	502	5,154
1862. January,.....	14,165	300	14,465
... February,.....	2,791	466	3,257
... March,.....	3,549	779	4,328
... April,.....	3,749	295	4,044
... May,.....	5,843	402	6,245
... June,.....	5,014	385	5,399
... July,.....	7,888	997	8,885
... August,.....	8,521	1,470	9,991
... September,....	4,782	691	5,473
... October,.....	4,361	765	5,126
... November,*...
* (Shut for Cleaning.)	65,315	7,052	72,367

The additions by donations and purchase during the same period were, 291 articles for the Museum, besides 94 coins and medals, and 65 volumes of books and pamphlets for the Library.

Many of the donations are of considerable archaeological value. Amongst those most worthy of notice may be mentioned:—

The stone implements, urns, and other remains, found in stone circles in the Island of Arran, presented by His Grace the Duke of Hamilton, F.S.A. Scot., through Dr Bryce, High School, Glasgow.

Casts of inscriptions, in Runes, discovered on the walls of a chamber under a tumulus at Maeshow, in Orkney; also various relics in stone and bone, and an iron ecclesiastical bell, found in excavating a tumulus in Orkney, presented by James Farrer, Esq., M.P., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Stone, bronze, and iron antiquities; gold and silver coins found in various places in Scotland, placed in the Museum as Treasure Trove; also 128 steel dies of the Scottish Mint; from the Exchequer, through John Henderson, Esq., Q. and L. T. Remembrancer.

Bronze patella, found on the farm of Palace, Roxburghshire, presented by Dr John Alexander Smith, Sec. S.A. Scot.

Various articles purchased at the sale of the Kirkwall Museum, Orkney, when given up, and presented by David Balfour, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Specimens of pottery, lamps, and figures, from Halicarnassus and Cnidus, presented by C. T. Newton, Esq., British Museum.

Dress of a Court official, specimens of pottery, metal cooking vessels, ladies' dresses, and native drawings, &c., from Japan, presented by Robert Reid, Esq., merchant, Shanghae, China.

The donations of Coins include several new specimens, and also examples and varieties of those already in the Collection.

The purchases made from the fund arising from Entrance fees, embrace a series of casts from the sculptured heads formerly on the ceiling of the Parliament Chamber at Stirling Castle; ground plans and elevations of both sides of the Old West Bow, Edinburgh; an additional series of casts of ancient Scottish Seals towards completing the collection presented by the Bannatyne Club; and various works on Archæology.

A Catalogue of the Museum is now in type, and copies in proof are in the hands of members of Council for final revision.

In consequence of the want of cases, the collections of Greek, Roman, and Foreign Coins and Medals, as well as of Autographs, and the series of Ancient Scottish Seals, &c., cannot at present be exhibited.

The unfinished state of the book-cases in the Library calls for some steps being taken for their completion.

(Signed) JOHN STUART; *Secretary.*"

On the motion of Mr STUART, the special thanks of the meeting were voted to Mr LAING, the retiring Vice-President.

MONDAY, 8th December 1862.

COSMO INNES, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

According to the arrangements made at the Anniversary Meeting, a *Conversazione* took place this evening in the Museum of the Society.

To accommodate the Fellows and the numerous visitors, the apartments of the Royal Society, by permission of their Council, were also thrown open, and instead of the Annual Address by one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr DAVID LAING read a communication on the antiquities of Edinburgh, entitled, *EDINBURGH IN EARLY TIMES; WITH ILLUSTRATIONS.*

For this purpose Mr Laing had brought together a number of plans

and views of the City, and of its public buildings, at different periods; including several original drawings by various Artists. This collection the members had an opportunity of inspecting in the Society's library, not only that evening after the meeting, but they remained on view during the course of the week. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Mr Laing, on the motion of the Chairman, who remarked, that he thought the antiquities of Edinburgh was a subject of interest, not only to every native of Edinburgh, but to every Scotsman who studied the history of his country.

The thanks of the Society were also voted to the several Exhibitors.

The company then partook of refreshments in the Museum, and proceeded to the Library to inspect the extremely interesting display of views of the city and its antique buildings, some of which are no longer in existence,—including an extensive series of old engraved plans, views, and drawings from Mr Laing's own collection; numerous beautiful sketches and drawings, by James Drummond, Esq., R.S.A.; an oil painting of the Castle of Edinburgh, by Alexander Runciman, exhibited by James T. Gibson Craig, Esq.; a volume of pencil drawings, by the late Daniel Somerville, in the possession of G. B. Robertson, Esq.; and the small model of St Giles's Church and Luckenbooths, by the Rev. John Sime—all members of the Society.

[Mr Laing's communication is reserved for publication in Volume Fifth of the *ARCHÆOLOGIA SCOTICA*.]

MONDAY, 12th January 1863.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were balloted for and elected Fellows of the Society:—

The Right Hon. THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN.

The Right Hon. CHARLES LAWSON, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL LAWRIE, Esq., Advocate.

ROBERT W. MYLNE, Esq., Architect and Civil Engineer, London.

JOHN DICK PEDDIE, Esq., Architect.

JOHN ROBERTSON, Esq., S.S.C.

At the same time

M. FRÉDÉRIC TROYON, Lausanne, Switzerland,

was elected a Corresponding Member.

The Donations to the Museum and Library were as follows, and thanks were voted to the Donors:—

(1.) By JAMES FARRER, Esq., M.P., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Notice of Runic Inscriptions discovered during recent excavations in the Orkneys made by James Farrer, Esq., M.P., Hon. Mem. S.A. Scot. 4to. Edinburgh 1862. (With numerous Plates.)

Series of Plaster Casts of the various Runic Inscriptions inscribed on the walls of a building or chamber covered by a tumulus at Maeshowe, Orkney.

Human Skull, in good preservation ;

Small Clay Urn, contracted at the mouth, which is encircled outside by a simple groove, the rest of the Urn being plain or unornamented. It measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, 5 inches across the mouth, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the bottom (PLATE I. fig. 1) ;

Portion of Red-Deer's Horn, 6 inches long, formed into a handle for a blade or instrument of some kind, which had been rivetted into it with iron nails (fig. 2) ;

Portion of a Small Double-toothed Bone Comb, with a raised ridge of bone along its centre fastened by iron nails. It is ornamented by small incised concentric circles, and measures 3 inches in length by 2 in breadth (fig. 3) ;

Portions of the Skull and Lower Jaw of a Pig ; and of the Leg Bone of an Ox, pierced by a large circular opening above the joint, and with the shaft cut through obliquely and rubbed smooth (fig. 4) ;

Two Cut Bone Pins, one measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, with a lozenge-shaped pattern scratched or cut round the top, the other partially broken at the top (fig. 5) ;

Cylindrical-shaped Piece of Stone, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, probably a whet stone ; and

A large square-shaped Iron Bell, 12 inches in height, 9 in width at the mouth, and 7 inches in breadth (fig. 6).