# PROCEEDINGS

#### OF THE

# SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

HUNDRED AND TWELFTH SESSION, 1891-92.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 30th November 1891.

JOHN RITCHIE FINDLAY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

Rev. GEORGE CHALMERS BAXTER, F.C. Minister, Cargill, Perth. HUGH CLEGHORN, M.D., of Stravithie. THOMAS GLEN COATS of Ferguslie, Paisley. Rev. ALFRED COUTTS, B.D., F.C. Minister, Pathhead. THOMAS GORDON DUFF of Hopeman. OSWALD FERGUS, 41 Elmbank Street, Glasgow. Rev. JOHN HUTCHISON, D.D., Afton Lodge, Bonnington. ANDREW JAMESON, Riverbank, New Milns, Ayrshire. CHARLES E. GREEN, 8 Kilmaurs Terrace. JAMES MACKENZIE, 2 Rillbank Crescent. Sir W. A. MACKINNON, K.C.B., 28 Evelyn Gardens, London. FRANCIS MARTIN, 207 Bath Street, Glasgow. ALEX. M. MUNRO, Accountant, Aberdeen. VOL. XXVI. GEORGE NEILSON, 58 Regent Street, Glasgow.
ROBERT NOBLE OF Borthwickbrae, Hawick.
VICTOR ALBERT NOEL PATON, W.S., 33 George Square.
WILLIAM RAMSAY OF Bowland, Stow.
Rev. WALTER J. B. RICHARDS, D.D., Notting Hill, London.
THOMAS ROSS, Architect, 14 Saxe-Coburg Place.
JOHN SIMPSON, M.D., Springfield, Inverness.
WILLIAM STEELE, Inland Revenue Officer, Melrose.
JOHN STRUTHERS, M.D., LL.D., Emeritus Professor of Anatomy, 24 Buckingham Terrace.
J. A. ERSKINE STUART, Surgeon, Heckmondwike.
ALEX. DUFF WATSON, B.D., F.C. Minister, Castle Kennedy.
EDWIN WESTON-BELL, F.Z.S., 9 Belmont, Dundee.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE YOUNG, Belvidere, Auchterarder.

The Office-Bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows :---

## Patron. HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

#### President.

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, K.T., LL.D.

### Vice-Presidents.

The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF BUTE, K.T., LL.D. Sir HERBERT EUSTACE MAXWELL, Bart., M.P. R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, B.A., LL.D.

### Councillors.

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R. ROWAND ANDERSON, LL.D. Sir Thomas D. Brodie, Bart.		J. BALFOUR PAUL.		
DIL THOMPS D. DRUPIE, DALE.				

### Secretaries.

DAVID CHRISTISON, M.D. ROBERT MUNRO, M.A., M.D. JOSEPH ANDERSON, LL.D., Assistant Secretary. Sir ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., Secretaries for Foreign THOMAS GRAVES LAW, Correspondence.

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## ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

Treasurer.

JAMES HENRY CUNNINGHAM, 4 Magdala Crescent.

Curators of the Museum. ROBERT CARFRAE. Professor DUNS, D.D.

## Curator of Coins. ADAM B. RICHARDSON.

Librarian. John Taylor Brown.

The following list of the names of members deceased, since the date of the last Annual Meeting, was read by the Secretary :---

Honorary Member.				
PRINCE LOUIS LUCIEN BUONAPARTE, .			1862	
Fellows.				
JAMES A. BEVERIDGE, 9 Belgrave Crescent,			1872	
JAMES BETT, Kaim Park, Bathgate, .			1884	
Right Hon. the Earl of CAITHNESS,		•	1888	
CHARLES ELPHINSTONE DALRYMPLE, .			1857	
Sir William Fettes Douglas, P.R.S.A., LL.	D <b>.,</b> &c.	<b>,</b> .	1878	
WALTER KIDMAN FOSTER, 45 Leinster Garden		don,	1888	
WILLIAM FORBES of Medwyn, Foreign Secretar	y <b>,</b>	•	1862	
Right Hon. R. BAILLIE HAMILTON of Langton,				
GEORGE HAMILTON, Ardendee, Kirkcudbright, .				
MAGNUS JACKSON, Perth,	•		1879	
ALEXANDER BENNET MACGRIGOR, LL.D., of Cairnoch,				
CHARLES HOME DRUMMOND MORAY of Abercairney, .				
THOMAS GRAHAM MURRAY, LL.D., W.S., 11 1	Randol	lph		
Crescent,	•	•	$1858^{-1}$	
ROBERT WILLIAM MYLNE, Architect, London,			1863	
Right Hon. the Earl of NORTHESK, .			1867	
JAMES SANDERSON, M.D., 8 Manor Place,		•	1877	
WILLIAM J. SMALL, Solicitor, Dundee, .	•		1887	
JOHN TURNBULL, W.S., of Abbey St Bathans,				
JOHN RUSSELL WALKER, Architect,		· ·	1881	

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JOHN KIPPEN WATSON, 14 Blackford Road,	1878
FREDERICK WILLIAMS WILLIAMS, Essex Grove, Surrey,	1887
THOMAS A. WISE, M.D., Upper Norwood, London,	1852

The meeting resolved to record their sense of the loss the Society had sustained in the deaths of these members, and specially by the loss of Sir WILLIAM FETTES DOUGLAS, recently *Vice-President*, and of WILLIAM FORBES, for many years *Foreign Secretary*, and CHABLES ELPHINSTONE DALRYMPLE and JOHN RUSSELL WALKER, whose archeeological work, as recorded in the *Proceedings* of the Society, attracted much notice both in this country and on the Continent.

The Treasurer read the Audited Abstract of the Society's Funds, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members.

MONDAY, 14th December 1891.

SIR ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, JAMES CARMICHAEL of Arthurstone was duly elected a Fellow of the Society.

The following articles, acquired by the Purchase Committee for the Museum and Library during the recess, 9th May to 30th November 1891, were exhibited :---

1. A collection consisting of fifteen Flint Arrow-heads, six Stone Axes, one flat Bronze Celt, two Knobbed Stone Balls, one Brass Highland Brooch, and one Flat Ornamented Powder-horn, from Aberdeenshire;

2. Three Arrow-heads of Obsidian, from South America.

3. A collection of one large Stone Hammer, Flint Arrow-heads, and Scrapers, from Tannadice, Forfarshire.

4. A collection of Flint Cores, Scrapers, &c., from Aberdeenshire.

5. A small collection of Flint Implements, from Glenluce Sands.

6. A small collection of Flint Implements, from Culbin Sands.

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7. Spindle-Whorlof Stone, Snuff-Mill, and Medal of National Monument.

8. Carved Highland Powder-horn, two Iron Axe-heads, and a Spear-head.

9. Silver Medal of the Helter-Skelter Club.

There were also exhibited :----

(1) By MALCOLM M'NEILL, F.S.A. Scot.

Chain of circular riveted Links of Bronzeor Brass Wire, found at Oronsay.

(2) By Mrs GIBSON, Bankhead House, Forfar.

A globular Charm Stone of Rock Crystal, mounted for suspension, in Silver.

The following Communications were read :---

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