

Meetings of the Society, 1985–86

Monday, 13 January 1986, at 5.30 pm, Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRSE, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

'Early church architecture in the north of England and the south of Scotland, 7th–12th centuries', by Professor E C Fernie, BA, FSA, FSA Scot.

Monday, 9 December 1985, at 7.00 pm, J G Dunbar, MA, FSA, Vice-President, in the Chair.

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

Richard Penry Ambler, MA, PhD; Neil Welch Paxton Anderson, MA, LLB, NP; Mrs Sheena Margaret Andrew; Geoffrey B Bailey, BTech; Peter Roger Barclay, BA; Miss Fiona Campbell, MA; Miss Juliet Fiona Cross, BSc; Randall Lyon Downey, BA, MBA; John Barrington Duff; Sir Arthur Francis Augustus Boswell Elliott of Stobs, Bart, MA; David H Evans, BA; Alexander J Firth; Arthur William Fulton, FIPR, FInstM; Raymond Michael Gaze, MA, DPhil, FRSE, FRS; Miss Andrea Gilbert, BA; Miss Linda Adams Gilmore, BSc, PhD; Miss Alison Girdwood, MA; James Amos Hamilton Jr, JD; Ms Jean Sinclair Irvine, MA; Ms Audrey Anne Keith, MA; John Cook Loudon; David Ian Lyell, MA; Miss Dallas M Mechan, BSc Arch; Major Francis Moffat of that Ilk, MC, DL, JP, BA; Jonathan MacDonald; Miss Sheena Macdonald; Maclean Macleod; Neil Paterson Oliver; William Paxton Ormiston; John Arthur Parker, BEd, FRGS; Stewart Pearson, FBCD; Kenneth Charles Ralston, MA, Dip Arch, RIBA, RIAS; John Ritchie; William D Ritchie, MD; Mrs May Roberts; Douglas Scott; Roy Scott, JP, MB, ChB, MD, FRCS; Archibald Ian Balfour Stewart, CBE, BL; William P L Thomson, MA; Maarten Van Hoek; Miss Jane Elizabeth Campbell White, MA; Miss Jennifer Grant Wilson, MA; Mrs Elizabeth F Wright, BA; Greville Worthington.

The following Communication was read:

'Torphichen and the Knights of St John of Jerusalem in Scotland', by Alan Macquarrie, PhD.

Monday, 10 February 1986, at 7.00 pm, Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRSE, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

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

Col William Edward Iredale Armstrong, OBE, TD, DL; William Sisson Armstrong, AB, MA; Mrs Eva Marguerite Bennett; Martin Lewis Brann; Hon Moyra Campbell; Miss Jane Campbell-Brown; Malcolm Stuart Carr, FGA; John Alexander Chalmers, ARIBA, ARIAS; Miss Morag Anne Cross, MA; Richard Cummings; Marcus William Fischer Dean; Graham Halcrow Dorrat, BSc; Rev Henry David Mitchell Dutch, FIPR; Nicholas Hardwick Fairbairn of Fordell, QC, MA, LLB, MP; Roger Featherstone; Mrs Helen Penny Fraser; Affleck Christian Gray, UDF; Ian R Hamilton, QC; Ronald Hough, BSc; Cecil Claire Houston; Michael Newman Husband; Miss Susan Deborah Jaques, BA; Mrs Helen Pottinger Johnson; Philip Charles Kingham; Robert Bruce Kline; Andrew Munro Lang, DipArch, MPhil, RIBA, ARIAS, MRTPI; Hamish Alfred Leach, KHS, MA, PhD, CertIntLaw, FRSA; Alan Fraser Leslie, MA; Mrs Alice Macdonald; Angus John Macdonald; Godfrey Colin McGrath, MA; Douglas Wilson McKercher, BA; Charles James Mure McKerrell of Hillhouse; Thomas H McLaughlin, Jr; David Scott McOmish, BSc; Archibald McPhater, MB, ChB, MD, FRCP; Mrs Angela Nicholson, MA; Charles O'Neill, FBIS; John Rodger Pennycook, MBE; Dale J C Poore; N V Quinnell, FSA, MIFA; Bernard Paul Redman; David Reed, BSc; Malcolm Leonard Reid; Alexander Shaw Rhineland, AB; Robert Denis James Rixson, MA; Mrs Valerie Mary Robertson, MA; Harry Allan Robinson; Kenneth G Ross; Miss Elizabeth Mary Scott; P J Shewan; John Joseph Slattery; Very Rev Fr Allan White, OP, MA, BD, STL; Alan Thomas Wishart.

The following Communication was read:

'Cord rig and early cultivation in the Borders', by Stratford Halliday, BSc.

Monday, 24 February 1986, at 5.30 pm, Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRSE, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

The President referred to the notice of the proposed amendments to Law 13. The Secretary said the amendments concerned the composition of the Council. The first two arose from the demise of the former Board of Trustees and the National Museum of Antiquities and Council's desire to establish close links with the new Royal Museum of Scotland. The third amendment sought to place all the Conveners of the four standing Committees on Council. The President reminded the meeting that the first two amendments had been discussed at the Anniversary Meeting. He then put each amendment to the vote and all were carried unanimously.

Law 13 will now read:

'The Council shall consist of the Office-bearers, the Conveners of the Programme, Publication, Research, and Finance and Administration Committees, a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Museums of Scotland who is also a Fellow of the Society (nominated by the Board of Trustees), the Director of the National Museums of Scotland, the Keeper of Archaeology and the Keeper of History and Applied Arts of the National Museums of Scotland, a representative of the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland (nominated by the governing body of the Friends), these last four to sit as Assessors, and twelve Fellows elected by the Society'.

The following Communication was read:

'Holm of Papa Westray: an insight into the Neolithic use of chambered tombs', by Mrs Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, FSA Scot.

Monday, 10 March 1986, at 5.30 pm, J G Dunbar, MA, FSA, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

'The Dartmouth: a 17th-century warship in the Sound of Mull', by Colin J M Martin, PhD, FSA Scot.

Monday, 14 April 1986, at 7.00 pm, Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRSE, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

'The buildings of St Kilda', by Geoffrey P Stell, BA, FSA, FSA Scot.

Monday, 13 October 1986, at 5.30 pm, Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRSE, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

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

Archibald David Aikman; Alan John Alexander, BSc, PhD; Miss Judith Anderson, MA; Iain Michael Beavan, BA, ALA; Col William H Bell, USAF (Ret); David Graham Black Jr, PE; Mrs Jill Slee Blackadder, BA; Edward Douglas Blair, AMIOSH, MIIRSM, MREHIS; Joseph T Bothwick; Iain Thomson Boyle, BSc, MB, ChB, FRCP; Miss Antonia Janette Bunch, MA, FLA, MIInfSc, MBIM; John Cairns; Ian David Caruana, MA; Sydney Thompson Chapman, BA, PhD; Peter Richard Clark, BA, MIFA; Mrs Jane Olivia Clifford, BA; Timothy Peter Plint Clifford, BA, AMA, FRSA; John Richard Cole, MA; Robert Thornton Connal; A Maxim Coppage; Mrs Selina Johanna Corkerton; David Gordon Currie, MB, FRCS; Neil George Westbrook Curtis; Scott Buchanan Cuthill, MA, Dip Ed; Ian Mitchell Davidson, Dip BS; George Andrew Dixon, MA, BSc; Arthur Leonard Douglas, MLJ; Norman Douglas of Dundarrach; Giles Wilfred Dove, MA; Arthur Elliott; Mrs Jemima Mary Elliott, MA, PGCE; Peter Richard Elliott, BSc; Alan D Fairweather; Mrs Caroline Curling Ferguson, BA; Colin Fletcher Fergusson; Mrs Joy Elizabeth Fulton, MA; Robert Gove, BA, MA, BEd; Kenneth John Gray, BSc, MPS; Miss Sally Greenaway, BA; Ms Alison Gunn; Ms Deborah Haase, MA; Mrs Lillian Kerr Hadersat; Miss Diana F Harries, BSc, ARICS; Miss Judith Elizabeth Harris, BA; Kenneth Robin Hirons, BSc, PhD; Mrs Rebecca Hughes-Hartogs, BA, LCSW; Ms Flower Lester Hund, MA, MLS, CAS; Miss Dale Idiens, BA; Ms Heather James, BA; Mrs Isobel Johnson, BA; Archibald Hynd Johnstone, CD; George Ogilvie Brown Kinnear, HonFTCL, AGSM, LRAM, FRSA, FInstD; Mrs Elaine Julie Lane, BEd; Derek Mordaunt Learmonth; Archie P Lee; Miss Marianna Lines, BA; C G Lunny, BSc, MSc; R D Lyall, FCMA, MIMC; Murvan Morris Maxwell, FAIA, KTJ; Annie Milles, BA, MSc; Angus Fordyce Morrison, BA; John F McDonald Jr, BA; Randal Kelso MacInnes, MA; David A T Mackie, BSc, MA; Robert Raitlon McKie, BSA, MA, PhD, CPsych; James P MacLaine, BS, JD; Callum Angus Maclean, BA, MA; Colin McLean, BSc, DipTP, MRTPI; Mrs Valerie Margaret MacLean; Neil MacLeod, MA; Hugh Pearson MacMillan,

DLitt, UE; Fergus Alexander Macneill; Rennie McOwan; Mrs Anne Elinor Nimmo; William Nimmo, MC, BA, LLB, WS; Mrs Ann Isobel Stewart Pippet; Mrs Debbie Playfair, HND; Robert George Polson, MA; Reginald Denys Pringle, BA, DPhil, FSA; Gerard Quail, DipArt; Don G Rickey, BA, MA, PhD; Brian David Robertson; Colin Rolland; Alan Ross; Nigel Allen Ruckley; Ms Jane Russell; David Sampson, MIMI; David Farquhar Smith; George William Smith, BA; John Alexander Smith, ARIAS, RIBA, BSc, DipArch; Keith Michael Speller, CPA; Mrs Sylvia Jean Stevenson, BA; Alisdair James Stewart; George N Stewart, DipCam, FIPR; Miss Marjorie Anne Stewart; Miss Jane Elizabeth Todd, BA, MA, AIFA; Robin William Watson, MA, DipArch, RIBA, RIAS; Thomas Alexander Watt; David Robin Willington, MA; Edward Thom Neilson Yeoman.

The following were elected Honorary Fellows:

Hakon Christie, Arkitekt; Howard Colvin, CVO, CBE, FBA, FSA; Miss Dorothy Nairn Marshall, FSA, FSA Scot; Professor J D Van Der Waals.

The following Communication was read:

‘Recent work at Dunadd’, by Alan Lane, MA, PhD, FSA Scot.

Monday, 10 November 1986, at 5.30 pm, Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRSE, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

‘The Relics of Mary Queen of Scots’, by David H Caldwell, MA, PhD, FSA Scot.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING held in the Library on *Monday, 1 December 1986*, at 4.00 pm, Professor L Alcock, MA, FSA, FRSE, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

Mr J G Dunbar was appointed chief scrutineer for the Ballot for Office-Bearers, with Mr G R Dagleish, Dr R K Marshall and Mr G H G Tilling scrutineers.

The President invited Dr R B K Stevenson to introduce a paper (which had been circulated to the Fellows present and was read by the President) drawing attention to the forthcoming sale of Traprain Law, and suggesting that the President and Council should write to the Secretary of State for Scotland pointing out the great archaeological importance of the site and requesting that it be purchased by the National Heritage Fund for permanent protection by State Guardianship. After discussion adoption of the proposal was unanimously agreed.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary read the following *Annual Report*:

Membership

It is very gratifying to be able to report yet again that in the year under review the net membership has continued to rise. While new Fellows seek entry to our Society we may feel confident that those things in which the Society is deeply interested are not minority irrelevancies but are of increasing importance to a growing number of people. We may also feel happy that we are able to share the advantages of Fellowship in our Society more widely, and that the declared purpose of the Society, namely to pursue and foster ‘the study of the *ANTIQUITIES AND HISTORY OF SCOTLAND*’, is being achieved. While quantity is no substitute for quality, it is now more and more important that the Society is strong in numbers and active in interest: the archaeological heritage is a ‘diminishing resource’, and there are urgent needs to act now in the location, recording and analysis of remains which may not be available to another generation. It is also a fact that few will heed the wise words of a tiny group of genteel scholars, especially when they do not wish to hear what is being said: but wise words can be backed with strength, and even government ministers will listen if they find that a particular view is not only sensible but widespread. During the past session 198 new Fellows and 4 Honorary Fellows were elected, while 136 names have been removed from the roll through death, resignation or lapse of subscription. The net increase of 65 Fellows brings the total on the Roll to 2430, including 19 Honorary Fellows.

Meetings

The familiar rhythm of ordinary meetings in the Library was maintained from the last Anniversary Meeting until April, resuming after the summer break in October. The last Annual Report unfortunately omitted to report the annual day-conference, which took place in the autumn of 1985 under the direction of Mr John Barber, and which took as its theme the closer integration of all kinds of environmental research into archaeological fieldwork. Within the year under review Mr Gordon Maxwell, together with Dr W S Hanson and Dr I B M Ralston, organized a day-conference which was held on 10 May. The title was 'The Sky's the Limit: a decade of archaeological air photography in Scotland', and the purpose was to survey and assess the great wealth of new information which has been won through aerial survey and photography over the last decade, during which there has been some attempt to systematize for the first time aerial survey work.

In the year under review it was the Society's turn to receive a Norwegian visitor to give the Lindsay-Fischer lecture. Dr Martin Blindheim of the University Museum of National Antiquities in Oslo lectured on 'The Romanesque Parish Churches of Norway' and 'The Stave Church builders' graffiti'; as has already become the tradition he lectured both in Edinburgh and to the North-East section in Aberdeen. The Rhind Lecturer was Dr Peter Kidson who spoke on 'Cathedrals of the Middle Ages'. Once again the excursion took a unique form for a unique occasion. The large-scale rescue excavation of the recently discovered Roman fort at Elginhaugh outside Dalkeith in Midlothian provided the opportunity; Dr W S Hanson, who has directed the project, gave an introductory talk in the Library on the morning of the visit in order to prepare the two full coach-loads of Fellows and their friends for their tour of the excavations in the afternoon. From our Regional Fund we have sponsored another Buchan Lecture, held in Forres and organized by the Moray Field Club. Mr John Hume spoke on 'The Industrial Archaeology of Moray', and afterwards led a field trip.

The North-East Section

The Section held eight meetings to hear the same lecture programme as given in Edinburgh, and in addition at its Annual General Meeting in May was pleased to welcome the President who spoke on 'Early fortifications, excavations at Dunnottar and Urquhart Castles'. Four excursions took members to see the excavations at the deserted medieval burgh at Rattray, Terpersie Castle and the Knockespock House symbol stone, sites in Howe of Cromar, and Towie Barclay Castle.

A presentation was made to Dr A A Woodham, who was instrumental in setting up the Section in 1969, to commemorate his service to the Society and in particular to the Section. The following were elected to the Committee: Chairman, I A G Shepherd; Vice-Chairman, G Leiper; Secretary, A Hidalgo; Treasurer, W A Taylor; members, C Barclay, Mrs H B Dransart, J Inglis, G Steele, Mrs K W Stewart, Miss J Stones, R A Watt. The membership of the Section is about 223.

Research

Our Society furthers its purpose of fostering the study of Scotland's archaeological and historical heritage through the direct communication of the results of research at the programme of meetings and conferences, through the publication of our *Proceedings* and the newer *Monograph Series*, and through its funding of research. Over recent years Council and the Research Committee have spent much effort on ways to increase the scale of the Society's funds to aid research, recognizing that the nature of the need for funding has been changing, and that the volume of funds available was simply inadequate. Traditionally the Society's research funding has been drawn from the income from bequests, and the core of the funds available to the Research Committee is still committed investment income. From time to time the Society's research funds benefit from further bequests, but Council has taken positive steps to build the funding for research at a faster rate. The invested entry monies paid by new Fellows on election produces of course a steadily increasing income which now closely approaches £1200 each year, almost 20% of the money committed to the sponsorship of research. In addition over recent years a portion of the Society's general fund has been put into the funds available to the Research Committee. In effect then, a small portion of each Fellow's annual subscription is being spent directly on research. Exactly how varied that research is can be judged from the annual list of projects to which grants have been made; but the simple list cannot convey how urgent a number of these projects are. The following have received grants in the year 1985-86: Excavation of a multi-period site, Kinloch, Rhum (C Wickham-Jones); Excavation of a dun, Loch Olavat, North Uist (I Armit); Excavation at Barochan Hill Roman Fort, Renfrewshire (L J F Keppie); Excavation

at the putative Roman Fort, Easter Galcantray, Moray (I Keillar); Excavation of Earl's Bu, Orphir, Orkney (C E Batey); Study and consolidation of a bastle-house, Glenochar, Elvanfoot, Lanarkshire (T Ward); The Orkney survey project (C C Richards); Field survey, Strathnaver, Sutherland (J Redgate); Continuation of the survey of chambered cairns in Caithness (J L Davidson and A S Henshall); Fieldwork on cup-and-ring stones and ring cairns in Angus (J R Sherriff); Field survey on Eigg (P Wade-Martins); C14 dating, Erskine Crannog, Strathclyde (W S Hanson); Post-excavation work, Cullykhan promontory fort, Banffshire (J C Greig); Post-survey work, Fair Isle Survey (J R Hunter); Catalogue of Scottish prehistoric skeletal material (K J McSweeney); Investigation of the metallurgy and construction of late Bronze-Age bronze vessels (J P Northover and S I M Gerloff).

The Chalmers-Jervise prize was awarded to Mr P Topping for his essay on 'Pottery and chronology in the Iron Age of the Western Isles'. The award of Bursaries for Young Fellows was introduced this year, its purpose to enable them to read papers at Conferences. Awards were made to Mr N M Cameron for 'Romanesque Sculpture at Dunfermline Abbey', to Mr S T Driscoll for 'Power and Authority in Early Historic Scotland – Pictish Stones and Other Documents', to Dr M R Niekke for 'Literacy and Power: The introduction and use of writing in Early Historic Scotland', and to Miss C Wickham-Jones for 'Lithic Resources in Prehistoric Scotland'. The first paper was given to the British Archaeological Association in Edinburgh, the others to the World Archaeological Congress in Southampton.

Publication

Unexpected difficulties have delayed the publication of volume 115 which is now expected in February 1987. The fourth volume in the *Monograph Series, Excavations on the Brough of Birsay* by J R Hunter, was published in late October. Editorial work on Monograph 5 is well advanced, and there are a number of important reports under preparation which will keep the momentum of the series going.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read the following *Treasurer's Report*:

This year has seen the Society reach a turning point in its affairs which has demanded an upgrading of its financial base. The £10 annual subscription has been maintained for nearly a decade, a remarkable feat in a period when money has sunk to less than half its initial value, and at a period when the ambitions and responsibilities of the Society have advanced by leaps and bounds.

When our subscription rose to £10 in 1977, our expenditure upon our *Proceedings* (Vol 106) was £8668 (to be set against the estimated cost of £25 832 for Vol 115, a multiplication factor of 3) and our expenditure upon Research and Excavation in the same year was £655 (to be compared with £5629 in 1986, a multiplication factor of 8.5). Other aspects of our work would show similar increases.

That we have been able to maintain this real growth has been due to three principal factors, most important of which is the very substantial increase in our fellowship, stimulated, I imagine, by the breadth of our interests, and the amazingly good value of our subscription. Secondly, high interest rates have enabled us to maximize the income from our investments while maintaining a steady growth in their market value. Thirdly, and by no means least, the energy of our Assistant Treasurer, who has brought our covenanted income to unparalleled heights and who has managed the day to day running of our affairs with singular acumen.

May I commence a review of the 1986 accounts by turning straight away to the bottom line? The surplus for the year on the General Fund has slipped from £3221 in 1985 to £426 in 1986. Surpluses in the other funds (Publication, Excavation and Research) are also reduced or stable at a low level. There must lie the justification for your Council's decision to raise the subscription from £10 to £15 with effect from July 1986. That rise has been restrained to £15 in order not to discourage that flow of new fellows that are the Society's life-blood and this restriction will almost certainly mean that another ten-year plateau for our subscription will be difficult to sustain.

This welcome increase in fellowship has brought with it its own problems. The management of the Society's affairs, posted circulations, distribution of the *Proceedings* etc., have all become tasks of far greater complexity and sheer work, which in turn cost more money. The stage has been reached where a fundamental reorganization of the Society's administration is now being designed, and this in turn will require capital investment and enhanced costs whence should flow even greater efficiency at less cost in human terms. The first stage of this reorganization accounts for the major increase in salary costs from

£7605 to £12461, which forms such a prominent feature of our General Fund expenditure in this financial year.

Essentially linked to this process is the notable increase in printing and stationery costs (£1254 in 1985 to £2392 in 1986) and postage (£1377 in 1985 to £1788 in 1986). The only other notable increases in expenditure lie in the expenses of the North-East Scotland Section where crisis presented itself in the form of the need for a new projector. This year has also seen an increase of £1157 in our allotment to Research and Excavation, half of which was in the form of an increased transfer from our General Fund. Furthermore, should our estimate for the cost of Vol 115 prove correct, we face an increase of nearly £2000 in the cost of our *Proceedings*. The lower grant from the General Fund to the Publication Fund this year was quite clearly a recognition of surplus in the latter fund and the parlous position of our general surplus and really should be made good in some manner in the coming financial year.

The *Monograph Series* account is in a relatively healthy state in balance (in the Society's name) to the tune of £5226. We still await the bill for Vol 4. Nevertheless, the Society should be securely in a position to handle an oncoming Monograph at least equal in size and complexity to any yet published under the new '75% straight grant' rules negotiated with the SDD.

It should be noted that our investments in Charibond and Charifund Units show a handsome increase in market value (£39452 to £49871) in the financial year under review, thus helping to maintain the capital value of the Society's base resources.

Our estimates for 1986-87 show our surpluses well re-established with the new subscription rate. In the next year capital expenditure and staff-change costs may eat heavily into these surpluses but thenceforward, hopefully, the Society can look forward to a further period of stability in which to foster and develop its interests.

The Annual Report was adopted on the motion of Dr D J Breeze seconded by Mr J B Stevenson.

THE BALLOT

In the ballot for the election of Council members, the result of the first count showed a tie for the fifth place; the subsequent re-count resulted in the election of the following Fellows: C J Burnett; Dr P J Dixon; Professor E C Fernie; A D Foxon and R B Gourlay.

Council for the ensuing year to be as follows:

<i>President</i>	Professor L Alcock, MA, FRSE, FRHistS, FSA
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	D J Breeze, BA, PhD, FSA A Fenton, CBE, BA, MA, DLitt, FRSE, FSA T F Watkins, BA, PhD, FSA
<i>Councillors</i>	D V Clarke, BA, PhD, FSA R M Emerson, BA Mrs D M Reynolds, MA, MIFA Miss C R Wickham-Jones, MA, MIFA Miss J M Bennett, BL W S Hanson, BA, PhD, FSA Miss J A Stones, MA C J Burnett, O St J, DA, AMA P Dixon, BA, PhD, MIFA Professor E C Fernie, BA, FSA A D Foxon, MA R B Gourlay, MA, MIFA Mrs A Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA R J Mercer, MA, FSA, MIFA I A G Shepherd, MA, FSA, MIFA (Editor) L J Masters, BA, FSA (Convener of the Research Committee) M T Williams, BE (Convener of the Finance and Administration Committee)
<i>Secretary</i>	R D Cramond, MA, MBIM (Representative of the Trustees of the National Museums of Scotland)
<i>Treasurer</i>	R G W Anderson, BSc, MA, DPhil, FRSC (Director of the National Museums of Scotland)
<i>Ex-Officio Members of Council</i>	
<i>Assessors</i>	

Miss D Idiens, BA (Keeper of History and Applied Arts, National Museums of Scotland)
 J Hogarth, MA (Representative of the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland)

THE ROLL

The record of the deaths of the following Fellows, intimated during the year 1985–86, was not read at the meeting:

	<i>Elected</i>
Reverend Alfred J Armour, Drumhead House, Finzean, Banchory	1947
Miss Isabel Brown, Dipple, Fochabers, Moray	1956
George Draffen of Newington, MBE, O St J, FRHistS, Meadowside, Balmullo, St Andrews, Fife	1980
Miss Grace Elliot, MBE, FSMC, Padgepool House, Wooler, Northumberland	1960
Horace Fairhurst, MA, PhD, FSA, Hopefield, Lamlash, Isle of Arran	1936
Harold Victor Feehan, BComm, FPS, AFAIM, 17 Winston Drive, Doncaster 3108, Victoria, Australia	1984
George Fowler, MPS, 25 Greenmore Gardens, Aberdeen	1970
The Right Hon The Earl of Haddington, KT, MC, TD, LLD, Tynninghame House, Dunbar, East Lothian (Honorary Fellow)	1945
William Halbert, BSc, ARCST, AMIChemE, 51 South Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire	1970
Derek Pearson Harris, AE, 31 Acacia Road, Falmouth, Cornwall	1983
William Miller Jamieson, MB, ChB, LRCP & S, LRFDS, 22 Arran Crescent, Beith, Ayrshire	1970
Professor Konrad Jazdzewski, Archaeological and Ethnographical Museum, Lodz, Poland (Honorary Fellow)	1969
Anthony Lucas, MA, DLitt, FMA, Cois Coille, Bird Avenue, Clonskeagh, Dublin (Honorary Fellow)	1969
Frank Magee, JP, 10 Fountainhall Road, Aberdeen	1976
Mrs Edith Josephine Marnie, LRAM, Lon Fiodhaig, Letters, Loch Broom, Ross-shire	1969
Richard John Metz Merriman, 71 Bay Tree Road, London	1984
Donald G Moir, 2 Pentland Gardens, Edinburgh	1947
E L Campbell MacAlister, 42 Ventnor Drive, Totteridge, London	1959
J McNaught, MA, Kilneiss, Moniaive, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire	1954
Reverend Douglas Hogarth Hay Macnaughton, MA, BD, 61 Drymen Road, Bearsden, Glasgow	1968
Mrs Margaret W Macneill, MA, 45 Longbridge Road, Bramley, Basingstoke, Hampshire	1949
James Gordon Stewart Macphail, MA, Overton, West Road, Haddington, East Lothian	1964
Arthur Thatcher Roberts, Post Office Box 1260, Elizabethton, TN 37643, USA	1985
Dr Hamish Stuart Sloane, LRCP & S, LRSPSG, MRCGP, 180 Craigton Road, Glasgow	1970
Eric Smith, C St J, DMus, MMUS, RCM, FRCO, FTCL, 12 Kilmaurs Terrace, Edinburgh	1980
Ian R H Stewart, 11 Farquhar Road, Wimbeldon Park, London	1925
Mrs Margaret E C Stewart, MA, PhD, Tempar, Dupplin Terrace, Kinnoull, Perth (Honorary Fellow)	1929
Hugh Whitehead, MRSA, 8 Court Street, Haddington, East Lothian	1978
Colonel Alistair Gordon Donald Whyte, CBE, MA, MB, ChB, FRCS, 21 Landale Road, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire	1973
Kenneth Alexander Wood, MA, Inverdon, Balgownie Road, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen	1962
Edward Yeoman, 10 Loganlea Gardens, Edinburgh	1972

THE RETIRAL OF THE SECRETARY

The President said that the Secretary was retiring after nine years in office. The Society has changed during this time and the amount of work has greatly increased. The main themes with which the Secretary has been concerned are the increased sponsorship of research, and in the early years the responsibilities for the Urban Archaeology Unit, The Aberdeen Archaeology Unit, and the Archaeological Field Surveyors; more recently the Society has been involved with Government consultations, the merger of the National Museum of Antiquities and the Royal Scottish Museum, and the protection of the Society's historic

privileges, the Society's responsibilities to all of which have been master-minded by the Secretary. The President recalled that it is largely due to the Secretary that the Society is now held in high regard by the Government. Council has persuaded him to serve on a new committee dealing with heritage and environmental matters, so he will continue to be active in the Society's affairs. The meeting was asked to thank Dr Watkins for his Secretaryship and to wish him well as Vice-President.

Dr Watkins said that he was deeply grateful for the Society's expression of thanks, and that he felt the opportunity to serve the Society had been an honour. He had worked under four remarkable Presidents who have given a great deal to the Society, and he felt the Society was forward-looking and energetic.

The President said it was hardly necessary to introduce the new Secretary, Dr Anna Ritchie, who has served as Editor and as a member of Council. He wished her a successful, happy and fruitful time as Secretary and thanked her for undertaking the task.

The President asked whether any Fellows wished to speak. Mr E H Nicoll asked if the Society had a policy regarding the blanket afforestation of upland areas of Scotland, and the need to record the structural remains which are being affected. The President said that this matter will be the priority of the new committee to which he had already referred, and letters from Fellows will be welcomed. Mr A Maxwell-Irving asked whether a news-sheet could be circulated to Fellows giving information on conferences, seminars, excavations etc, which are to be held by other bodies. The President said that his request will be passed to Council.

The President thanked the Keeper of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery for providing a room for the Fellows to gather for wine after the meeting.

COMMUNICATION

G H Evans, BA, MA, FSA Scot, addressed the meeting on 'The mace of St Salvator's College, St Andrews'.