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The PSNS published this 104-page, full-colour volume of its Journal in May 2012. It contains six articles:

‘The letters of Sergeant William Dewar (1781?-1844)’ by Dr Charles Waterston gives an account of some letters of his ancestor, born in Dunkeld, who served in the Cameron Highlanders between 1805 and 1824, seeing service in the Peninsular War and at Waterloo.

‘Hugh Robert Mill (1861-1950), pioneer of modern geography’ by Professor David Munro is an account based on his MacAlpine Memorial Lecture to the Society, about one of the pioneers of modern geography teaching, as a scientist, an educator, and as a promoter of polar exploration.

‘Perth – the first hundred years’ by Dr Matthew Hammond of Edinburgh University, is his MacAlpine Memorial Lecture to the Society in 2010, delivered as part of Perth800 celebrations. It gives an account of the first century of the burgh from its formation in the early 12th century.

‘The Perthshire Society of Natural Science: a model of its kind’ by Dr Walter Stephen gives an account of the beginnings of the Society in the late 19th century, with particular reference to early members, including Francis Buchanan White, James Geikie and Patrick Geddes, and the influence of Robert Dick of Thurso on the natural history movement.

‘A glimpse of Victorian humour’ is a short account of an illustration by Mr Worthington Smith, recording a Fungus Show in Perth in 1875.

‘Perth’s first natural history museum’ by Miss Rhoda Fothergill is an account of the origins and development of the Society’s museum in Tay Street until the collection was donated to Perth Town Council in 1903.