

26th May, 1931.

An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society was held in the Museum, Tay Street, at 7.30 this evening.

EDWARD SMART, B.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E., J.P., President, in the Chair.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. William Malloch, B.Sc., the following Agreement between the Perth Town Council and the Society was unanimously approved:—

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT.

Minute of Agreement between the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the City and Royal Burgh of Perth (hereinafter called the " Corporation ") on the one part, and the Right Honourable Lord Scone, Balboughty, by Perth; Melville Gray, Bowerswell, Perth; Francis Norie-Miller, Cleeve, Perth, and Robert Hunter, One hundred and twenty-three Glasgow Road, Perth, as Trustees of the Perthshire Society of Natural Science; Edward Smart, Ten Tullyumb Terrace, Perth, President of said Society; Philip Henry Webb, Dunwood, Luncarty; James Angus, Perth Academy, Rose Terrace, Perth; James Menzies, One hundred and seventeen Scott Street, Perth, and Cyril Walmesley, Four Albert Place, King Street, Perth, Vice-Presidents of said Society; Henry Coates, Rydal, Wheatridge Lane, Torquay, Editor of said Society; John Ritchie, Craigie Park Villa, Edinburgh Road, Perth, Secretary and Librarian of said Society; James Winter, Four Rosemount Place, Perth, Treasurer of said Society; and Alistair Cram, care of Messieurs Balfour and Manson, Twenty-four Castle Street, Edinburgh; Thomas M'Laren, Redcliffe, Barnhill, Perth; Andrew Robin Wilson, Twenty-five South William Street, Perth; William Malloch, One hundred and thirty-seven Glasgow Road, Perth; Miss Christina C. Barclay, Perth Academy, Rose Terrace, Perth; and Miss Maggie Lyall, Perth Academy, Rose Terrace, Perth, members of Council of said Society, the said Trustees, Office-bearers and Members being the Council of the said Perthshire Society of Natural Science and duly authorised to enter into these presents on behalf of said Society (hereinafter called "the Society.")

On the other part

Whereas the Corporation are promoting in the present session of Parliament a Provisional Order to empower them, *inter alia*, to erect an art gallery and museum on a site which has been acquired by them in George Street and Castlegable, Perth, and to transfer the exhibits in the present Natural History Museum in Tay Street, Perth, to the new buildings to be erected, and thereafter to dispose of the existing Natural History Museum

freed from all conditions or restrictions. And whereas the proposed new art gallery and museum will contain, *inter alia*, a lecture hall and a library, and the Corporation have agreed to grant to the Society the use, as hereinafter defined, of certain parts of the buildings on the terms and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth and in consideration thereof the Society have agreed to relinquish and discharge all rights which they at present possess in or in relation to the existing Natural Science Museum in Tay Street: Therefore the parties have agreed and do hereby agree as follows, videlicet:—

Upon the Provisional Order being obtained and the Corporation proceeding with the erection of the proposed new art gallery and museum the Corporation shall make provision in the new buildings for a lecture hall and library having accommodation at least equal to the lecture room and library in the existing Natural Science Museum in Tay Street.

The Corporation shall grant to the Society the use of the lecture hall in the new building for the purpose of holding meetings, such meetings not to exceed twelve in number in any one year, and the Society shall have priority over all other parties in arranging the dates for these meetings provided (one) that the Society shall intimate to the Curator of the art gallery, or museum, not later than the thirty-first day of August in each year, the dates on which they desire the lecture hall reserved for the ensuing season; (two) that such meetings will be restricted to purposes within the objects of the Society as these are set forth in the constitution of the Society and (three) that the Society shall waive their right to priority on any particular date on which the lecture hall may be required by the Corporation for any special public function of local or national importance.

Subject to the control, direction and management of the Curator of the Museum, the members of the Society shall also be entitled to the use of the laboratory and photographic dark-room to be provided in the new museum, but such use shall not include any instruments, utensils, etcetera, therein belonging to the Corporation or provided by them.

The Corporation shall provide accommodation in the library for the Society's books and the members of the Society shall have access to the library at all times during which the buildings are open to the public. The library shall be under the control of the Curator of the Museum, but no one other than a member of the Society shall be entitled to borrow any book which is the property of the Society. The Corporation will accommodate either in the library or in such other part of the museum, as they may find most convenient or suitable, any photographs or portraits belonging to the Society and which are at present accommodated in the Tay Street Museum.

The Society agree and hereby bind themselves to pay to the

Corporation the sum of Twenty Pounds sterling per annum as their contribution towards the cost of lighting, heating and cleaning the premises.

In consideration of the provisions herein contained, the Society shall Relinquish and Discharge all rights they may have in the existing Natural Science Museum.

This agreement is conditional on the passing into law of the Provisional Order hereinbefore referred to and of the Corporation proceeding by virtue thereof to erect the proposed new art gallery and museum. Upon the completion of the new premises this agreement shall come into full operation and shall subsist until the same shall be altered, varied or terminated by the mutual consent of both parties. It is hereby declared and agreed that the consent of the said Society may be validly given by the Council of the Society for the time being. Further declaring that until the new premises are completed the arrangements at present in operation in connection with the existing museum in Tay Street shall continue. The Society shall not be entitled without the express consent in writing of the Corporation to transfer or assign the rights conferred by this agreement to any other body, organisation or society, and such rights shall only continue and remain in force so long as the Society continues to function as a Society, whose sole object shall be the advancement of natural science and the promotion of public knowledge thereof.

The Testing Clause follows, in which all members of Council and the Trustees signed on behalf of the Society, being duly witnessed by Miss Redpath and Miss Wallace. The Lord Provost and Town Clerk signed on behalf of the Town Council, their signatures being duly witnessed by Mr Walker and Mr Todd.

SUMMER SESSION, 1931.

The following Excursions were arranged :—

- May 30.—Corsie Hill and Kinnoull Hill. Joint Excursion with Eastern Section of the Scottish Photographic Federation.
- June 20.—Glen Garr. Leader—Mr. James Winter.
- August 1.—Cromlix, Dunblane. Joint Excursion with the Royal, Perthshire Horticultural Society.
- August 24.—Mountain Excursion to Schiehallion. Leader—Mr. Alistair Cram.
- September 12.—Kindrochat, Comrie. Leader—Miss M. A. Boyle.