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A Valedictory Word from Professor Ian Campbell

After five enjoyable years, I am stepping down as the convener of the SCHA. Two highlights stand out for me. The first was the 2016 conference focusing on architecture which, enthralled not only me as an architectural historian, but also a very enthusiastic audience, and produced several fascinating articles for the Innes Review. I thank Cristina Gonzalez-Longo for suggesting the theme in the Scottish Government's Year of Architecture and Design. The second was last November, when we had an afternoon meeting at Edinburgh University's Centre for Research Collections, where we were treated to a fascinating lecture by Mgr Charles Burns, one of the founder members of the Association, discussing the account in verse of the visit of the papal legate, Marco Grimani, titular Patriarch of Aquileia, in 1554-5 (shortly to be published by the SCHA). After the lecture, Dr Joe Marshall, head of Research Collections, and his staff, showed us a wealth of manuscripts and printed materials pertinent to the SCHA's interests. It was a privilege and a joy to meet old and new members at such a remarkable occasion where the *raison d'être* of the SCHA was so clearly manifest.

A few days after attending my last Council meeting in May, I set off with my wife to complete the Portuguese Camino, walking north through Galicia to Santiago da Compostela. Having written for the Innes on the parallels between Santiago and St Andrews, I thought I knew what to expect but, when we finally walked into the town on the morning of 1 June I was overwhelmed by the magnificence of all the buildings, not only the cathedral, and by the sheer numbers of pilgrims, estimated to be 1500 a day at the moment, most beaming at having achieved their goal, others on their last legs, barely able to stand. Nothing could be in starker contrast than with present day St Andrews, but, thanks to the work of the Association, we can build some picture of the role the Catholic Church and its members has played in Scottish society across all periods.

I wish all good things to the new convener, Gerry Carruthers, and a Council with a decidedly younger age profile and excitingly wide mix of interests, and look forward to seeing the Association go from strength to strength. I would like to end by thanking Andrew Nicoll, for going far beyond his role as Treasurer, to ensure I and the SCHA stayed on the right lines during my time as convener.

Professor Ian Campbell

Professor Campbell is currently enjoying his retirement. He was Professor of Architectural History and Theory at Edinburgh College of Art (ECA) 2005-17. His principal research interests are Italian Renaissance architecture, Scottish medieval and early modern architecture and the Classical Tradition.

Introducing the Committee

Current Trustees and Office Holders:

Convener (newly elected) - Professor Gerard Carruthers

Gerry Carruthers is Francis Hutcheson Professor of Literature at the University of Glasgow, previously holding posts at the universities of Aberdeen and Strathclyde. He has been Visiting Professor of English at the University of Wyoming, Visiting Research Fellow, All Souls College (University of Oxford), W. Ormiston Roy Fellow at the University of South Carolina and Visiting Scholar at the University of Otago, New Zealand. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He is author or editor of 18 books, over 180 academic essays and reviews, as well as being General Editor of the Oxford University Press edition of the works of Robert Burns. His research grants amount to more than £2 million. His latest book, co-edited with Colin Kidd, *Literature and Union: Scottish Texts, British Contexts* is published by Oxford University Press. He has research interests in the career of Fr Alexander Geddes (1737-1802), Scottish Catholic Fiction and the history of the Scottish Popular Party/Calvinism in the 18th century.

Treasurer - Mr Andrew Nicoll

Andrew Nicoll is currently Deputy Head of Archives with Historic Environment Scotland, having previously held the post of Keeper of the Scottish Catholic Archives between 2003 and 2012. He has served on the Council of the Association for a number of years and is currently engaged in research 18th century Scots Recusants and 19th century Catholic burial grounds in Scotland.

Secretary - Dr Iida Saarinen

Dr Iida Saarinen's 2017 doctoral thesis investigated the education of Scottish Catholic priests in France in the nineteenth century and the creation and moulding of seminarian social identities. Her early research focused on early modern European witchcraft which solidified a broader interest in the intersections of gender and faith. Dr Saarinen is currently working as an independent researcher.

Editor - Dr John Reuben Davies

Dr John Reuben Davies is Research Fellow in Scottish History at the University of Glasgow and has been Editor of *The Innes Review* since 2013. His scholarly interests are largely focused on medieval Scotland and its ecclesiastical and legal history. He has a particular interest in hagiography and the cult of saints.

Assistant Editor - Dr Linden Bicket

Dr Linden Bicket is a Teaching Fellow in the School of Divinity at New College, University of Edinburgh. Her publications to date reflect her interdisciplinary work in the fields of literature and religion. She is particularly interested in twentieth-century Catholic fiction and poetry, modern Scottish literature, and children's literature. Her first book, *George Mackay Brown and the Scottish Catholic Imagination*, was published by Edinburgh University Press in 2017.

Reviews Editor - Dr Miles Kerr-Peterson

Dr Miles Kerr-Peterson's research mostly focuses on the Keith Earls Marischal in the sixteenth and early seventeenth century, looking at how the nobles coped with the Reformation and Union of the Crowns. He is also chairman of the Friends of the Wembdon Road Cemetery, Bridgwater, Somerset, a community group working on the conservation of a disused Victorian burial ground.

Regular Members:

Professor Dauvit Broun
Dr Bryony Coombs
Dr Cristina Gonzalez-Longo

Dr Sara Parvis
Dr Donald William Stewart
Professor Daniel Szechi

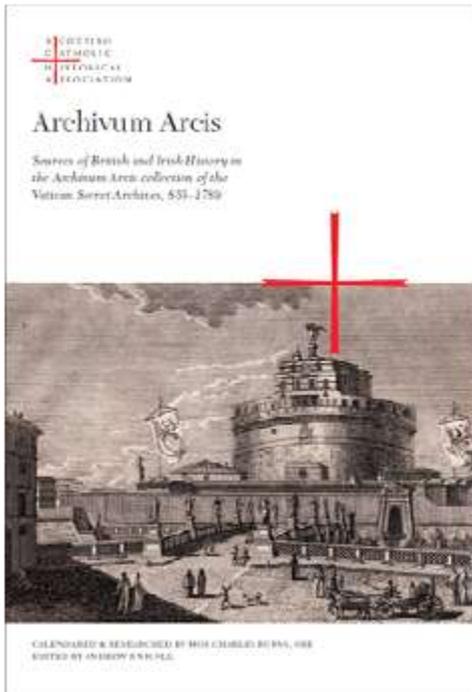
The Trustees and officers are supported their work by the regular members of council who bring with them a unique breadth and knowledge of Scottish history.

New Constitution

The Scottish Catholic Historical Association, currently an unincorporated association, is in the process of becoming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). An application is being made with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. From our members' perspective this changes very little; however, it allows the Trustees to update the constitutional arrangements to adhere to modern charity regulations.

Publications

The Association publishes occasional works. In addition to most back issues of the *Innes Review*, the following are currently available:



Archivum Arcis

Sources of British and Irish History in the Archivum Arcis collection of the Vatican Secret Archives, 855–1789

Calendaried and researched by
Mgr. Charles Burns

Edited by Andrew R Nicoll

ISBN 978-0-9575756-2-2

Published by the SCHA, Edinburgh 2017.

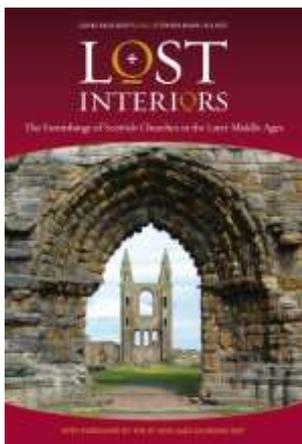
Price £15

Postage: £2.60 UK; £5.00 Europe;
£9.00 Worldwide

“For almost two thousand years the Castel Sant’Angelo has occupied its present prominent position on the banks of the Tiber in Rome. It was the safest repository for the most important muniments of the Apostolic See – the Archivum Arcis.”

The Archivum Arcis collection of the Vatican Secret Archives contains the records of papal privileges, title-deeds to possession of lands and the like. Imperial and royal charters, many with gold seals affixed, acts of homage to the popes, documents emanating from the general councils, being among the more spectacular items in a collection that embraced wide horizons of history. This calendar records over 500 documents relating to the history of the British Isles found in the collection.

Monsignor Charles Burns, a Canon of St Peter’s Basilica and priest of the diocese of Paisley in Scotland, served as Archivist to the Vatican Secret Archives for 35 years. He has been intimately connected to the archival sources of British and Irish history in the Vatican for much of his life, holding a doctorate in Church History from the Pontifical Gregorian University and diploma from the Vatican School of Palaeography. He currently serves as Ecclesiastical Advisor to the British Embassy to the Holy See and holds the Order of the British Empire for services to the United Kingdom.



Lost Interiors

The Furnishings of Scottish Churches in the Later Middle Ages

By David McRoberts and Stephen Mark Holmes

ISBN 978-0-9575756-0-8

Published by the SCHA, Edinburgh, 2012

Price £25

Postage and packing: £2.60 UK;
£5.00 Europe; £9.00 Worldwide

Lost Interiors is the best guide to the rich and colourful interiors and furnishings of pre-Reformation Scottish churches. Based on the 1970 Rhind Lectures of David McRoberts and edited and brought up to date by Stephen Mark Holmes, it uses

the few surviving pieces of evidence to guide us through the different parts of a Scottish medieval church and recreate the lost glories of the late medieval and early renaissance Kingdom of the Scots. The various works of religious art examined show a Scotland which was, at least in its towns and monasteries, in the forefront of European culture. Reading this book will bring to life the buildings we know today only as ruins or bare shells.

The publication of David McRoberts' Rhind Lectures has been long-desired by scholars and *Lost Interiors* combines his accessible style and unrivalled knowledge of the surviving evidence with a full academic apparatus and many colour illustrations. It should thus be of interest both to the general reader and to specialists. Published with the assistance of the major Scottish heritage bodies, it will appeal to historians, art-historians and all who enjoy Scottish history, culture and religion.

Both titles can be ordered directly from the Treasurer, 8/1 Boat Green, Edinburgh EH3 5LL. A publications order form with further details is available at http://www.scha.scot/Publications_2017.pdf.

The most recent issue of the *Innes Review* should be with you. We would like to remind you that the *Innes Review* welcomes submissions and enquiries. More information and the contact details for the Editor, Assistant Editor, and Reviews Editor can be found at the Edinburgh University Press website: [https://www.eupublishing.com/page/inr/submissions](https://www.euppublishing.com/page/inr/submissions).

Communications: Going Electronic

The Association is embracing the electronic age and intends that electronics newsletters (for those that we hold an email address for) will be our principal means of communication: environmental concerns and the increasing cost of postage have precipitated this.

The members who have not yet indicated an email address are kindly asked to do so by contacting Edinburgh University Press who manages our membership database. Similarly, if any of your contact details have changed, please get in touch with them to update your details so that you will not miss out on the May issue of *The Innes Review*. If you have subscribed to receive a print copy of the journal, this will continue to be sent to you by post. Edinburgh University Press can be contacted at journals@eup.ed.ac.uk or, preferably, through their website by logging into your account at www.euppublishing.com/action/showLogin.

The Association has also significantly increased its social media presence. Feel free to follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/scha1950 or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/scottishcatholichistory/. We will continue to use the email mailing list to share relevant events with our members. We are also working on a brand new website which will be easier to maintain and which will also include an online shop for the back issues of the *Innes Review* as well as our other publications.

Bernard Aspinwall Memorial Essay Prize

Entries from postgraduate students and early career researchers have been invited for an essay competition in honour of Bernard Aspinwall (1938-2013). Submissions of around 6,000 words are welcomed on any aspect of Scottish Catholic history and dealing with any period. The winning entry will be awarded a prize of £250. The winning essay will, subject to normal peer-review and editing process, be eligible for publication in *The Innes Review*. Deadline for submissions is at 5pm GMT on Friday 29 June 2018. Please send the entry submissions (with 'SCHA Essay Competition' in the subject field), accompanied by a brief covering letter (detailing eligibility) and contact details, to scha.1950@gmail.com.

2018 Conference

The SCHA annual conference will be at the University of Glasgow on the theme of the 1918 Education Act on the 27th of October 2018. This will be held in association with the St Andrew's Foundation and the Glasgow Newman Association, and will be chaired by Sir Tom Devine. Further details will be provided after plans are finalised.
