

# EMS Minutes: Volume 1: pages 358 to 367

## 1923-24: Forty second session

Session 1923-24

Forty - Second Session.

2-11-23.

Minutes of meeting held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1923, in the University, Edinburgh, Mr Ramsay, President, in the chair.

The following papers were read:—

1. The Equation of Telegraphy, by Miss M. C. Gray
2. An Elementary Proof of Girardo's Theorem,  
by Mr. A. C. Aitken
3. Note on an Infinite Product of Euler,  
by Mr. A. C. Aitken.

Dr Horsburgh, the Honorary Treasurer, submitted his annual report, which showed balances in favour of the Society of £10-12-6 on the Capital account & £140-4-10 on the cash account. On the motion of the Chairman the report was accepted and Dr. Horsburgh was thanked for his services to the Society.

Mr Gibb, Librarian, submitted the annual report of the Library Committee, stating that the usual periodicals had been received during the Session together with certain other periodicals & pamphlets.

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On the motion of the Chairman the report was adopted and Mr Gibbs was thanked for his services to the Society.

The following office-bearers were elected for the Session 1923-24:—

President, Archibald Milne, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.E.

Vice-President, G. D. C. Stokes, M.A., D.Sc.,

Hon. Secretary, Bewan B. Baker, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.E.

Hon. Treasurer, E. M. Horsburgh, M.A., D.Sc., A.M.I.C.E.

Editors of Proceedings, Archibald Milne, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.E.

T. M. MacRobert, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.E.

Editor of Mathematical Notes, Peter Ramsay, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E.

Hon. Librarian, David Gibbs, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E.

Committee, — William Arthur, M.A.

R. T. Dunbar, M.A., B.Sc.

James D. Fulton, M.A., B.Sc.

Miss Marion C. Gray, M.A.

J. B. Lockhart, M.A.

Professor H. W. Turnbull, M.A.

Professor E. T. Whittaker, Sc.D., F.R.S.

On the motion of the chairman the following were appointed auditors of the Treasurer's accounts:—

Mr R. T. Dunbar and Mr G. Robinson.

Mr A. B. Griever & Mr A. Rukhnaswami Ayyangar

were elected ordinary members of the Society.

The following were nominated for ordinary membership of the Society: -

Professor G. G. Darwin, M.A., F.R.S., Tait Professor of  
Natural Philosophy, The University, Edinburgh,  
Mr. A. C. Aitken, M.A., Mathematical Institute, The University,  
Edinburgh

Mr G. L. Frewin, M.A., Mathematical Institute, The University,  
Edinburgh.

Mr Gokak Prasad, Mathematical Institute, The University,  
Edinburgh.

Miss M. C. Simpson, 2 Ormelie Terrace, Goppa.

Robert F. Blades, M.A., B.Sc., Millburn House, Renton

George H. Drummond, M.A., B.Sc., Juniper Green School, Edinburgh



12-23.

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1923,  
in the University, Glasgow, Dr Stokes, Vice-President,  
in the chair.

The following papers were read:-

1. On some Spherical Harmonic Expansions,  
by Dr. T. M. MacRobert,
2. Direct Proofs in Elementary Geometry,  
by Mr Robert F. Blades,
3. The Numerical Evaluation of Double Integrals,  
by Mr A. C. Aitken & Mr G. L. Fremlin,
4. Note on a Linear Partial Differential Equation  
of Hyperbolic Type, by Mr E. T. Copson.

On the motion of Dr Housburgh, seconded by  
Mr Gibb, the Committee brought forward the  
recommendation that Mr James Bolam, of Leith  
Nautical College, Leith, be elected an Honorary  
Member of the Society, in recognition of his  
distinguished services to Science, and of his  
memberships of the Society for more than forty  
years.

The following were elected ordinary members of  
the Society:- Professor C. G. Darwin, F.R.S., Mr A. C.  
Aitken, Mr G. L. Fremlin, Mr Gorakhd Prasad,  
Miss M. C. Empson, Mr Robert F. Blades & Mr G. H. Drummond

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Mr W. Vincent Forrest, M.A., The Academy, Rotheray,  
was proposed for ordinary membership.

On the motion of the Chairman, Professor &  
Mrs Gibson were thanked for their hospitality  
to members of the Society. *Archiebald Milne*  
President.

11-1-24.

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1924,  
in the University, Edinburgh, Dr Milne, President,  
in the chair.

The following papers were read:—

1. Canonical Forms of the Cubic Surface, by Prof. H. W. Turnbull;
2. On Inverse Functions, by Prof. E. T. Whittaker;
3. The Linear Complexes belonging to the Invariant System  
of three quadrics, by Mr. J. Williamson;
4. On Mixed Determinants, by Mr. R. Vaidyanathan.

Mr James Boland was elected an Honorary Member  
of the Society.

Mr W. Vincent Forrest, M.A., was elected an ordinary  
member of the Society.

Mr J. Williamson, M.A., Lecturer in Mathematics,  
The University, St. Andrews, was proposed for ordinary  
membership.

*J. D. G. Jones*

Meeting: 11th January 1924

1-2-24.

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1924,  
in the University, Edinburgh, Dr Stokes, Vice-President,  
in the chair.

The following papers were read: -

1. The Equation of Conduction of Heat by Miss M. C. Gray
2. The Numerical Solution of Integral Equations.  
by Mr Yorakle Pread
3. Note on the configuration of the eight common  
points of three quadrics Prof. H. W. Turnbull
4. Note on Sylvester's Theorem of Elimination  
by Mr W. Saddle

Mr J. Williamson was elected an ordinary member  
of the Society.

The following were nominated for ordinary membership  
of the Society: -

Mr Leo J. Close M.A, Inspector of Schools, 1 Home Street,  
Dublin

Mr Timothy C. Twomey, Inspector of Schools, 1 Home Street,  
Dublin.

Archibald A. Bruce  
President

Meeting: 1st February 1924



7-3-24.

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1924  
in the University, Edinburgh, Dr Melhuus, President,  
in the Chair.

The following papers were read

1. On the Rearrangement of Terms in a Complex Series.  
by Prof. S. Beatty, (Communicated by the Hon Secretary).
2. Analytical Expressions for Jensen's & other Value  
Diagrams, by Mr Frank Lord,  
(Communicated by Dr Horsburgh);
3. Some Anti-Symmetric Determinants with Integers  
for Elements, by Mr J. J. Nassau,  
(Communicated by Mr Gibb)
4. Conservation Theorems for a damped Physical  
System by Mr E. T. Copson.

A request was received from the Société  
Mathématique de France, that this Society should  
send representatives to the fiftieth anniversary of  
the founding of the Society to be held in Paris  
from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. Professor Whittaker &  
Dr Baker were appointed to represent the Society  
on that occasion.

Mr Leo J. Close M.A. & Mr Timothy C. Twomey  
were elected ordinary members of the Society.

Archibald Wilson  
President

Meeting: 7th March 1924

2-5-24

Minutes of meeting held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1924,  
in the University, Glasgow, Dr Millar, President,  
in the Chair.

The following papers were read:-

1. A Generalization & Simple Proof of Kronecker's Theorem  
concerning the Minors of a Compound Determinant.  
by Prof. W. H. Metzler.  
(Communicated by Mr Gibb).
2. An Extension of Heaviside's Operational Method  
of Solving Differential Equations,  
by Dr Nevant Noshik
3. Notes on Mathieu's Differential Equation  
by Dr John Dougall.

The following were nominated for ordinary  
membership of the Society:-

Mr James H. Filsbie, M.A., B.Sc., North Kelvinside School,  
Glasgow.

Mr John Reilly, B.Sc., North Kelvinside School, Glasgow.

On the motion of the President, Professor  
& Mrs Gibson were thanked for their hospitality  
to members of the Society.

Arthur Millar  
President,

Meeting: 2nd May 1924



14-6-24.

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1924, in the United College, St. Andrews, Dr Milne, President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read:—

1. On the bearing of Projective Geometry on Weyl's Relativity Hypothesis, by Prof. H. W. Turnbull;
2. Note on the Geometry of two Binary Quadratics in the Complex Plane, by W. Saddler;
3. The Concomitants of two "two-one" Double Binary Forms, by W. Saddler;
4. Projective Covariants of three Quaternary Quadratics, by J. Williamson;
5. Series Formulae for the Roots of Equations, by A. C. Aitken;
6. The Locus of Lines meeting three regions, by R. Vaidyanathaswami;
7. The Properties of a new Orthogonal Function associated with the Confluent Hypergeometric Function, by G. E. Chappell.

Dr MacRobert was elected a representative of the Society on the National Committee for Mathematics of the Royal Society of London, in succession to Dr Dougall, as from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1925.

Meeting: 14th June 1924

Mr James H. Filshie & Mr John Reilly were elected ordinary members of the Society.

On the motion of the Chairman Professor & Mrs Turnbull were thanked for their hospitality to members of the Society.

Archibald McEwen  
President.

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Capital  
 Bond B 162624 £200  
 (1922) Bank Balance (Nov 22) 44-17-1  
 Interest 1-1-6  
 From Cash etc. 60  
 Life memberships 7-8-0  
£ 313-6-7

Account-  
 Bond B 162624 £200  
 Purchase of Bond 102-14-1  
 (1923) Bank Balance 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 23 10-12-6  
£ 313-6-7

Cash  
 (1922) Bank Balance (Nov 1922) 127-2-7  
 Annual Subscriptions 82-1-0  
 Sale of Proceedings 54-8-2  
 Interest 2-6-9  
 Dividend 7-10-0  
 Contributions to Printing 27-0-0  
£ 300-8-6

Account.  
 Printers etc £87-4-6  
 Library 8-8-3  
 To Capital 60-0-0  
 Furniture & Rooms 1-14-0  
 Insurance & Bank 14-7  
 Postages & Sundries 2-2-4  
 (1923) Bank Balance (31<sup>st</sup> Oct) 140-4-10  
£ 300-8-6