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The surviving archive of the Scottish Text Society, founded in 1882 for the publication of works illustrative of the Scottish language and literature before the Union. It consists largely of papers created or held by two of the secretaries and treasurers; those of the general editors are not included.

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Extent: 0.97m.

1. Council Minute Book No.2, 17 November 1903 – 7 December 1929.
2. Annual reports, printed 1884-1969 (wanting 1904, 1948-9 [included in 1950], 1952 1956). Most include abstracts of accounts (wanting 1886, 1907-9, 1953-4). For some years there are proofs (often sent as notice of the AGM, of which the final version includes a minute), and some include lists of members and/or publications. Some early ones include stock lists; two later have notes of stock added in MS. Some duplicates have been used as corrected copy for the following year. Single copies of those up to 1901 are bound in a volume, the remainder and all duplicates are loose.

Members: 1886 (imperfect), 1890-3, 1895, 1897-1901, 1903, 1911, 1913-16, 1918-19, 1921-39
Publications: 1903, 1907-9, 1913-16, 1918-19, 1921-36, 1938-9, 1953-4
Stock list: 1889-99, 1939, 1953
3. Prospectuses, printed, 1892, 1901, 1903, with lists of publications and works in preparation.
4. Mitchell, Sir Arthur, *Remarks in moving the adoption of Report on 22nd December 1906*.
5. Lists of publications, 1897 (manuscript), n.d. (printed).
6. List of members, 1911, 1946 (printed).
7. Menzies, Walter B., *The Scottish Text Society 1882-1932*, Edinburgh and London 1933.
- 8-10. Letter-books (press copies) of the Secretary (William Traquair Dickson, WS, to 1919; 9 at end and 10 also have a few copies, badly done, of letters of Dickson's successor, Archibald MacGregor Trotter).

8. No.1, 27 November 1896 – 19 September 1912
9. No.2, 6 August 1912 – 19 December 1919
10. 26 February – 1 March 1920
- 11-25. Secretary's incoming correspondence from 1892 to 1919 (some years sparse or missing), when William Traquair Dickson, WS, was Secretary. The endorsements must have been added at a later date (probably 1925, when notes on arrangement of the archive were written); their dates do not always agree with those on the

letters, which have been preferred; and the arrangement had been done only as far as 1910. The letters are mainly concerned with the business of running the Society: from members of Council, other officers, subscribers, others wishing to acquire publications, university prizes. There is relatively little on the publications and their editing (in the hands of the General Editor). A very few letters on other legal business have been wrongly included among the STS papers. For further details of the contents of Acc.12146/11-25, see **Appendix**.

11. 1892, 1897-8
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26. Secretary's correspondence from 1919 to 1924, when Archibald MacGregor Trotter was secretary. The early letters give some account of the history of the records. For further details of the contents of Acc.12146/26, see **Appendix**.
 27. Cash Book, 9 August 1883 – 6 November 1888.
 28. Cash Book, 1 November 1933 – 9 February 1953.
 29. Treasurer's correspondence, 1943-54, n.d., mostly 1946-53. Letters to the treasurer, Sir Francis J. Grant, mostly from members and their agents concerning payment of subscriptions and receipt of publications. There are also a few receipts for payments to banks and to Dr James Craigie, invoices from various suppliers, and notes of subscriptions by Grant. For further details of the contents of Acc.12146/29, see **Appendix**.
 30. Abstracts of accounts for 1947-8 to 1950-1.
 31. List of members, with subscriptions paid or in arrears, 1936-7 to 1950-1 (the final year incomplete).
 32. Rolland, John, *The Sevin Seages*, Edinburgh, 1578, in the Bannatyne Club reprint (1837, prelims omitted), with (in manuscript, 19th century?) line numeration and collation (to p.190) of the 1592-5 edition (cf. note at end of prologue, 'Two leaves here are wanting'). There is no indication that this was prepared for or used in the STS edition by G.F. Black, 1932.

33. CUL, LI.v.10 (Reidpeth MS), negative Photostats of ff.1r-65r. (Obtained by W.A. Craigie for use in editing the Maitland MSS.)
34. Cambridge, Magdalene Coll. Pepys MS 1408 (Maitland Quarto MS), negative Photostats of ff.1-138. (Obtained by W.A. Craigie for use in editing the Maitland MSS.)
35. Miscellaneous papers including: 3 letters to Walter Gregor, 1892, 1896; insurance policy from Wemyss MSS of Wyntoun, 1900; report of sub-committee on new series, 1910; drafts of reports, n.d.; appeal for help with DOST, n.d.; letter of the Duke of Argyll, 1929, declining to become a member; invoice from Blackwood's for printing and binding Works of Alan (sic) Ramsay, 1951; letter from Leicester University Library, 1973, requesting list of publications; estimate for binding by Dean Bank Binding, Edinburgh, n.d.
The letters to Gregor are from James Arnot, 7 November 1892, with list of works which might be included in 'Specimens of the Early Dramatic Literature of Scotland', and from A. Hughes-Hughes, 5 and 10 November 1896, on the transcribing of various letters and contractions [this relates to the Amherst MS of the Wycliff NT]. The Wyntoun MS had been deposited in the Advocates' Library. The Ramsay printing etc. cost £311-4-10.
36. Slips for a word-index of Bishop Leslie's History of Scotland, based on the STS edition. These were found in Walter Gregor's papers and given to STS in 1910 (Council minutes [above Acc.12146/1], p.43). They appear to have been compiled for use in a dictionary.

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Appendix:

Notes on letters in Acc.12146/11-25, 26, and 29 (Secretary's and Treasurer's incoming correspondence) which relate to the texts published or proposed to be published. Copies of the corresponding outgoing letters will be found in the secretary's letter-books; and further related material will be found in the Annual Reports and Council minute-book.

- 11 9 December 1897 David Masson: Philotus
15 December 1897 F.J. Amours: review copies
17 December 1897 William Tough: Mure of Rowallan text in print
8 January 1898 A.J.G. Mackay: transl. of L'Arbre des Batailles
31 January 1898 do.: receipt of MS of Pitscottie
4 July 1898 do.: return of same
21 July 1898 H. Bellyor Baildon [?]: offers work (PhD Freiburg) on rimes of Dunbar
24 July 1898 T.G. Law: contractions in Amherst MS of NT
13 August 1898 A.J.G. Mackay: printing of Pitscottie
27 August 1898 do.: Baildon too technical, D. Murray's list of legal documents
22 October 1898 W. Tough: author's copies of Mure
25 October 1898 A.J.G. Mackay: Murray's list
5 November 1898 Geo. A. Morton (Blackwood's): Tough's copies
30 November 1898 Oliphant Smeaton: offers to edit James VI, Gavin Douglas, Sir D Lyndsay

- 12 23 January 1899 A.J.G. Mackay: means of getting Amherst MS for Law
2 February 1899 O. Smeaton: would like answer to his offer
21 February 1899 Albert Herrmann, Berlin: has copied only 3000 out of 20,000 lines of the Breadalbane MS and does not know when he can come to Scotland to do rest
21 March 1899 O. Smeaton: procedures for his work
10 May 1899 T.G. Law: will see Amherst MS in London, may select page for facsimile
20 May 1899 Lord Amherst: details for above
8 June 1899 A.J.G. Mackay: W.A. Craigie will edit Bellenden's Livi
17 June 1899 J.C.M. Ogilvie Forbes: will lend his MS of Bellenden's Livi
4 July 1899 W.A. Craigie: receipt for MS
6 July 1899 Alex. Lawson: report of progress on Alexander Hume
11 July 1899 A.J.G. Mackay: various projects
17 July 1899 J.H. Stevenson: Book of Battles should be finished by December
19 July 1899 O. Smeaton: James VI should be finished by April, wishes to include life
20 July 1899 A.J.G. Mackay: put pressure on D. Murray
24 July 1899 D. Murray: progress and questions
31 July 1899 G.A. Morton: division of Pitscottie into volumes
11, 12 September 1899 W.A. Craigie: Boyndlie MS of Livi less good than Advocates MS., which should be transcribed
21 September 1899 A.J.G. Mackay: printing of Pitscottie
25 September 1899 G.A. Morton: do.
4 October 1899 J.T.T. Brown: Amours is upset at lack of appreciation
9, 12 October 1899 W. Murison: offers to edit Lyndsay or Bellenden
18 November 1899 A.J.G. Mackay: delays with Stevenson's Batailles
27 November 1899 G.A. Morton: position re Stevenson's and Law's books
7 December 1899 A.J.G. Mackay: keep Stevenson up to the mark
19 December 1899 O. Smeaton: delayed by illness; MSS of Basilicon Doron in BM and EUL
20 December 1899 T.J. Amours: thanks for letter of appreciation; wishes to edit Wyntoun
20 December 1899 O. Smeaton: necessity to buy a text of James VI, will STS pay?
- 13 4 February 1900 G. Gregory Smith: Wycliff MS to go to Manchester for proof-reading by Joseph Hall (cf. 26 February 1900 Lord Amherst)
27 February 1900 T.G. Law: when did Amherst buy MS? 'Advert' in Patrick's Encyclopedia of Literature
30 May, 13 June, 5 July 1900 A.C. Thomson Park[?]: deposit of Wemyss MS of Wyntoun
1 June 1900 G.A. Morton: printing of Stevenson
9, 28 June 1900 G. Gregory Smith: transcripts of Wyntoun MSS
29 June 1900 A.J.G. Mackay: index to Pitscottie not done
7 July 1900 G. Gregory Smith: if Pitscottie delayed, companion to Book of Armys needed, ? Maitland MS
13 July 1900 J.H. Stevenson: Blackwood's discretion on punctuation (cf. 15, 16, 19 July)
30 October 1900 Lilian A. Mackay: delay to Pitscottie
3 November 1900 G.A. Morton: printing of NT
27 November 1900 J.H. Stevenson: printing
30 November 1900 J.T. Clark: receipt of Dalhousie copy of Arbuthnot's ed. Of Book of Alexander
19 December 1900 W. Bayne: offers to edit Gavin Douglas
22, 31 December 1900 Lord Amherst: wishes 20/25 extra copies of the NT
29 December 1900 G. Gregory Smith: access to Asloan MS denied
- 14 3 January 1901 P. Ronaldson: cost of binding
11 February 1901 J.T. Clark: returns copy of Buik of Alexander; possibility of reprint
13 February 1901 G. Gregory Smith: need to collate Bannatyne reprint with Panmure original

- 15 February 1901 T.G. Law: Mr Mill has copied Extracts, which after some revision can be printed; consequent delay to NT vol.2
- 19 February 1901 G. Gregory Smith: glossary needed for Law's volume
- 19 February 1901 G. Gregory Smith: Dr Neilson, Harvard, proposes edition of Complaynt of Scotland
- 7 April 1901 T.G. Law: delay in getting proofs
- 11 April 1901 G. Gregory Smith: Asloan prospects good; cannot get anything from printer
- 5 June 1901 Lilian A. MacKay: glossary, index, errata to Piscottie
- 10 June 1901 G. Gregory Smith: do
- 17 June 1901 T.G. Law: printing of facsimile for NT
- 5 November 1901 P. Ronaldson: proofs of collotypes for Buke of Bataillis
- 10 November 1901 F.J. Amours: access to and insurance of Wemyss MS
- 16 November 1901 J. Ferguson, Duns: insurance of Wyntoun
- 19 November 1901 T.G. Law: review copies of Tractates and NT
- 27 November 1901 T.G. Law: desirability of sending out prospectus with books
- 3 December 1901 A. Hutcheson: suggests *Ratis Raving* and other poems for publication
- 11 December 1901 T.G. Law: suggests complimentary copy of NT for Henry Guppy, Librarian, John Rylands Library
- 15 4 January 1902 G. Gregory Smith, with enclosure of J.H. Stevenson: disposal of transcript and proofs of Buke of Bataillis
- 29 February 1902 Alexander Lawson: suggestions as to edition of Hume
- 11 March 1902 P. Ronaldson: insurance of Wemyss MS of Wyntoun
- 9 April 1902 F.J. Amours: Wyntoun MSS, including photography
- 30 May 1902 J. Ferguson: return of Wyntoun MS
- 4 June 1902 G. Gregory Smith: should have facsimile, better done by OUP
- 9 June 1902 Zinco Collotype Co., Edinburgh: estimate
- 15 June 1902 F.J. Amours: page to be reproduced and how to include it in volume
- 24 June, 2 July 1902 OUP: estimate for collotype
- 9 July 1902 G. Gregory Smith: Hume difficulty and postponement of Nisbet vol.2
- 20 July 1902 A. Lawson: production of Hume
- 21 July 1902 G. Gregory Smith: Rait should be separate volume, not part of miscellany
- 23 July 1902 G. Gregory Smith: takes no responsibility for Hume, which was agreed before he took office
- 24 July 1902 Blackwood's: printing of Hume
- 1 August 1902 A. Lawson: do
- 14 August 1902 Albert Herrmann: offers to prepare edition of Arbuthnot's Buik of Alexander, of which collation of Bannatyne Club reprint with original already done by [Henry Paton]
- 16 August 1902 G. Gregory Smith: recommendation of Herrmann
- 18 August 1902 J.T.T. Brown: do
- 21, 26 August 1902 OUP: reproduction of Wyntoun
- 23 August, 1 September 1902 J. Ferguson: return of Wyntoun
- 29 August 1902 Hislop and Day, Edinburgh: photography of Wyntoun
- 30 August 1902 A. Herrmann: acknowledgement
- 15 October 1902 OUP: sends proof of Wyntoun collotype
- 23 October 1902 A. Lawson: proofs of Hume
- 25 October 1902 A. Herrmann: eyesight compels him to give up editing of Buik of Alexander
- 26 October 1902 F.J. Amours: proofs of facsimiles
- 28 October 1902 G. Gregory Smith: on Herrmann, Lawson, Amours, 'Bellenden', Law
- 14 November, 1, 4, 9, 17 December 1902 OUP: proofs of Wyntoun collotype

- 16 10 January 1903 P.A. Guthrie, with enclosure of letter of Blackwood's: binding of vols
 19 February 1903 F.J. Amours: whereabouts of Ferguson MS
 21 March 1903 Lilian A. MacKay: glossary and index
 18 April 1903 J.H. Stevenson: Pitscottie
 4 May 1903 J.H. Stevenson: sends copy of Buke of Knychthood, method of printing
 8, 28 May 1903 Lilian A. MacKay: terms for completing glossary
 5 June 1903 Blackwood's: receipt of copy of Buke of Knychthood
 8 June 1903 Blackwood's: Pitscottie glossary and Hays vol.2
 9 June 1903 Blackwood's: Stevenson wishes to compare proofs with MS.
- 17 5 October 1908 A.B. Webster: Henryson vol.3 almost ready, Montgomerie certain for mid 1909; has looked at Stewart MS and found likely editor
 17 December 1908 D. Hay Fleming: Carruthers hopes to finish Catechisms soon
 1 January 1909 W.A. Craigie: transcript of Bellenden sent by rail
 16 January 1909 F.C. Eeles: the Holyrood Ordinale
 28 June 1909 Karl J. Trübner, publisher, Strassburg: sends extract from 'Minerva'
 17 December 1909 Lilian A. MacKay: Pitscottie
 28 December 1909 F.C. Eeles: Holyrood Ordinale
 30 December 1909 H.G. Sym: Alex. Wood offers for MSS of Capt. Montgomerie
- 18 15 January 1910 G. Neilson : sale of Montgomerie MS
 18 February 1910 A.B. Webster: do
 8 April 1910 A.F. Westcott: will not proceed with collection of James VI's poems if STS has such in preparation
 27 April 1910 W.W. Skeat: offers to re-edit King's Quair
 17 May 1910 J.H. Stevenson: collation of Hays MS almost done; Mrs Maxwell Scott wishes it returned
 4 June 1910 Alexander Lawson: wishes to include Skeat's amendments in his edition of King's Quair
 20, 22 June 1910 J.H. Millar: editorial committee should have supervisory power over Skeat's revision
 20 June 1910 W.W. Skeat: timetable for revision; could add rime index
 21 June 1910 Karl J. Trübner, publisher, Strassburg: sends extract from 'Minerva'
 22 June 1910 H.G. Sym: Wood's offer for Montgomerie MSS
 28 June 1910 Alexander Lawson: complains about Council decision [re King's Quair]
 18, 20, 23 July 1910 W.W. Skeat: sends copy of King's Quair
 27 July 1910 A.B. Webster: wishes to see Skeat's MS before printing
 3 October 1910 W.W. Skeat: will deal with proofs promptly
 17 November 1910 J.H. Stevenson: wishes sheets of Governance of Princes as they are thrown off
 12, 17 December 1910 Alex. Wood: agrees to buy Montgomerie MS
 13, 15 21 December 1910 H.G. Sym: price and insurance of same
- 19 26 January, 24 February 1911 J.T. Clark: proof of Pitscottie glossary
 2, 18 February 1911 Lilian A. MacKay: do
 22 May 1911 Karl J. Trübner, publisher, Strassburg: sends extract from 'Minerva'
 7 June 1911 W.W. Skeat: when will King's Quair be published? Could re-edit Lancelot
 9 June 1911 W.W. Skeat: on Lancelot and his ability as an editor
 19 June 1911 J.T. Clark: delay with Pitscottie
 23 June 1911 Alex. Wood: sends cheque for Montgomery MS
 27 June 1911 Alex. Wood: receipt for Tullibardine MS of Montgomerie
 19 July 1911 W.W. Skeat: on new edition of Lancelot
 20 July 1911 Blackwood's: delays in printing and binding
 25 July 1911 J.H. Millar: correspondence with Skeat need not be continued

- 4 August 1911 J.T. Clark: preface to Pitscottie
 22 December 1911 J.H. Millar: suggestions on letter to Stevenson
 28 December 1911 J.H. Stevenson: revised proof of Governance of Princes
- 20 10, 11 January 1912 A.B Webster: Stevenson and proofs
 12 January 1912 J.H. Stevenson: delays and proofs
 16 January 1912 Blackwood's: copies of letters from Stevenson and to Webster
 9 February 1912 J.H. Stevenson: has pages of Gov. of Princes; other items in Haye MS
 11 May 1912 Blackwoods: copy of letter of Stevenson on progress
 28 May 1912 Karl J. Trübner, publisher, Strassburg: sends extract from 'Minerva'
 31 May 1912 J.H. Stevenson: progress
 13 June 1912 A.B. Webster: Gregory Smith should be asked about Henryson vol. I
 22 June 1912 G. Gregory Smith: cannot give date for completion
 16 July 1912 A.B. Webster (to Lord Guthrie): arrangements for publication of Kastner's Drummond
 13 September 1912 W.W. Skeat: editing Lancelot
 9 December 1912 J.H. Stevenson: introduction to the remainder of Haye ready by Christmas
- 21 21 January 1913 William Walker: STS should print Bannatyne and Maitland MSS
 24 January 1913 J.H. Stevenson: sends MS of Buke of Knychthede; its size
 30 May 1913 Karl J. Trübner, publisher, Strassburg: sends extract from 'Minerva'
 7 August 1913 L.E. Kastner: glad STS is pleased with his Drummond
 17, 22 September 1913 L.E. Kastner: offers to edit Sir William Alexander's poems
 21 September 1913 G. Neilson: approves above
 24 September J.T. Clark: do
 25 September 1913 L.E. Kastner: Manchester UP would cooperate in edition of Alexander
 27 September 1913 G. Neilson: approves above
 27, 29 September 1913 A.B. Webster: do
 6 November 1913 L.E. Kastner: more on cooperation with Manchester
 26, 29[?] November 1913 A.B. Webster: summarises his last editorial report and sends draft of current one
 8 December 1913 David Murray: work on early charters and Welwood's sea-laws
 21 December 1913 William Rankine: Welwood not of interest to STS
- 22 30 March 1914 G. Neilson: prefatory material for Wyntoun
 18 May 1914 S.W. Carruthers: her father's material nearly ready
 18 May 1914 L.E. Kastner: wishes Advocates Library copies of Alexander to be deposited in Manchester
 21 May 1914 W.K. Dickson: above agreed
 24 May 1914 L.E. Kastner: thanks
 2, 17 July 1914 W.K. Dickson: Advocates Library agrees to transcription of Bannatyne MS
 8 August 1914 Blackwood's: printing of Neilson's book
 15 August 1914 A.B. Webster: facsimile from OUP promised within a fortnight; Meikle's Fowler vol. I now printing
 26 November 1914 D. Murray: is writing to Lord Guthrie re Welwood's Sea Laws
 28 November 1914 William Bayne: offers to edit Robert Fergusson
 8 December 1914 W. Bayne: could do another poet of Fergusson's time or earlier
 31 December 1914 G. Neilson: copies of Wyntoun for Mrs Amours and editors: will arrange for Wyntoun transcripts to be sent
- 23 11, 14 January 1915 G. Neilson: copy of Wyntoun should be given to Maitland Thomson who provided information from Vatican
 19 January 1915 J. Maitland Thomson: another copy not needed

- 14 October 1915 W. Bayne: visit for research on Allan Ramsay
 28 October 1916 Blackwood's: no progress in printing Macpherson's book or Bannatyne MS
 29 October 1916 A.B. Webster: editorial report
 1 November 1916 W. Tod Ritchie: no progress
 29 November 1916 A.B. Webster: Gray and MakCulloch MS with printer
 1 November 1917 G.T. Clunie, CA: subscriptions and liabilities
 26 November 1917 D. Baird Smith: support for DOST
- 24 4 March 1918 D. Baird Smith: account for rotographs of Maitland Quarto
 11 May 1918 D. Baird Smith: account for Mr Roger collating proofs of Maitland Folio with the MS
 7 June, 20 August 1918 D. Baird Smith: account for John MacLeod transcribing Bysset MSS
 10 August 1918 Blackwood's: print run for MakCulloch and Gray
 2 October 1918 D. Baird Smith: Dr Ritchie's progress
 3 December 1918 W.A. Craigie: accepts election to Council, will propose new texts
- 25 2 August 1919 P. Giles: Magdalene College has not received copy of Maitland MS vol.
 8 August 1919 S. Gaselee: receipt for above
 22 November 1919 W.A. Craigie: suggests cheaper editions of texts useful for students
 13 August 1918 D. Baird Smith: do
 7 April ? J.T.T. Brown: action on issuing volumes
- 26 29 December 1919 G.W. Blackwood: MakCulloch & Gray MSS and Maitland Folio MS dispatched
 January 1920 copy to Carnegie Trust: appeal for grant (includes list of editors at work)
 16 February 1920 Carnegie Trust: acknowledgement
 12 March 1920 D. Baird Smith: Murray's lack of progress on Welwood's Sea Laws, other possible editors
 16 August 1920 D. Baird Smith: Tod Ritchie wishes to get various volumes
 14 January 1921 R.S. Rait: suggests increased subscription for those wishing to receive volumes bound [so others 15, 16 January]
 17 January 1921 D. Baird Smith: council agreed to increase subscription to allow payment to Manchester UP for Alexander's poems vol. I
 March 1921 draft circular to members on financial crisis
 10 November, 22 December 1922, 30 April 1923 W.A. Craigie: appeal for DOST
- 29 26 January 1948 Invoice for negative photostats of Royal MS 18.B.XVI
 26 August 1948 Prof. John Boyes FRCS offers to assist editor of Harleian medical recipes
 26 August 1948 Henry N. Paul, lawyer, Philadelphia, on bibliography of *Basilicon Doron* and relation of its ideas to *Macbeth*
 16 June 1949 Paul S. Burtness, PhD Chicago, wishes copy of *Amours' Alliterative Poems* for research
 26 November 1952 Arundel del Re, MA Oxon., Nanzan Catholic University, Japan, hopes to receive a photostat of John Florio's Italian translation of the *Basilikon Doron* and issue reproductions of it, will present a copy to STS
 9 June 1953 Edmund Marhefka, Dr.Jur., Berlin, asks STS to publish his 'Mirror or Royal Charms', in connection with the Queen's coronation
 26 July 1953 James Craigie: STS cannot do so.