

## **Foreword to Reprint (2014)**

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The fact that a reprint of our History is needed is in itself testimony that the Society has continued to flourish during the decade since its original publication. Continuity has been an important foundation of our success over the two centuries and more of our existence. It is therefore a particular pleasure to record that Ephraim Borowski, who wrote the preface to the original edition, remains an active and valued member of our Council and last year became one of the small number of Honorary Members ever to be created, in recognition of his unique contribution to the recent development of the Society. In recent years attendances at the Wednesday night lectures have increased significantly and the average is now consistently over 350; total membership is over 950. I hope that our present and future members, who are the foundation our success, will enjoy reading this brief account of the distinguished past of a body which has always been one of Glasgow's most important institutions and has made its own distinctive contribution to the city's life.

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