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The Museum Committee has continued to be active throughout the year with a number of significant acquisitions which both complement and extend the collection. Last year the Annual Report recorded over 130 items: today the figure is 195.

The new acquisitions include a brass water flow meter made by Adie & Son of Edinburgh donated by Sir Quentin Stevenson. The meter was almost certainly used in the Edinburgh office of David and Charles Stevenson, CE.

The Falkirk College of Further and Higher Education generously donated surveying and office equipment which extend the collection in a number of areas.

The City of Edinburgh Council donated a number of items inherited from the former Lothian Regional Council. These complement the existing collection of surveying instruments with more recently manufactured items which show the development of levels and theodolites over a period of more than 100 years.

The museum has also extended its collection of engineering materials including a number of short iron rail sections from the Laigh Milton Viaduct near Kilmarnock. A wrought iron reinforcing bar (dated c.1750) from a stone column in William Adam's Mausoleum in Greyfriars Churchyard, Edinburgh has been donated by David Narro Associates.

The portrait of Thomas Grainger MICE (1794-1850) which suffered some vandal damage has been restored. The frame has been strengthened to accommodate a substantial glass cover to protect the picture from further damage.

The exhibition is on permanent display in the Department of Civil and Offshore Engineering at the Heriot-Watt University. Anyone wishing to see it will be most welcome.

David McGuigan
Secretary to the Museum Committee