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## **MUSEUM COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 1997/98**

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It has been an interesting and active year for the museum - a well-attended conversazione was held in March and there have a number of new acquisitions to add to the collection. New acquisitions are also being considered.

The conversazione held in the Department of Civil and Offshore Engineering at the Heriot-Watt University was attended by more than seventy guests. It marked the restoration of the portrait of Thomas Grainger which was reported in last year's annual report. The quarter scale model of a Forth Bridge skewback was on display in its impressive new location. In addition, several exhibits were out on special display including David Stevenson's brass water flow meter which was shown in use in the University's Hydraulics Laboratory.

New acquisitions include a sample of boulder clay used in the construction of the Laigh Milton Viaduct (c.1812) and an interesting miner's levelling staff (c.1960) designed for use in adits and tunnels.

Active issues include the possibility of acquiring two new significant items: a rocker bearing from the Bilston Viaduct, Midlothian (c.1890) and a sample of railway track (c.1890) from the Forth Bridge.

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

David McGuigan  
Secretary to the Museum Committee