

28th January 1950

ARCYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARCYLL.

Dear Miss Hadden

Thank you very much
for your letter & the enclosed dances.
I agree that the "Laird o' Dumbiedykes"
should be put into Book FII
instead of "Border Reel."

Regarding the inscriptions to be
put into new books, I do not

think that we can say
that "the dances contained in
these books were taken from available
manuscripts" — only, & as a great
many have been taken from old
books printed & published long ago.

There is a very cold wind today
& waves are dashing right over
the Breakwater. I see no sign of the
daily steamer. Yours sincerely J. Stewart

17th May 1950.

ARGYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARGYLL.

Dear Miss Hadden

I have just received from Miss Milligan, the note books that I lent her last year, so now I am able to send you the original description of the "Machine without Horses" - I think that was the dance we spoke about at the last meeting.

ARGYLE COLLEGE
DUBLIN
MISS MULLIGAN asks
if I am coming to S.
Andrews - I should like to do so,
if I can fit it in with visitors.
Perhaps you will let me know
when you have settled the date
of the meeting & say if there
would be room for me? It is
not an easy journey from here.
We used to start for school by a
6 am steamer, but it does not
run now. Yours sincerely
J. Stewart

The Machine without Horses

Rutherford 1772.

The 1st cu. cast off one cu. right hands
across with the third cu. -

Cast up and left hands across with
the 2nd cu. ÷

Lead down between the 3rd cu. the
2nd cu. follows cast up into your
own places ÷

Cross over one cu. right and left ÷

14th November, 1950

ARCYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARCYLL.

My dear Miss Hadden,

How very good of you to sit down at once, & write me such a very kind letter - Indeed my heart was with you all in Edinburgh, & I should love to have seen & heard all that was going on. Yes, the Society has grown so much that it touches a very wide circle of people, with various points of view. I know what it is,

to be Secretary when Lord James is
chairman - sometimes he has
bad headaches ^{finds} it difficult to
concentrate on the business in hand.

I read the reports of the meeting in the
Scotsman & Bulletin. It was a pity
that Mrs Hamilton-Meikle was absent,
she is so pleasant, & has a clear brain.

I hope you will have no difficulties in
forming a new Constitution & obtaining
the Royal Charter.

Again thanking you very much for
your letter, Yours very sincerely, J. Stewart

2) collections - Lucy's delight,
Miss Hay's reel and Keppoch
Rant. I would look in these
note books or if 'Rutherford'
was at Dundee I would ask
Miss Kirk to look it up and
send me a copy of tune and
directions - if in Edinburgh I
would ask Miss Gillespie.

I will also send you a
more modern book on solo
dances - by a Mackenzie.

I cannot find the copy I had
of "Aird's" collection (music only)
& think I must have sent it
to Miss Milligan at some time?

Hoping you will have a
happy & useful meeting on 14th

Yours sincerely

Isobel Stewart

14th March 1952

ARGYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARGYLE.

Dear Miss Hadden

The notice of R.S.C.D.S.
meeting on 22nd made me
tremble to think of the work it
is giving you - and thankful
that you have an assistant -

I am sorry that I
cannot be with you in person,

originated. It sprang from me well
some sincerely J. Stewart

ARGYLE COTTAGE,
ARBRISHAIG,
ARGYLE

though my thoughts will be there.
Please make my apologies to
the Chair.

If it would comfort the
Edinburgh Branch, they could
know that it was when
walking along Princes Street
that I determined to have the
first book of Country dances
published & so the Society was

21st Jan' 1953

ARGYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARGYLL.

Dear Miss Hadden

Do you think that the enclosed would be of interest to Mr. Hett? I suppose he will return them?

All the published books of music & descriptions of dances can be seen in the British Museum. There is a very good collection

of Scottish Books

in the Edinburgh National Library

ARGYLE COLLEGE
EDINBURGH
ARGYLE

the "Glen Collection" which
was presented by Lady

Dorothea Ruggles Brix - and
the "Wighton Collection" in Dundee
Museum is very good too

It is wonderful how the
Society has grown! I came across
the first copy of the Bulletin

today! I hope your knees are
better? I keep well as long as
I keep quiet! Kind regards
Yours sincerely, Y. Stewart

I have not made a list of
the enclosures.

26th Feb: 1953

ARCYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARCYLL.

Dear Miss Hadden

The enclosed packages addressed to Lord James, were sent by a Mr. Amphlett, from London, about 1939 or '40 - & left with me till the war should be over! I think they should be with you - & the other items for the Publications Committee. I have sent 6 books of music.

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to Miss Milligan they
should be listed as property
of the R.S.C.D.S.

Thank you for your last
letter, & promise to send me a
copy of minutes of Executive
Council - in which I shall
always be interested.

Some of the B.B.C. S.C. Dance music
is very poor - but last night
6.30 - 7 was very good & a
pleasure to listen to.

Yours sincerely J. Stewart

19th Feb: 1954

ARGYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARGYLL.

Dear Miss Hadden,

Thank you very much for sending me the minutes of Executive Council — in which I was very interested.

I can quite imagine, that you require a proper "Office" with several rooms. I know

how my house got cluttered

ARGYLE COTTAGE

ARRISHAIG

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up over 20 years ago -

→ look how the Society has
grown!

It seems a big financial
undertaking - of course if you
have a large room for
meetings or, you would be
able to make something
from "letting" it to other
Societies & conferences - in

2) my experience there is always a demand for such rooms.

Then, surely there are people who would give donations? Such as Life Members, who receive so many books free, and the Branches would each contribute? I think a large sum has been allowed for office furniture - you don't need a great deal & people

might give presents of a chair
or a table? or two or three
Branches might join in
furnishing a room? When
"adapting & altering," I expect that
cupboards & shelves would be
built in.

I shall look forward to hearing
the opinions of the Council
after their meeting on 6th March.

3) I am sorry about your
rheumatism - the weather
has been damp indeed all
autumn & winter - I suppose
you have tried what diet
can do for you? personally
my joints are much more
supple when I eat no fats -
except bacon fat (with
which I cook!). my doctor

is surprised at my own doctoring, but agrees that "one man's meat is another man's poison." I once went to Aix-les-bains for neuritis, & the doctor there told me to avoid cooked fats - but I add uncooked too.

I am well, thank you - I don't get out much but enjoy being quiet, & can sew & do my household chores. Yours very sincerely
Isobel Stewart.

16th June 1954

ARGYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARGYLL.

My dear Miss Hadden

Thank you for your letter & all
R.S.C.D.S. news. I should have
written long ago, - am ashamed
of myself - but the weather has
been so fine that all my
energies go on the garden - &
I had a visitor for a week, too

It was very good of you to
look up the old minutes & send
the list of original Committee

Mr. Shaw was very pleased to
know for certain that he
had been at the beginnings of
the Society — he is over 80, now.

You will have a big Summer
School! I hope that S. Regulus
Hall has a large room for
evening dancing — that is the
men's hostel, is it not? opening
onto the Scores.

I am interested about the

2) Team being sent abroad - That new magazine The Folk Dancer is very informative.

I am sorry you have not found a suitable Headquarters, but probably something will turn up, in time, if you are always on the look-out.

I am also very interested in the "Lyon's" opinion about tartan

scarves for women - they should certainly be tied on the hip, not on the shoulder. When I was a girl, over the right shoulder was considered to be correct, though half the girls put them over the left! I noticed in a picture of Caledonian Ball that one woman had her scarf over the right shoulder - not those at the head of the procession.

3) I must have a talk about this with my husband's nephew Simon Orde, when I see him, as he is the Ball Secretary.

The weather is not too warm, but yesterday's rain was very welcome - the Country is very dry which will make a poor crop of hay.

It is nice to see our red funnelled steamer coming

daily to Ardrishaig - she
does not come beyond Tarbert
in winter, but the bus brings
one to my door! If ever you
feel inclined to come on her &
spend a few days with me,
let me know - it would be a
pleasure to see you here.

Yours sincerely
J. Stewart

25th - October

between 1955 & 1960

ARGYLE COTTAGE,
ARDRISHAIG,
ARGYLE.

Dear Miss Hadden

Will you please make my
apologies for absence at the
annual general meeting on
Saturday? I shall be with
you in spirit & hope that all
will go ~~well~~

The report of Summer school
in the Bulletin was very good.

ARGYLE COTTAGE

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reading - I was picturing you all there, at the time. How the Society continues to give interest & happiness to many people!

I hope you are well & your knees less troublesome?

I have been feeling much more like my old self this summer & hope for a better winter.

Yours sincerely
Isobel Stewart

26th February 1960

10, FIFTH AVENUE,
FISH HOEK, CAPE.

My dear Miss Hadden.

Thanks you for your letter of
26th Jan^y - I sent a note to the
"Athlone Castle" giving our telephone
number - and Lady Elgin came
• had tea with me yesterday.

My cousins went out, and
Lord Elgin & the friend who drove
them went off somewhere - so
we had a lovely tête à tête.

Could I have a list of our Vice Presidents?

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which we both enjoyed - It was lovely for me to get up to date news or views of the Society.

It was a very hot day, or must be trying for those who come from a snowy climate, or no time to get acclimatized.

I did not suggest it to Lady Elgin, but, thinking things over afterwards, I should like to suggest that

3) the Society invite the young Duke of Atholl to be one of our Vice Presidents -

I am sorry that Miss Milligan had lumbago - a most commanding & painful ailment, & hope she is better now.

I was also sorry to hear from Lady Elgin how much you are troubled by your knees

and legs. I am trying as a
cure for rheumatism, giving
up tea as a drink, or certainly
feel the better of it. I always
feel that there must be something
we eat (or drink), or don't eat
which has an effect on our
health. The difficulty is, to find
out one's particular poison;

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Isobel Stewart

TEL: 8-5872

15th July 1960

as from ack 21.7.60 ✓

10, FIFTH AVENUE,
FISH HOEK, CAPE.

Dear Miss Hadden

Thank you for your
last letter.

Could you send me a
sheet of the Society's notepaper,
if possible with my name on
it as a Vice President? I
may want to write to the
Duke of Atholl, asking permission
to nominate him as a V.P.

I have written to ask my
nephew, Simon Campbell, Oude
who is Secretary for the
Caledonian Ball, if he thinks
the Duke is interested in S.C.D.
they have a number of dances

at this Ball - I will send you
the programme by Surface mail -
stupidly missed today's ship -
but hope to send it for next week.

My cousin Ernest Ruddell
& his wife are in England, & I
stayed here with his twin, Fred,
who unfortunately fell & broke
his hip & then died. so I had
rather a hard time in May
with doctors, nurses, hospital &
& then the funeral to see to.

However, all that is past & I am
staying with friends, out of
Fish Hook for 2 months, until
the others return - very restful
and peaceful & I am well, thank
you - though stiffness always there.

Please give my best wishes
to the Summer School and to
all my old friends who attend

It is a pleasure to miss
your sincerely
Grilled Stewart
Miss Davis
Miss Davis

TEL: 8-5872

17th March 1961

10, FIFTH AVENUE,
FISH HOEK, CAPE.

Dear Miss Hadden

Thank you for your letter of 2nd February with the new heading & names of V.P.s which I am glad to have — and the news of the Queen's promised visit. It made me feel quite homesick, to think that I am so far away, & I thought of aeroplanes and such devices! but I am afraid I cannot manage to come — my legs are stiff with rheumatism & tiresome joints — which, at 78 has to be put up with! and such jaunts are not for me now.

Thank you also for the "Leaflet" dances,

What good news, that Miss Milligan is fit & well again! I am pleased - but poor Mrs Hamilton Meikle - what a sad life for her now. Please give her my love when you write.

We must make a new collection of S. African stamps, as they are all marked in cents now, instead of pence. I enclose 1c and 2½ & have put several on the envelope, & have a note to send you 5c and 10c on my next letter. You will doubtless get the Springbok with 12½ cents on air letters from other people. There are also 20c, 50c and 1 rand (100 cents) issued. We still have hot weather, but it is autumn now. Kindest regards, Yours sincerely J. Stewart

TEL.: 8-5872.

10, FIFTH AVENUE,
FISH HOEK,
CAPE.

31st October 1962

Dear Miss Hadden

Thank you very much for your letter, and for the "Pocket edition"; also the Bulletin which I have enjoyed reading. You will be preparing now for the annual meeting when I wish I could be with you.

Please give my kindest remembrances and good wishes to Lady Elgin and all the members assembled, and may the Society continue to prosper

Yours very sincerely
Isobel Stewart

TEL: 8-5872.



10, FIFTH AVENUE,
FISH HOEK,
CAPE.

18th July
1963

My dear Miss Hadden

I have had no R.S.C.D.S.
news for a long time - but
I know that the Summer
School time is drawing nigh.

Will you please give my
best wishes to the Committee
meeting and to those assembled
at St. Andrews - and kind
remembrances to Lady Elgin
and to those who know me
personally.

Do you remember Gwen
Caine who was at the S. school
some years ago, & Wolley

sisters from Cape Town? she
comes to see me now and
again, with her very nice
husband Drummond Laing
who hails from Gedashiels
bringing their two dear little
girls with flaming hair like
their mother - The Laings ^{parents}
knew Mr. Jon Jamieson well
which will interest Miss Milligan.

I am afraid your Summer
is not good. Here we are
in mid winter,

I am well but very lame.
I hope your knees are not
too bad?

With kind remembrances
Yours very sincerely
Isobel Stewart

TEL: 8-5872.

10, FIFTH AVENUE,
FISH HOEK,
CAPE.

23rd October
1963

Dear Miss Hadden,

Thank you very much for your letter telling me of the 40th Anniversary celebrations; and how very satisfactory it was, that you were able to hand £50 to St. Andrews University for their building appeal.

Please thank the members of the Executive Committee for their warm greetings sent to me from their meeting on 16th August.

I marvel at Miss Milligan's energy - going off to Nova Scotia, Canada and U.S.A. - and rejoice to know that she has the health and strength to carry

on the wonderful work which she gives to the Society -

As for me, I have been "tied by the leg" the past three months with phlebitis - better now - I limp along with two sticks!

I am sure that the members will enjoy gathering in Aberdeen for the Annual General Meeting, a city of hospitable people, fresh clean houses, and shops where one can buy a really warm top coat!

Please give my very best wishes to the President and all members who assemble on 2nd November, for a happy meeting and enjoyable week-end.

Yours very sincerely
Ysobel Stewart

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7/10/64
TELEPHONE

8-1068

PROTEA COTTAGE,

151 KOMMETJIE ROAD,

FISH HOEK, CAPE.

Dear Miss Hadden.

I had a nice letter from Miss Ross, after the Summer school and was glad to hear about the arrangements re:

The above will be my address in future - I have got a house of my own, once again, & a friend living with me. We are $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles out of Fish Hoek, & hills about

us.

You have doubtless seen
the books "Traditional dancing
in Scotland" by Mr. & Mrs. Flett
I wrote to them. & they
are very anxious to see
the little old book - the
"Ballroom" from which I
took several dances & of
R.S.C. & S. books. Did I
give it to the Society with
other papers? Mr. Flett
may write & ask you. If
not, then it must be in
the (?Murray) collection
which Lord James' sister
gave to the Advocates' library
Yours sincerely J. Stewart

TELEPHONE
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23/10/66

PROTEA COTTAGE,
151 KOMMETJIE ROAD,
FISH HOEK, CAPE.

Dear Miss Hadden

Thank you for your letter of 2nd Sept; I hope you had a nice change and rest at Elie - the east coast air is always invigorating.

I don't know if you met Mr. & Mrs. Foggo of the Cape Town Caledonian Society? They came to see me the other day & were talking about the dances. They wanted to know the meaning of the word *Fykiet*, but I could

not enlighten them - (to
my shame!) -

* Will you please give
my apologies for absence
to the A.G.M., and a message
of good wishes, and all
success for the future of
the Society - I hope the
"Week-end" will be a
happy one, and the popularity
of Scottish Country dancing
and its music, as great
as ever.*

With kindest regards
Yours very sincerely
J. Stewart

TELEPHONE
8-1068

18th October

PROTEA COTTAGE,
151 KOMMETJIE ROAD,
FISH HOEK, CAPE.

Rec'd 8/11/67. - NO stamps
on letter altho'
A.M. Envelope.

Dear Miss Grubb

Thank you for sending
me the R.S.C.S. Bulletin
along with the notice of
annual meeting to be held
at Oban on 28th inst.

Will you please make
my apologies for absence
to Lord Thurlow and
the members assembled
on Saturday, giving
them all my best wishes

for a successful meeting
and a happy week-end.

It is a great pleasure
to me to read of the
satisfactory state of the
Society which Miss
Milligan and I started
after the great war.

With all good
wishes

Yours sincerely
Ysobel Stewart

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

12 Coates Crescent,

EDINBURGH, 3.

8th November, 1967

ERG/jp

Mrs. I. Stewart,
Protea Cottage,
151 Kommetjie Road,
FISH HOEK, Cape
South Africa

Dear Mrs. Stewart,

Many thanks for your very kind letter. The Annual General Meeting in Oban was a very happy occasion and, as a newcomer to the Society and its work, I could not have wished for a more pleasant introduction.

Lord Thurlow was in excellent spirits and presided over a very full meeting. Although Oban is not the easiest place to reach, almost 300 members and delegates were present at the meeting.

Unfortunately, owing to the death of her elder sister, we were deprived of Miss Milligan's company on this occasion, but she is well and continuing her work with the Society.

Thank you for your good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

E. R. Grubb (Miss)
Secretary

TEL.: 8-5872

20th October 1961

10, FIFTH AVENUE,
FISH HOEK, CAPE.

Dear Miss Hadden

It is a long time since I wrote to you - I hope you are well, and that the Summer School was the usual success -

I am afraid that the wet summer you had, would be very trying to the knees.

If one could put the clock back, and we had our house in Ayr, it would have been a great joy to welcome the R.S.C.D.S. for their Annual Meeting.

Ayr was the cradle of the Society where, as Secretary I nursed it until it grew

too large for one person to carry.

Every evening writing receipts for subscriptions, till my husband suggested getting Mr. Terras at the Bank to help me - and what a faithful Treasurer he was!

The Books that arrived from the Printers, and had to be posted off to members - the carpet to my upstairs sitting room got quite worn - and Miss Fogan was drawn in, as part time Assistant Secretary - and so it grew - beyond the conception of Miss Milligan or me, or any of the Committee - and is now a World Wide organisation. Two days ago a neighbour

2) was talking about a folk dance festival that she had seen one time in Cape Town, and, in her opinion the Scottish dances were far superior to any others - (The speaker was not Scottish & has lived all her life in South Africa).

Will you please make my apologies for absence to the "Chair"; and give my best wishes to the Council and members, and I am sure they will enjoy their visit to Auld Ayr, and the local Committee with Miss Wilson

will do their best to ensure
that they may do so.

Good luck and good
dancing!

Yours very sincerely
Zobel Stewart

10 Fifth Avenue, Cape
To open cut
do.

21st October 1961

Dear Miss Hadden

In my letter yesterday, I should have put that I was Honorary Secretary - and instead of nursing "the Society until it was too large for one person to hold" - put "the Society, for ten years".

Miss Forgan's name should be Winifred Forgan - she had sisters & the older Ayr people knew them all - she is married now, of course - & I did not mention Miss Mary Hamilton who helped me voluntarily before Winifred Forgan was

installed - she will be at your
meeting, is proud of the fact
that she was the first Assistant
Hon. Secy

all good wishes

J. Stewart

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Mrs Hadden

R.S.C.D.S.
12 Coates Crescent

Scotland, UK,
Edinburgh 3

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