

Wed. May 4

Dear Alastair,

Please read this before you take the bracelet back to Mr. Horna. When you look at it, you'll see the bigger, stronger links Bill put on. Unfortunately, he may have put them in the wrong place, for the fastening had still to go through one of the little links. The silver must be very soft, because you'll see that two of these little links have separated again, and now the bracelet can't fasten. This happened when I was trying to fit it round the velvet "studs" in the box.

I'm terribly vexed about this. If it were possible to have a different fastening I'd gladly pay for it. If not, and Mr. Horn can put slightly bigger links on, I'd be quite happy to have some one put on and take off my bracelet for me. I wouldn't feel such a fool doing that, as having those small links come apart almost every time I handle them. Please make my apologies to Mr. Horna. It's a lovely bracelet. The clasp, you'll be glad to know, is behaving perfectly.

As I said on the phone, some of the enclosed A.S.C.A.S. documents may be useful to you, but, if not, just destroy them.

Following the good idea at the Albany Dinner, I'm getting one man at each table to be a "host," and deal with the wine or other drinks at table, which will be on a cash basis. I've already contacted George, who consented gladly, and I intend to ask Tom and Donald.

I hope that my non-Glasgow Branch friends and my Glasgow folks will "fraternise," so I'm arranging the tables with this in view. There will be a glass of sherry or a soft drink for everyone before dinner, during which I'll try to introduce the "hosts" at least to the "strangers" at

their tables. If you can come very promptly at 4 P.M., this will be a great help.

By the way, George thinks our Glasgow men should wear kilts; I agree. Do you?

I think I've already told you how unfortunate it is that so many married couples and men can't come, so there will only be two men at each table — and seven women!

Though, as you know, we won't have a private room, we'll be able to return to the lounge or cocktail bar after the meal to chat.

I'm very keen for this to be a success, as it's really a "Thank you" for people who have helped me at various times in the past. All the guests — except one! — have this in common that they were associated in some way or other with my dancing activities.

I know I can rely on my Glasgow friends to help me.
Thank you.

Florence.