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The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

BALANCE SHEET and RELATIVE ACCOUNTS

as at 30th June 1960.

£1,500	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD
300	HEADQUARTERS
1,200	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT
300	AMOUNT WRITTEN OFF
92	REPAIRS AND RENEWALS
600	SUBSCRIPTION COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS
620	EXPENSES OF DEMONSTRATION TRAMPS
70	GRANTS
2,302	SUMMER AND AUTUMN SCHOOLS
378	EXAMINATION EXPENSES
678	BULLETIN
2,788	LESS: ALLOCATED TO SUMMER SCHOOL
1,500	BALANCE, BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE CARRIED DOWN
£11,700	
£1,500	RESERVE FOR PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS
320	ALLOCATION TO PENSION FUND
250	GENERAL RESERVE FUND
302	BALANCE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET
£1,702	

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT	
£6,738	STOCK IN HAND, 1st July 1959
1,500	PURCHASES
638	GRANTS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT
£7,776	
£2,078	STOCK IN HAND, 30th June 1960
1,700	STOCK IN HAND, 1st July 1960
1,700	

REVENUE ACCOUNT	
£17,100	REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1st July 1959
1,500	REVENUE ACCOUNT, 30th June 1960
1,700	REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1st July 1960
£19,300	

1959

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
	Balance as at 1st July 1959	£17,159	11 11
£17,160	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	305	1 4
		<u>17,464</u>	13 3
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND			
	Received during year	£415	19 0
	Less: Transferred to Revenue Account	52	13 6
		<u>363</u>	5 6
FEES PAID IN ADVANCE			
	Summer School 1960	£5,033	16 5
5,245	Affiliation Fees	11	11 0
		<u>5,045</u>	7 5
RESERVES			
2,800	For Publications and Records	£3,350	0 0
375	For Films	375	0 0
2,250	General	2,500	0 0
		<u>6,225</u>	0 0
1,433	STAFF PENSION FUND		2,096 9 4
579	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES		147 3 3
44	RESERVE FOR FURNISHINGS		

£29,886£31,341 18 9

23 BARNES STREET, AYR, 29th September 1960.—We have audited the books and accounts of all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary. The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, which are in agreement with the books and accounts given to us, a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th June 1960.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Y

1958-59	TO ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
	Staff Salaries	£1,581	18 8
	Travelling Expenses and Cost of Committee Meetings	354	7 10
	Printing and Stationery	256	8 8
	Postage and Telephone	137	18 7
	Audit Fee	42	0 0
	Office Accommodation	321	13 6
	Insurance	31	10 11
	Miscellaneous Expenses	83	13 5
		<u>£2,809</u>	11 7
2,768	Less: Allocated to Summer School	307	12 7
678	„ BULLETIN		732 10 0
376	„ EXAMINATION EXPENSES		313 1 1
5,303	„ SUMMER AND AUTUMN SCHOOLS		5,514 4 3
70	„ GRANTS		41 0 0
620	„ EXPENSES OF DEMONSTRATION TEAMS		3 3 0
600	„ SUBSCRIPTION COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS		583 6 8
99	„ REPAIRS AND RENEWALS		96 3 4
	„ AMOUNT WRITTEN OFF		
	Furniture and Equipment	£50	0 0
300	Headquarters	250	0 0
		<u>300</u>	0 0
1,206	„ BALANCE, BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE CARRIED DOWN		1,705 1 4
£12,020			<u>£11,790 8 8</u>
£400	TO RESERVE FOR PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS		£550 0 0
350	„ ALLOCATION TO PENSION FUND		600 0 0
250	„ GENERAL RESERVE FUND		250 0 0
206	„ BALANCE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET		305 1 4
£1,206			<u>£1,705 1 4</u>

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for th

1958-59	TO STOCK IN HAND, 1ST JULY 1959		£5,030 0 0
£4,803	„ PURCHASES		1,350 17 10
1,290	„ SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT		1,056 1 3
635			<u>£7,436 19 1</u>
£6,728			

at 30th JUNE 1960

		ASSETS			
1959	HEADQUARTERS (At Cost):	£5,502	2 1		
£4,000	Less: Amount written off	1,752	2 1	£3,750	0 0
	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT				
	As valued at 30th June 1954, and additions, at cost	£862	12 4		
400	Less: Amount written off to date	438	15 9	423	16 7
	MUSIC, BOOKS AND LEAFLETS				
5,030	At cost, as certified by Treasurer			5,453	0 0
	INVESTMENTS (At Cost):				
	4% Defence Bonds	£500	0 0		
	4½% Defence Bonds	1,000	0 0		
	5% Defence Bonds	2,000	0 0		
	National Savings Certificates	1,125	0 0		
	Dunfermline Building Society	2,700	0 0		
	Edinburgh Savings Bank	575	0 0		
	British Linen Bank Savings Account	1,850	0 0		
	City of Edinburgh 5½% Loan	1,000	0 0		
	City of Edinburgh 5½% Loan	2,000	0 0		
12,750	County of West Lothian 6% Loan	1,000	0 0	13,750	0 0
	STAFF PENSION FUND				
	5% Defence Bonds	£1,625	0 0		
	British Linen Bank—				
	Savings Account	£35	0 10		
	Add: Interest accrued	0	16 6	35	17 4
1,433	Current Account	435	12 0	2,096	9 4
218	SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENT FOR GRAMOPHONE RECORDS			928	14 7
	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND				
	British Linen Bank—Savings Account (Summer School)	£5,033	16 5		
	In Hands of Secretary	50	0 0		
	In Hands of Treasurer	6	2 10		
		£5,089	19 3		
6,055	Less: British Linen Bank Current Account	150	1 0	4,939	18 3
<u>£29,886</u>				<u>£31,341</u>	<u>18 9</u>

the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1960, and have obtained
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of account, give in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explana-
 (Sgd.) NORMAN MACKINNON & CO., C.A., Auditors.

YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1960

1958-59	BY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS				
	Received from Branches	£3,109	15 2		
	Paid direct	255	9 6		
	Life Members	52	13 6		
£4,227				£3,417	18 2
145	„ AFFILIATION FEES			158	11 0
10	„ DONATIONS			12	19 0
	„ FEES FROM STUDENTS				
	Summer and Autumn Schools	£5,543	18 6		
	Examinations	290	12 3		
5,754				5,834	10 9
465	„ INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS			523	16 11
	„ ROYALTIES				
	Books	£249	15 3		
	Broadcasting Fees	71	15 4		
	Gramophone Records	465	1 0		
784				786	11 7
635	„ SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS			1,056	1 3
<u>£12,020</u>				<u>£11,790</u>	<u>8 8</u>
£1,206	BY BALANCE CARRIED DOWN			£1,705	1 4
<u>£1,206</u>				<u>£1,705</u>	<u>1 4</u>

YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1960

1958-59			
£1,098	BY SALES	£1,400	12 5
600	„ SUBSCRIPTION COPIES (At Cost)	583	6 8
5,030	„ STOCK IN HAND, 30TH JUNE 1960	5,453	0 0
<u>£6,728</u>		<u>£7,436</u>	<u>19 1</u>

**ESTIMATE of INCOME and EXPENDITURE
for the YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1961**

INCOME

Subscriptions	£3,500
Affiliation Fees	165
Royalties	750
Investment Income	525
Fees: Schools and Courses (<i>less Expenses</i>)	50
Surplus on Sale of Publications	750
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	£5,740

EXPENDITURE

Staff Salaries	£1,650
Cost of Meetings, including Travelling Expenses	375
Printing and Stationery	255
Postage and Telephone	175
Office Accommodation	385
Audit Fee	42
Insurance	32
Repairs and Decorations	100
Miscellaneous Expenses	51
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	£3,065
<i>Less: Allocation to Summer School</i>	<i>300</i>
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	£2,765
Bulletin	800
Examination Fees, <i>less Expenses</i>	50
Demonstration Team Expenses and Work Overseas	300
Grants	50
Subscription Copies	600
RESERVES:	
For Publications and Records	400
For Pension Fund	350
For General Reserve	250
Surplus to meet Contingencies	175
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	£5,740

Annual Report

1960 has been a year of Reports dealing with problems affecting all sections of the community, but with a particular concentration on the problems of youth. In all this the Society has a part to play. At Headquarters, a considerable amount of literature has been received relating to developments in dance in this country and overseas. All this information has helped the Society to have its finger on the pulse of what is going on and in the light of this knowledge enabled it to assess its own strength and weaknesses and so determine the part it can play in education and recreation through Scottish country dancing in schools, colleges, youth clubs and with the general public.

To a Society with an independent spirit it is satisfactory that since its inception in 1923 it has relied on its own financial resources and has never received any government grant. At times there has been an almost spectacular growth in membership, but now the yearly progress is more or less stabilised and the present position shows a membership of approximately 18,300, 88 Branches and 183 Affiliated Groups. This sustained interest and independent financial position are tributes to music and dances that command a lasting interest, and to committees that have ensured good management of the Society's development. Reports show that Scottish country dancing is part of the physical education and social programme of a large number of schools in Scotland. A headmaster wrote recently "If I can teach boys and girls to meet each other naturally, helping them to overcome social embarrassments early on, I shall have solved many of my teenage problems and theirs too." Dance is an important part of his school programme. To interpret the dances so that boys and girls can enjoy them and learn their techniques requires skilled and sympathetic teaching. While it is encouraging that students from five teacher training colleges have entered for the R.S.C.D.S. certificate examination this year, it is disappointing that there have been no candidates from the other three colleges. The state of Scottish country dancing in the school depends to a very large extent on the interest and enthusiasm of the young teacher emerging from the training college; not only the specialist in physical education, but the teachers from the general training colleges.

In the post school world there is a tremendous diversity of interests and opportunities, and all kinds of agencies desirable and undesirable competing for the patronage of the teenager. It is encouraging that Scottish country dancing still retains a certain degree of popularity with today's young people. Some of this can be attributed to television and the attractions of such programmes as "The Kilt is My Delight," "The White Heather Club" and "Jig Time." The young who see the obvious enjoyment combined with skill, of the men and women on the television screen want to emulate them, so again there is a need for teachers who have an understanding of the needs of this section of the community.

It is a well known fact that gramophone records have a prolific sale amongst teenagers. It would be over optimistic to expect that Scottish country dance records could compete with the latest "top ten." Nevertheless, our records must be made available for all sections of the community. The Society this year, through an arrangement with two gramophone companies, has sponsored records from Books 19 and 20. The Executive Council considered that in this age of competition, and in order that our national heritage of music and dance will survive, every desirable avenue of publicity and propaganda should be explored.

The training courses and classes that are held throughout the United Kingdom are evidence of an active interest in Scottish country dancing. Reports from Scotland, England and Northern Ireland show a variety of courses varying from a one-day course of coaching in personal performance in Liverpool to residential week-ends at Lillieshall National Recreation Centre, Manchester and Durham, as well as several in Scottish Branches of which further mention is made in the Branch Reports.

And then overseas—the visits of Miss Milligan to America and Canada in the autumn of 1959 and of Miss McLaren to South Africa last summer have shown what can happen when teachers of distinction undertake a tour. The many letters that have been received at Headquarters tell of an upsurge of interest and increased enthusiasm and keenness following these visits.

The visit of a Scottish team, under the leadership of Miss Doris Robertson, has also done a great deal to foster good relationships and increase knowledge not only in South Africa, but among all the European countries who also sent teams.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUTUMN SCHOOL. The Thirtieth Annual General Meeting was held in Aberdeen on 24th October 1959. Before the meeting members of the Executive Council were entertained to lunch by Aberdeen Branch whose reputation for hospitality was fully upheld. On Friday evening a Ball was held in the Beach Ballroom where a large number enjoyed dancing to Annie Shand Scott's Band. On Saturday, classes were taught by Mrs Lesslie (Edinburgh) and by teachers of the Aberdeen Branch.

Aberdeen Branch are to be congratulated on a very enjoyable and successful week-end.

NEW PUBLICATION. A book containing twenty-four dances suitably graded for use in schools and Branch classes has been published, having been compiled by Miss Milligan and given by her to the Society. The music is traditional and the tunes are mostly those of Scottish songs. Members who have paid the 1960-61 subscription which became due on 1st July will receive a copy of this book or may choose one of the publications from Book 6 upwards.

EXAMINATIONS.—During the year examinations have been held in the following centres:—Belfast, Boston, Bristol, Cape Town, Deep River (Ontario), Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hamilton (Ontario), Hamilton (Lanarkshire), Kilmarnock (Ayrshire Education Authority), London, Montreal, Nairobi, New York, Norwich, Nova Scotia, St. Andrews (Summer School), Tees-side and Toronto. Examinations were also held in Craiglockhart R.C. Training College, Edinburgh, Dunfermline College of Physical Education (Aberdeen), Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow, Notre Dame R.C. Training College, Glasgow, and Scottish School of Physical Education, Glasgow. In the preliminary Test there were 281 passes and 57 failures. In the Teacher's Certificate there were 175 passes and 43 failures.

SUMMER SCHOOL. The Summer School at St. Andrews, from 25th July till 22nd August was again filled to capacity. Owing to alterations in one of the residences, the accommodation was more limited than usual and consequently the waiting list was longer. The Executive Council is grateful for all the work done by Miss Milligan and her staff of teachers and pianists.

Branch Reports

ABERDEEN. Secretary, Miss A. O. Cumming, 19 Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen,—Branch Membership 400 Ordinary and 152 Life Members. Throughout the session 5 Adult and 4 Children's classes met weekly. A class for Demonstration Work met fortnightly from January till March. In September a four-week Refresher Class was held on Book 20.

The most outstanding event of the year was the Autumn Week-end which took place on 23rd and 24th October, when we had the proud privilege of welcoming members from many Branches in England and Ireland as well as Scotland. Two very enjoyable social functions took place in the Beach Ballroom and the Music Hall. Many appreciative letters were received from various Branches after the events.

At the 1960 S.C.D. Festival the Branch was represented by 6 Adult and 9 Children's Teams. The Adult Teams carried off the three trophies in the three classes they entered.

Once more the Branch was asked to provide teams of dancers to perform in Union Terrace Gardens and at Hazlehead. As in 1958 and 1959 we were also asked to provide dancers to perform in H.M. Theatre as part of the Jimmy Shand Show.

The S.C.D. Club completed its ninth year.

ADELAIDE. Secretary, Mr E. N. S. Jackson, 46 Tusmore Avenue, Tusmore, South Australia.—Following negotiations with the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia the Branch now conducts its functions and classes each Tuesday evening at the Caledonian Hall, King William Street, Adelaide (i.e. in the city proper). The Caledonian Hall is the centre of Scottish activity in Adelaide and it is believed that the change will be of benefit to both bodies.

Mrs Goldie continued to conduct our classes each week until the end of 1959. After her long service to the Branch she then intended to retire, but she was persuaded to continue to conduct the classes once each month. On the other occasions Miss Irene Forbes conducts the classes. We express our sincere gratitude to both ladies for their splendid work.

In addition to the Tuesday night classes of this Branch, Miss Forbes conducts classes on Thursday nights at Somerton (a seaside suburb) which are attended by our members and others.

AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss J. B. G. Wyatt, 13 Cairnhill Avenue, Airdrie.—The membership this year was 118 and 1 Honorary Member. The Advanced Class membership was 63 and the Beginners' Class had 30. A new Children's Class was begun in addition to Miss Dalzell's on a Saturday morning in Airdrie, and another was instituted with great success in Coatbridge. The children again took part in the local and county Festivals.

ANNAN. Secretary, Mrs B. M. Richardson, The Bungalow, Summergate Road, Annan.—The Branch has had a very satisfactory year—the membership having increased by some thirty members.

Three dances were run during the winter, and, though our Social Evenings were fewer than we would wish for, owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable hall, we arranged for joint meetings of the three classes for social dancing. Our Highland Ball, held in March was a most enjoyable and successful evening. Teams from the Branch gave demonstrations at local functions.

ARBROATH. Secretary, Mr George G. Sinclair, 5 Waverley Terrace, Arbroath, Angus.—The Branch has had a satisfactory year, socially and financially.

There has been a slight drop in membership. This now stands at 239, and includes 17 Life Members. Weekly classes were well attended at the four centres Arbroath, Brechin, Kirriemuir and Montrose. Each centre held annual balls, and these were all well attended and enjoyed by many Branch members and visitors from neighbouring Branches.

The high-light of the Session was a dance run by Kirriemuir centre to mark the opening of the Barrie Centenary celebrations. This took place in a marquee, and over 300 dancers enjoyed a very pleasant social evening.

AUCHTERARDER. Secretary, Mr Ian L. G. Garrie, Larchfield, Auchterarder.—The past season showed a slight increase and the classes were well attended throughout the twenty-week period.

At the outset of the season difficulty was experienced in finding a class teacher and unfortunately the one ultimately engaged met with an accident which prevented her from taking up the appointment. Once again Miss C. R. Duff kindly came to the rescue and under her expert guidance and tuition the class proved most enjoyable.

We held two parties and one dance all of which proved to be a great success and much enjoyed by all. As a result of these and the increased membership the finances received a much needed boost and the year closed with a satisfactory credit balance.

When the class resumes in the autumn a special effort will be made to attract more young members in order to fill the few vacancies which still exist.

AYR. Secretary, Miss J. Matheson, 48 Westwood Avenue, Mainholm, Ayr.—Events in the Branch have followed what has become an established pattern. Four Adult and six Children's Classes were offered, and at 307 our membership remains the same as last

year. Our dances, held in Ayr, Prestwick and Troon, were notable for their friendliness. With membership spread over a fairly scattered area it is difficult to ensure that everyone feels "part of the family," but the Branch sense of unity was very apparent at our dances. Our Week-end School was held later this year and this accounted for the drop in attendance. We were deeply grateful to Miss Milligan who landed at Prestwick Airport straight from her American tour and came along to our School. Other instructors were Mrs Cramb and Miss Richardson, and their classes were a joy. We also welcomed Miss McLauchlan and very much appreciated her delightful accompaniments. Our Demonstration Teams have delighted many audiences from small Guild groups to the much larger public when invited to appear in the local theatre with The White Heather Group. Both teams were very successful at our local Festival and again in Edinburgh, and at the former the Branch Children's Teams acquitted themselves well. The Branch was very pleased and honoured when Margaret McQueen and Bert Jamieson were invited to join the South African Tour.

Under the Branch Constitution, Archie Murdoch, having served as Chairman for three years, has now to demit office. The Branch owes him much for his capable administration and energetic enthusiasm. In Mrs Margaret Parker we have the promise of a very successful and charming lady Chairman.

The season ended with an informal Dance in aid of World Refugee Year in response to an appeal by the Town Council. An enormous amount of goodwill was engendered, from the Civic Authorities right throughout our membership and many friends. Held on 6th May, the wedding day, everyone was in a gay and spontaneous mood. The music was provided voluntarily by Mrs Assur's Players, and it was a most successful evening; the sum of £62, 11s. 10d. being handed over to the Appeal. A fine finish to a happy year.

AYRSHIRE, East. Secretary, Mr J. T. Watt, 27 Wylie Crescent, Cumnock, Ayrshire.—Our membership has fallen since last year, partly due to the uncertainty of our accommodation. However, we are hopeful of a permanent place to hold our classes this winter. What we perhaps lacked in numbers we have made up in enthusiasm. The ladies team was successful in the Ayrshire Festival, and both the mixed and ladies teams have carried out several demonstrations. Some of the demonstrations were to entertain the patients in our local hospitals—a job which our team members found most rewarding.

AYRSHIRE, North-West. Secretary, Mrs N. Dunlop, Bradda, Fairlie.—The season 1959-60 was most enjoyable with lots of activity and progress in many directions.

The membership of the Branch reached the record total of 555, including 7 Life Members.

A Children's Class was started in Stevenston, a private Children's Class in Kilwinning was taken over by the Branch and those in Largs and Saltcoats continued to prosper. All four classes gave excellent end-of-season displays and the Saltcoats Class produced two first-rate teams which, thanks to Miss Anne Hughes' coaching, swept all before them in their sections at the Local Youth Festival in Ardrossan and at the Ayrshire Music Festival. For the youngsters, there were two balls around Christmas. The first, for children under 12 and their parents was a most successful "riot," while the second, a Teenage Ball, though not so well attended, was nevertheless enjoyed by all present.

The Adult Class continued, again in two sections, elementary and advanced, with an extra half-hour for social dancing in the middle.

Monthly Dances were run as usual throughout the area, with one in Stevenston for the first time. All, except one during a period of heavy snow, were well attended. Our Christmas Ball was held in the Marine Hotel, Largs, and at it we were delighted to welcome visitors from neighbouring Branches. The Easter and Summer Dances were held in Castlecraigs, Ardrossan. The Easter Dances especially proved very popular, the demand for tickets being greater than the size of the hall. Mr Newlands and his Band provided excellent music at all dances and in May, they joined the Branch in running a dance in aid of World Refugee Year Funds which realised £55.

A Ladies' Team and a Mixed Team danced at the Renfrewshire Festival, the Ladies' Team, which was trained by Mr Baillie, regaining the Edinburgh-Renfrewshire Shield.

Two Ladies' Teams were placed 2nd and 3rd and a Mixed Team 2nd, when competing against our great rival, Ayr Branch, at the Ayrshire Festival. Demonstration Teams were in demand throughout the district and many displays were given during the year.

BANFFSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Jean Bruce, 54 Well Road, Buckie.—This season the Branch suffered a great bereavement when it lost one of its founder-members, Mrs Nan Duncan. She was a Past President as well as a teacher, and was very popular and much respected in the county.

Although the membership is slightly less than the year before, the Branch continues to flourish and the dancers look forward to class nights. The Buckie class was resumed after a lapse of two years.

Requests for demonstrations were met by Branch teams. The various classes had their own social evenings, but unfortunately, our Annual Rally had to be postponed until the beginning of next season owing to severe storms.

BATH. Secretary, Lieut.-Com. A. J. Towers, R.N., Petersfield, Monkton Farleigh, Nr. Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.—The Branch has enjoyed another satisfactory year and membership increased appreciably. The usual number of dances has been held and these have been well supported. Classes have been held as before, although in different quarters, due to the move of the Domestic Science College which had accommodated us so hospitably for many years. We missed Miss Brown very much during the latter part of the season when she was unfortunately laid low by ill-health.

In June 1959 we enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of Miss Milligan's presence when she conducted an examination for preliminary and teacher's certificates—the first such examination to be held in Bath.

A team was formed from members of the Advanced Class which has enjoyed giving a number of demonstrations.

BELFAST. Secretary, Mr P. I. M. Fergusson, 49 Chichster Street, Belfast.—The Branch has continued to grow in strength and three new classes have been formed. The Certificate Class resulted in eleven members gaining the full Certificate when Miss Milligan came to conduct the examination in February.

Two Week-end Schools were held in Portstewart, the first in October being taken by Mrs Gudger and the second in May by Mr Bill Little. Both these Schools were well supported and were of benefit to the Branch as a whole.

A number of dances were held during the year including one in aid of the World Refugee Fund as well as the usual dance in the Town Hall, Ballymena, when the members of all the Northern Ireland Branches meet.

The end of our season was saddened by the death of Mrs Moore who had been one of our Branch pianists since 1948 and was indeed a very faithful and highly valued friend of the Branch and its members.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED. Secretary, Miss D. D. Martin, 17 Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—We have had another successful year both socially and financially, with a slight over-all increase in membership to 90 Adults and Teenagers, and 68 Children. In all we have had weekly classes for Adults (Beginners and Intermediate), Teenagers and Children; all classes were well attended.

Our Annual Ball and other social activities have been well supported by our own members and our friends in the neighbourhood. This year we decided that the proceeds from the Children's Class "Open Night" should be donated to the Mentally Handicapped Children's School Fund, and thanks to the support which this function received we were able to hand over the sum of £15 to this Fund.

BIRMINGHAM. Secretary, Miss J. A. Smith, 318 Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 5.—The Branch has had a successful season, membership having increased to 213, including 31 Life Members.

In May 1959, we held our first non-competitive Festival at the Oscott Hall, I.C.I., Witton, which was well supported by teams from Birmingham Groups and other

Societies in the Midlands. The enthusiasm shown for this venture was sufficient to encourage the planning of another similar Festival.

We held dances in November and April which were enjoyed by our members and many visitors. A Day-School of Dancing was held at Droitwich School in October which some 90 people attended; instruction at morning and afternoon classes was expertly and entertainingly given by Mr Duncan MacLeod and Mr Innes Russell, and the day finished with an evening social in which both classes joined.

There continues to be a steady flow of requests for demonstrations, which have been undertaken by the demonstration group. Teams took part in the Nuneaton Festival, where the Ladies' Team won their class and the Mixed Team tied for first place in theirs, in the Leamington Festival and in our Branch Festival.

We have continued to run Saturday Socials and an informal Dance was held on Hogmanay, when about 80 people enjoyed the evening's dancing.

During the year 2 members gained the Full Teachers Certificate and 3 the Preliminary Test.

BOSTON. Secretary, Miss Doris J. Weller, 310 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.—Classes have been held weekly from September till July with instruction on Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced levels, under the leadership of our Dance Director, Miss Jeannie R. B. Carmichael. Miss Carmichael also has continued to lead classes in Worcester and New York City. Beginning in December, two additional sessions were initiated: classes in Highland Dancing for men and women were held on alternating weeks by Miss Carmichael and Marianne Taylor, and monthly Country Dance Sessions for advanced people were organised by Katherine Campbell. A special Saturday evening Dance Party was held in June for all members in honour of the wedding of Princess Margaret Rose.

Our news sheet, *The Tartan Times*, has been issued bi-monthly. Demonstrations have been given at the Highland Games; a charity evening for U.N.I.C.E.F.; a gathering in Norwich, Vermont; the New England Folk Festival; and in Newport, Rhode Island, to mention a few.

In the fall we were honoured with a visit from Miss Milligan, who led some classes as guest teacher and conducted Certificate Examinations for candidates who had been prepared by Miss Carmichael. Four Boston people received Full Certificates, and three passed the Preliminary Test.

Our Annual Week-end at Pinewoods Camp in Plymouth is to be held on 22nd till 25th, with an attendance of 121 anticipated. Guest teachers will include Ian Hodgson, Mary Branigan, and Janet MacLachlan from Canada; Robert Goodrich and Jean Tufts from New Hampshire; and Ida Stern from New York; as well as certificated teachers from our local group.

This year, 1960, marks Boston's tenth year, and plans are under way for an Anniversary Celebration this fall.

CAPE TOWN. Secretary, Mrs W. Jander, "Inkosana," Lady Anne Avenue, Newlands, Cape Town.—There has been a slight decrease in membership, owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable hall and the consequent moving from one place to another. This difficulty has now been overcome and we hope to improve our numbers.

The highlight of the year was the visit to our Branch of Miss Margaret McLaren of Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow, and of the very happy and successful Winter School held in Cape Town for the first time. During the period of the School we were very grateful for the use of South African College Junior School, a beautiful new building in lovely surroundings. At the end of the fortnight all those who had entered for the Preliminary Test had gained that award and several attained their Teacher's Certificate. We had pupils from many parts of the country—Johannesburg, Durban, Bloemfontein, Ladysmith, and as far north as Ndola in Northern Rhodesia.

Our Junior Group danced during the summer at Sea Point and Muizenberg, seaside parts of the peninsula close to Cape Town. Displays have also been given for the benefit of older people in both Pinelands and Gardens Seniors' Clubs. Recently, a most successful

dance was held in St. Stephen's Hall, Pinelands, when the numbers far exceeded our expectations.

This year we have been able to run two classes, the general class being under the direction of Mrs N. McNair-Smith and the advanced class under Miss M. H. Gibson.

Our out-door Christmas Party, held in Mr and Mrs J. T. Hunter's garden, was much enjoyed and attracted dancers from as far afield as Somerset West and Groot Drakenstein.

CARLISLE and BORDER. Secretary, Miss Jean Galloway, 15 Etterby Lea Crescent, Carlisle.—There was a slight decrease in the number of members during the past season—106 Branch members and 14 Life members.

During the season, 24 General and 20 Intermediate Classes were held, the former proving extremely popular, and once again the season was extended until the end of May by running social dancing on a number of evenings after Easter. Twenty-four Children's Classes, 5 Social Evenings and 3 Dances were also held. A Week-end School was held at the end of February, with Mr Duncan Macleod as Instructor. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Highland Ball, which was held in Carlisle on 6th April.

Teams from the Branch competed in the Carlisle Musical Festival in both the Adult and Children's classes, the Adult Mixed Foursome Reel Team deserving special mention. Teams from the Branch also competed in the Dumfries Musical Festival.

It is most gratifying to report a considerable increase in the numbers attending classes and it is hoped that still larger numbers will attend during the coming season.

CARNOUSTIE. Secretary, Miss Mary Maguire, Craiglea, 34 Collier Street, Carnoustie, Angus.—The membership of the Branch during the past session has been 29 and 1 Life Member. Although the membership was small we had an enrolment of 53, and the class was well attended throughout the winter.

Throughout the session one Adult General Class and one Juvenile Class have met weekly. The Adult General Class has again been run under the Further Education Classes of Angus County Council.

A very successful Dance was held in the Beach Hall on 26th November, and the Class finished with a Social evening on 31st March.

The Juvenile Class finished on 21st April with a Display of Dancing to parents and friends.

CASTLE DOUGLAS. Secretary, Miss E. H. Craik, 23 Academy Street, Castle Douglas.—The Branch had a most enjoyable session this year with a very high average attendance at all classes. The beginners' half hour before each Adult Class proved most helpful this year.

The membership was up slightly in the Adult Section and a little lower in the Junior Link Section.

Members attended dances throughout the district including the Stewartry Ball held this year in Castle Douglas.

Many demonstrations were given by teams in aid of various charities. Teams were entered and gained places in the Dumfries Festival.

Two of our members, Miss Doris McCartney and Mr Cliff Hamilton, had the privilege of going to South Africa. The Branch are very proud of the honour bestowed upon it especially as this is the second time we have been represented in the tour of South Africa.

Once again our grateful thanks are due to the Education Authority for the use of the Primary School for both the Adult and Junior Link Classes.

CHELTHENHAM. Secretary, Mrs U. Rowlands, Glendronach, Christchurch Road, Cheltenham, Glos.—A second successful year has just ended, and once again we ran five classes, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginners, Children and Highland. All classes, except the Highland, were well supported, as were the monthly dances. We have now formed a Demonstration Team and several exhibitions have been given. A good sign this year was the excess of men over women in the Beginners' Class, and this augurs well for the future of the Branch. Another Week-end School under the directorship of Bill Ireland was also a great success.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs J. O. Thomson, 25 Ann Street, Tillicoultry.—Membership 146 including 17 Life Members—an increase this year of 25.

Two Branch dances were held during the winter—the first in November in Alloa Town Hall and the second in Cochrane Hall, Alva. Both were well attended by dancers and spectators who enjoyed the dancing to the music of A. Rankine's B.B.C. Band. Members supported other country dances held throughout the neighbourhood, in aid of various funds. All Branch classes report a successful year.

DOLLAR held classes from October till March—two terms. Parties were held at mid-term and at the end. Three big successful dances were held—two in Dollar and one in the new Alloa Academy. At the latter £26 was realised in aid of the County Branch of the Scottish Association of Boys' Clubs.

TILlicOUNTRY reports a steady membership throughout the year. Social evenings were held at the end of each term—the second in co-operation with the local Girl Guides' Association when £20 was raised for the new Scout and Guide Hall.

ALLOA also had a very enjoyable session though numbers dropped slightly in the second half. Dances were held at the end of each term and were very successful.

DERBY. Joint Secretaries, Misses B. and M. Moore, 10 Repton Avenue, Derby.—We have had another happy session this year, although attendance has not been quite as good as last year, due to inclement weather. The highlights of the year have been the Jimmy Shand Dance held in Derby on 10th November 1959 and the Fourth Birthday Party in February, which were much enjoyed by all. A demonstration was given by the Intermediate Class in aid of the World Refugee Year.

DUMFRIES. Secretary, Mrs J. H. Henderson, Braeside, Moffat Road, Dumfries.—Once more we have had a very successful and enjoyable session. All classes, including the Junior Link, have been well attended. In November our Vice-President was appointed to a post in Kano, where we wish him and his family well. The Christmas Party was "sold out," and the Dinner Dance, at the close of the session, was greatly enjoyed. A well attended Summer Class kept members in touch until the Annual "Guid Nychburris" Dance, held in June. All teams, experienced and novice, were successful at Dumfries and Carlisle Festivals and many demands were made on our dancers to appear at social evenings and concerts. We are looking forward to entertaining teams of dancers from Belgium, France, Germany and Holland in September. Hospitality is being given by this Branch and the entertainment of the visitors is being shared by Dumfries, Gatehouse of Fleet, Annan and Lockerbie Branches.

DUNBARTONSHIRE, West. Secretary, Miss Lilian Meikle, 61 James Street, Helensburgh.—This year has again shown an increase in our membership, which is now 206 including 2 Life Members.

In addition to our usual Elementary and General Classes, we held a Men's Highland Class, which, the men assured us, was most enjoyable.

The Demonstrations given by the Branch Team in and around Helensburgh were very much appreciated by our hosts.

At the Branch Ball in Helensburgh in October, we were happy to welcome back Ian Powrie and his Band, whose music delighted as many dancers and spectators as our hall could accommodate.

The four informal dances and Junior Dance in various centres in our district were again popular, and in May we organised a dance in aid of The Scottish National Institution for War-Blinded. Our thanks are due to the members and friends whose generosity enabled us to send to the War-Blinded a donation of £63.

DUNDEE. Secretary, Miss H. F. Crighton, 317 Blackness Road, Dundee.—The membership of 452 including 152 Life Members shows a slight decrease from last year. The activities of the Branch have followed the same pattern as in previous years and classes on the whole were well attended and greatly enjoyed. It was encouraging to see increased numbers in the Junior Section; here we had some very promising young dancers. A Summer Term Class was a new venture and proved popular. The Branch

Team gave demonstrations when required, although there were fewer requests throughout the season. Teacher's Certificate Classes were held during the Summer Term. At the examination held in June eight passed the Preliminary Grade and one gained the full Certificate.

The Annual Ball held in March was a very happy function and we were pleased to have with us friends from neighbouring Branches. Informal dances were held in November and May. Music for all dances was provided by The Olympians Dance Band.

The Club run in conjunction with the Branch has again had a capacity membership and continues to provide weekly social dancing.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Lord Provost Maurice McManus as the new Hon. President of the Branch.

DUNFERMLINE. Secretary, Miss Jean W. Laurie, 4 Lambert Drive, Dunfermline.—The Branch continued to make progress during 1959-60, despite a slight decrease in the membership of 8 Annual Members (total 180), while Life Members remained at 10. With the deaths of Miss J. Anderson and Miss J. Colman, we lost two of our Life Members who had danced continuously with the Branch since it was resuscitated after the war.

The Junior Mixed, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Classes were continued and, owing to the large enrolment for the Advanced Class, it was necessary to close the membership early in the session and commence a waiting list. To overcome this difficulty in the coming session the Demonstration Class has been enlarged to 30 members, following audition, with a view to reducing the size of the Advanced Class.

The Demonstration Group have been kept very busy since the New Year, giving demonstrations locally and preparing for a trip to Bavaria in July, where they will represent Scotland at an International Dance Festival. The Branch, for the second year in succession, won the two premier awards at Perth Festival. We are indebted to Mrs Rennie for coaching the team; to Miss J. Anderson, our rehearsal pianist who works so tirelessly and cheerfully for the Branch; and also Mr John Rennie, our Piper.

On the social side, three guest nights were held, as well as a Christmas and Closing Dance and all were well attended, with visitors from Perth and Kirkcaldy Branches and other neighbouring classes.

A dance organised by the Branch realised £36 in aid of the World Refugee Year Fund.

Mrs Couper was thanked by the Branch for the valuable services rendered by her as Secretary during the past four years.

DUNS and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Margaret A. Rae, Penrhyl, St. Abbs, Eyemouth, Berwickshire.—With the opening of two new classes at Grantshouse and Greenlaw, the session got off to a fine start and this enthusiasm was maintained throughout the winter. Classes and dances were well attended and most enjoyable. The choice of 6th May for the Dance at Eyemouth, which was formerly to be held in February, proved a most fortunate one.

Once again exceptionally fine weather favoured our Residential Week-end in May, when enthusiasts from both sides of the Border joined in the classes and social dances. On the Sunday afternoon a Brains' Trust answered many varied questions in a most interesting and edifying way.

At our Annual General Meeting in April we regretted the resignation of our Treasurer, Miss Willins, but were fortunate in the appointment of Miss Miller. Mrs Elder also resigned after a very successful term of duty as Chairman, but we were again fortunate in having a worthy replacement in Mr D. G. Robertson, Assistant Director of Education for the County.

EAST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss Helen F. Clark, 236 High Street, Prestonpans.—Although our membership during the past year did not quite reach the previous year's total, the decrease was only very slight and altogether the Branch has had another good year. The six dances held during the season were generally well attended and our

thanks are again due to Mrs Lesslie for giving us a very enjoyable evening's instruction at Haddington.

We very much regret to report the death of our President, Mr D. S. Burnet of Haddington. Mr Burnet was a most enthusiastic supporter of all our functions while his health permitted and his kindness to our Branch was much appreciated.

EAST SURREY—WEST KENT. Secretary, Miss Joan M. Harmer, 20 Godstone Mount, Downs Court Road, Purley, Surrey.—The Branch membership has shown a steady increase. Classes in connection with the Branch are held in Croydon, New Malden, Norwood, Reigate, Sanderstead and West Wickham. Two Branch dances were held this year and a Hogmanay Dance was held in Croydon as well as weekly Class Socials. The Summer Dance took the form of an open air dance. A very successful One-Day School of Dancing was held this year at which Bill Ireland and Andrew Grant were the Teachers. Mixed and Ladies' Teams were entered for the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival. Croydon Mixed Team regained the Rosebowl and the Ladies' Team also gained Honours Certificate.

ECCLEFECHAN. Secretary, Miss J. M. G. Kerr, Tullich Lodge, Middlebie, by Lockerbie.—The membership of this Branch has been about the same as last year.

We held an enjoyable Highland Ball in December, when members of surrounding Branches joined us.

EDINBURGH. Secretary, Mr Alex. Falconer, 35 Dundas Street, Edinburgh, 3.—Membership shows an increase this year and now stands at about 1,550, of which nearly 200 are Life Members. Over twenty classes were run in each of the Autumn and Spring Terms, and seven Summer Term Classes were held, including classes in Highland Steps for ladies and men.

Demonstrations have again numbered over 100, including television appearances in "The Kilt is My Delight," demonstrations for charitable and cultural organisations and for many groups of Overseas and Commonwealth visitors, including a group of Canadian Provincial Premiers, and N.A.T.O. naval personnel on the flight-deck of H.M.S. *Victorious*. In November a Branch team under the leadership of Mr David Maxwell visited Belgium and gave several demonstrations for the Flemish Travel Association. The highlights of this tour were a Gala Ball in Antwerp, in what is said to be the largest hall in Europe, and a television broadcast from the Belgian studios. Five of our members were among the fortunate team which toured the Union of South Africa and took part in the Jubilee Celebrations this year. "An Edinburgh Fancy—1959" was staged during last year's Festival and proved highly successful; ten performances were given. The 1960 version goes on from 19th till 27th August.

Retirements have meant the loss to the Branch of Iain Robertson, as an active member of our Demonstration Group; Bill Hamilton who has moved to England, and also Miss Susan Inglis our most popular and gifted pianist. At the Annual General Meeting in June, Mr David Maxwell retired after three years service as Branch Chairman and was succeeded by Mr J. B. C. Brown.

In May, the death of Miss Helen Addison, a prominent Branch teacher for many years, came as a great shock to all of us. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The Branch proposed to open a fund in her memory, the proceeds of which will be donated to the British Empire Cancer Relief Campaign. Donations may be sent to T. J. King, Esq., National Commercial Bank, 13 Drumsheugh Place, Edinburgh. A Memorial Seat is also being placed in Princes Street Gardens where she was known to a much wider public for her compèring of the Scottish Country Dance Sessions.

ELGIN. Secretary, Miss Mary G. L. Christopher, "Tor View," 25 Young Street, Elgin.—The Branch had an enjoyable year with a membership of 90 Annual Members and 12 Life Members, and increase of 17 over the previous year. The classes were well attended from September till December, but bad weather affected attendance till March.

Our Monthly Socials were still as popular.

We were asked to send a Demonstration Team to one or two functions and were one

of ten teams at the Gathering of the Clans and World Pipe Championship held at Bucht Park, Inverness, on 25th June 1960, which was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Ewen, our President for several years intimated her resignation from the Presidency, which was received with regret. Mr H. Rose has been appointed.

FORFAR. Secretary, Mrs D. W. Bruce, 125 Glenclova Terrace, Forfar.—The Branch has had a satisfactory year socially and financially. There has been a slight drop in membership. This now stands at 115 and includes 25 Life Members. Two classes were held throughout the winter months and monthly social evenings were well attended during the year.

The highlight of the season was our Semi-Jubilee Year Supper-Dance held in February. We were joined by a number of dancers from the surrounding Angus Branches on this occasion when a very good time was had by all.

The Branch raised £56 in aid of the Funds of the Scottish National Institution for War Blinded, Edinburgh. During the winter, despite adverse weather conditions, our members joyously attended functions held by neighbouring Branches throughout the year.

FORRES. Secretary, Miss M. M. Ross, "Morven," Castle Street, Forres.—Last year saw a considerable fall in our membership, but our weekly classes were nonetheless most enjoyable.

Several demonstrations were given during the summer months in the local hotels and also in the surrounding district.

A Summer Dance, Christmas Party and an end of season party were held, all of which were well attended by class members and friends.

It is hoped that the year 1960-61 will see an increase in membership.

FORT WILLIAM. Secretary, Miss J. M. Henderson, 24 Glenkingie Terrace, Caol, Fort William.—The past season has been both successful and enjoyable with once again a slight increase in membership. The Class was very well attended during the first half of the year though it showed its usual tendency to drop after the Christmas recess.

Demonstration Teams were active and this year danced for the first time at the Ben Nevis Race.

Four members attended the Week-End School in Oban.

Unfortunately the Children's Class fell off owing to counter attractions in the district.

Several social functions were held during the year, the highlight being the Dinner Dance held in the Alexandra Hotel. We were pleased to welcome friends from neighbouring Clubs and at our closing Late Night we were joined by members of the Sheffield Branch who were on a climbing holiday.

This year the Branch organised a weekly Summer Class which was also open to members of other Clubs interested in improving their steps and learning more intricate dances.

The Branch is indeed fortunate in having such splendid teachers and to them and our musicians we express our grateful thanks.

FRIOCKHEIM. Secretary, Mr W. Macpherson, Castle Street, Friockheim, Angus.—Successful dances were held at Letham, Strachathro Hospital and St. Ninian's, and were attended by members of neighbouring Branches. The dancing team completed another heavy programme of engagements demonstrating in aid of charity throughout North-East Scotland.

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET. Secretary, Mrs K. C. Nicoll, Neilson Square, Gatehouse of Fleet.—The year has again been a successful and enjoyable one, although our numbers are down a little, partly due to the marriage of several members.

The class was taken once more by Mr W. Little of Castle Douglas, with his usual skill and enthusiasm and we express our gratitude to him. A Junior Link Class under our President had a happy and hardworking year.

The Branch held a party at Christmas and a Dance at the end of the season to which members of nearby Branches were invited.

Teams from the Branch were again in great demand for demonstrations in Gatehouse and the surrounding districts.

We had several teams entered at the Festivals of Stranraer and Dumfries, where they obtained high marks, our Women's Team carrying off the Silver Cup in the Open Class at the Galloway Festival held this year in Stranraer.

We are very much indebted to our skilful pianists, Mr Fyfe and Mrs Stewart.

GLASGOW. Secretary, Mr Duncan Macleod, "Rosedale," 32 Urrdale Road, Glasgow, S.1.—It is disappointing to have to say, that although in comparison with last year our membership has remained steady, we have not had the attendances at our various functions, perhaps due to increased activity in Scottish Country Dancing by outside organisations. Five dances and two balls were held during the year, which were enjoyed by all who attended.

Fifteen Classes were held during the year, 2 of these being Certificate Classes and 2 Children's Classes; in addition 2 classes were held during the spring.

Demonstration Teams were fairly active during the year appearing at various functions throughout the City, the highlight, particularly among the men, being the participation of seven teams at the pre-match display at Hampden Park, on the occasion of the European Cup Final. While watching the feet of the Continental Footballers one of our members remarked that perhaps we might sign them on for future demonstrations.

Our Week-end Course this year proved quite an enjoyable one for those who braved the foul weather and found the Palace of Arts in fog-bound Glasgow. To our teachers, Miss Goodall, Perth; Miss Seddon, Edinburgh; Mr Clement, Dumfries; and Miss Adams, Glasgow, who stood in for Miss Milligan, let me say, thank you, for your excellent work and enthusiasm.

This year our Spring Ball was held in aid of the Scottish National Institution for War Blinded, and I am pleased to say, that thanks to the co-operation of those who attended we were able to present £50 to such a worth while organisation.

HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE. Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road, Hamilton.—The membership of the Branch this year reached a record figure of 639, including 30 Life Members.

All the Adult Society Classes had a very good year, but unfortunately an insufficient number of children came forward to form a class. Two classes for Teachers of the Branch were held in October, when the dances from Book 20 were taught. In response to demand a Certificate Class for Teachers was held, and nine members were successful in gaining the Preliminary Certificate. The Mixed Team took part in several demonstrations during the season.

This was a very important year for the Branch, as we celebrated our Silver Jubilee at a Ball in Hamilton Town Hall at the end of January. We were disappointed that the Countess of Elgin was unable to accept our invitation, but even more disappointed when Miss Milligan was forced to cancel her visit almost at the last minute owing to illness. We were very pleased to welcome as our guests the Provost of Hamilton and his wife, Mr and Mrs Sharpe and Miss Hadden. It was most appropriate that our President for the year was Mrs Mackintosh, who, as Miss Ballantyne, was mainly responsible for the formation of the Branch twenty-five years ago, and was its first teacher. She gave a very interesting account of the growth of the Branch, and paid tribute to all those who had given faithful service. Mr Sharpe very ably proposed the Toast to the Branch.

All our other functions were held as usual, and were most successful, both socially and financially.

We now look forward with confidence and pleasure to the years ahead.

HAMILTON, Ontario. Secretary, Mrs Ena Culm, 196 Holton S., Apt. 3, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.—Our season got off to a "flying" start with the visit of Miss Jean Milligan and as a result of this 8 members received their Full Teaching Certificates and 1 member her First Certificate. There was great excitement and preparation for our Erin Week-end in September, and the fact that Miss Milligan was teaching there made

this the absolute highlight of the year. It was, without a doubt, our most successful Week-end.

Our Annual Ball in April was a tremendous success with visitors coming from near and far—attendance was 250.

The monthly dances remain ever-popular and are well attended.

We have completed a very successful year with the usual turnover of members at the beginning of the season, but membership remaining steady.

Several associate groups were started, one a faculty group at McMaster University, and each group is under the direction of one of our Certificated Teachers of which the Branch now boasts 11.

Numerous demonstrations were given throughout the year, the highlight of those being the occasion on which one of our teams danced before the Hon. J. Keiller MacKay, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, the occasion marking the Centennial of the Ontario Educational Association.

Our Branch proudly announces that in the Kiwanis Festival in May the Hamilton Ladies Team won 1st place and the Hamilton Mixed Team won 2nd place.

Our instructor, Miss Mary Branigan, will be one of the guest teachers at the Pinewoods Week-end in Mass., U.S.A., which is run each July by the Boston Branch. Miss Branigan was interviewed during the past season on the popular radio programme "Heather Mixture," when she described the historical background and social aspect of Scottish Country Dancing and the purpose of the R.S.C.D.S.

INVERNESS. Secretary, Mrs M. J. Bennie, 79 Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.—The Branch has had a most enjoyable session and we are pleased to report an increase in membership.

A very successful dance was held during April, in the Caledonian Hotel Ballroom, which was well attended by members and friends from various parts of the Highlands.

KILMARNOCK and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss A. Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.—The Branch is happy to report a slight increase in membership which now stands at 204 Annual Members and 27 Life Members.

Classes were most successful during last winter, but tended to drop in numbers after the New Year. Two very successful dances were held during the year. Technique Classes were also held during the year and were very successful. It is hoped to arrange further Technique Classes to be held in Kilmarnock; one in each of October, November and December.

A Dance has been arranged for 18th November and it is hoped to celebrate our 25th Anniversary in May 1961.

KINLOCHLEVEN. Secretary, Mrs D. MacDonald, 12 Lochaber Road, Kinlochleven, Argyll.—We have had another very successful season with good attendances at the weekly classes.

We have enjoyed Late Nights, both "home" and "away," with other Clubs in the district, particularly our own Dinner Dance in January. A special dance was organised in aid of the War Blinded, raising £20.

The Branch took part in a Display of Country Dancing at the North Lorne Sports.

KIRKCALDY. Secretary, Miss Nancy J. Arnott, 50 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.—Membership is 257, including 25 Life Members.

Classes were well attended during the first half of the session, but there was a falling-off during the second half. The Beginners were pleased to welcome in their class Miss Lewis and Miss Piercy from Canada, Miss Brooker and Miss Downie from Australia, and Miss Hartmann and Mr and Mrs Jarman from U.S.A.

Two combined class nights were greatly enjoyed, as was the night on which the film "Scotland Dances" was shown. The tape recorder was used successfully for team practices, a demonstration outside at Leslie Eventide Home, for one combined night, and for a class when the pianist was ill.

In November the Branch again supported the Youth Pageant Committee's Dance.

Our Annual Dance was held in February, with Jimmy Shand to play. Members have also attended dances of the Edinburgh, Perth, Dunfermline and Leven Branches.

We look forward to another successful session beginning in October.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT. Secretary, Mr Alastair S. McKenzie, 21 Mersecroft, Kirkcudbright.—Though the membership dropped slightly, another successful session was enjoyed by all. The Christmas Party, Annual Dance in March and several social evenings during the summer months were attended by guests from neighbouring Branches who shared in the enjoyment of the local members.

LADYSMITH, Natal. Secretary, Mrs A. S. Reid, 48 Stevenson Road, Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa.—The outstanding event of the year was the visit of Miss M. McLaren, Teacher and Examiner of the S.C.D.S., who arrived at Ladysmith after a triumphal tour of various centres in the Union. Her forceful personality and friendly manner made a deep and lasting impression on all. She was guest of honour at a Grand Scottish Ball in the Town Hall, where several hundreds of people gathered to dance the traditional dances of Scotland. Many came "frae a' the airts"—Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Durban, Maritzburg, Kokstad, Dundee and Vryheid—to say farewell and to ask her to come again.

The Club has demonstrated on several occasions in various centres of Natal during the year. Five thousand watched combined teams from Ladysmith and Dundee do Scottish Country Dances during the celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of the town of Vryheid.

At the Third School of Scottish Country Dancing in South Africa, held in Cape Town in July 1959, two members of the Club gained their Full Teaching Certificates and one passed the Preliminary Examination.

The Touring R.S.C.D.S. Team paid a brief visit to Ladysmith during their rounds of the Union and their dances were most appreciated.

With the emigration to Rhodesia in April of Mr David Couper, the Club lost its Founder and Teacher. David, who has done more for Scottish Country Dancing in the Union than people realise, is greatly missed.

LANARK. Secretary, Mrs M. P. Cuthill, Braeside, Hyndford Bridge, Lanark.—Our Branch had another happy and successful year, the membership being well maintained. We are greatly indebted to Miss Richardson of Edinburgh for conducting our Week-end Course in November. She proved an able teacher, with a most pleasing personality. In December we held our Christmas Party and in February our Annual Dance. Both functions were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by members and friends from other Branches. The Children's Classes continue to be popular and make excellent progress. The Closing Party which included parents and friends was an "overwhelming success." We are pleased to report that two of our members were successful in gaining their Preliminary Certificates. The Committee would like to thank teachers and pianists for their services during the past year.

LEVEN. Secretary, Mrs M. Haig, 96 Kenmount Drive, Kennoway.—The Branch has had another enjoyable session and several new members were welcomed.

The class, under the instruction of Miss Mowat, was well attended throughout the session. Both dances, held during the session, were well attended by members and friends from neighbouring classes, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

LIVERPOOL. Secretary, Mr Kenneth Macaulay Jones, 6 Sunny Bank, Upton, Cheshire.—By a strange coincidence the annual membership has remained unchanged in numbers, although, of course, there have been changes in actual personnel.

After many vicissitudes a Branch Dance was held. Our main difficulty in arranging this event is the paucity of suitable halls in this area, but this year we were fortunate in booking a hall in the neighbouring town of Wallasey and the Dance was voted a great social success.

A Day Course was held early in the year with Miss Richardson and Mr McLeod undertaking the teaching. We learned much and enjoyed the process greatly. The

Demonstration Team have given several demonstrations to what we hope were appreciative audiences. Due to illness Mr Edgar has relinquished the duties of Hon. Treasurer and has been succeeded by Mr Derek Haynes.

LOCKERBIE. Secretary, Miss A. M. H. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie.—The total membership of the Branch this season was 52 which includes 4 Junior Members.

During the season two social evenings were held and members from other Branches in the district attended. Both socials were much enjoyed by all present.

Three invitations to provide a Demonstration Team were received and on each occasion the selection of dances was well received.

At the end of the season the Branch suffered a great loss through the death of Miss I. R. Andrew. Together with her friend, the late Miss McIntosh, Miss Andrew founded the Lockerbie Branch in 1942, and since then has been extremely interested in all Branch activities. For some years she acted as instructress and only gave up some three years ago owing to ill health. She has also been, for many years, representative to the Executive Council from this Branch.

Her passing came as a great shock and though she had been in ill health for some months prior to her death, she was always cheerful and ready to give help and advice of any kind to us all.

A memorial service was held in Trinity Church, Lockerbie, and was attended by a large number of her friends, including members, past and present, from this Branch and other Branches in the district.

LONDON. Secretary, Mr H. G. Draper, 43 Rochester Road, Northwood, Middlesex.—The Branch has had another successful year. Membership has increased slightly and now exceeds 1,000. The Branch has continued its classes at various centres in London and there has been an increase in the total number of students attending. A class is to be opened at a new centre in North London this coming year. The monthly dances held during the season have been well attended by members and, in addition, several larger guest dances have been held as well as the Annual Ball. An Anglo-Scottish dance was again held at Cecil Sharp House.

A number of "Schools" have been held including a week at Pulborough and several week-end schools at Pulborough or Bisham Abbey. There was also a holiday week in Arran. The Committee look forward to another successful year and will be happy to welcome visitors.

LORN, Argyll. Secretary, Miss Grace Fraser, c/o Calderwood, Blair Villa, Oban, Argyll.—The Branch now has a membership of 129, including 11 Life Members.

The highlight of the year came at the end of March when we held a Week-end Course in Oban. The classes were taught by Miss Milligan, Mrs Cramb and Mr Clement, and Miss Nan Main came from Aberdeen to play for us. All the classes had large attendances and were greatly enjoyed. The two dances held in connection with the course were also very happy occasions. The Cameron Kerr Scottish Dance Band of Dundee and Colin Campbell's Band of Oban deserve to be mentioned for their excellent music.

Our Annual Dance was held in December with music by Andrew Rankine's Band. A capacity crowd filled the Royal Hotel Ballroom and the music and the numbers present made for a most successful evening.

The Branch held one class for adults and three classes for children during the winter months.

The Demonstration Teams, both adults and children, again gave open air displays for summer visitors during the 1959 season as well as attending at concerts, etc., throughout the year.

MANCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs Helen Lee, 35 Lindum Avenue, Manchester, 16.—We have 242 Members this year, and 4 Life Members, an increase on last year of 60.

There are six classes running during the season including our weekly Highland Class, but unfortunately, the experiment of having a Teenagers' Class did not prove successful and had to be abandoned in its early stages. Our teams danced at 74 demonstrations

throughout the year and enjoyed them all. We were again asked to dance at the local theatre when Jimmy Shand made his appearance with his Band and the teams once again had a strenuous week, but enjoyed themselves. We also attended Festivals in Leeds and in Southport and met many of our friends again.

This year again, we held our Teachers' Week-end School at Lake Coniston with Miss Milligan in charge and attended by members of other Northern Branches and Groups. Once more we have Miss Milligan to thank for making the Week-end so successful and enjoyable for everyone present.

Our parties and socials are always well attended, and at the end of April we celebrated our 25th Anniversary at the Annual Ball, attended by many of the Founder Members of the Branch. It was a happy and joyous occasion, and I am sure that many old friendships were renewed. The 25th Anniversary Year was marked by the appearance of a small booklet edited by our Mr Gibb, giving the history of some of our dances and these were instantly popular with those who saw them. We have had orders for them from many Societies in England and Scotland and I am now hearing from Canada and America where, so far from us here, they are finding the book a welcome link with Home.

We should like to wish all our friends a happy season's dancing, and are looking forward ourselves to another enjoyable year.

MOFFAT. Secretary, Miss Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—The past session has followed the usual pattern of well-attended weekly classes, punctuated by a Christmas Party and an end-of-season Dinner Dance.

Many happy dancing evenings have been enjoyed by the members, who are all keen and enthusiastic dancers.

MONTREAL. Secretary, Mr I. C. P. Hodgson, 4565 Coolbrook Avenue, Montreal, P.Q., Canada.—During the second year of its existence, the Montreal Branch has been well supported and consequently very active. The two Social Groups continued to meet weekly throughout the September to May season, while two classes at Beginners' standard and one advanced class were held each week. Auditions were held in October for the Branch demonstration team, with the consequent selection of sixteen dancers who met each week under Mrs Margaret Bowie's instruction. This team represented the Branch on many occasions, the most outstanding being the International Folkdance Festival at Montreal in April. A team also appeared on the Television in July 1959. Mr Wolstencroft has continued to lead a children's class each week, and a team from this class competed in the Kiwanis' Festival in Hamilton, Ontario.

The most important highlight of the year was the visit of Miss Milligan in the fall of 1959. Our members were delighted to know she was coming again and turned out in great numbers to welcome her; this was most gratifying for our Committee, but presented Miss Milligan with an assembly of enthusiastic dancers who practically burst the walls of the hall. Several of our candidates in the Teacher's Examination were granted full or part one certificates: this has proved invaluable to the Branch which was in great need of more instructors.

The Second Annual Dinner and Dance was held in February. We enjoyed a wonderful response from our "out-of-town" visitors, some of whom drove over three hundred and seventy miles to join us that evening. The season concluded with the Third Annual Camp Week-end, at Otoreke Island in the Laurentians. Once more, the visitors came from near and far, and two of our instructors came from Massachusetts, while two more came from distant points in Ontario.

The Branch held a Special General Meeting to consider and vote on a set of Bye-Laws, which had been drawn up by a capable Sub-Committee. A further Branch decision was in favour of the establishment of a music library, commencing with the tape-recording of all Scottish Country Dance records, in the possession of the Branch, that are no longer available as discs.

The Branch Committee would like to add a note of welcome to any dancers from Scotland or any point on the globe, who find themselves in Montreal at any time.

NAIRN. Secretary, Mrs H. M. Orr, 7 Seabank Road, Nairn.—We are pleased to report a slight increase in membership over last year. We were particularly pleased that the second term showed an improvement in attendances, as usually there is a considerable fall-off after Christmas.

Mrs Paterson who has been our very able Treasurer over the past few years felt she needed a rest from that office and we had reluctantly to accept her resignation at the end of the season.

Members and their friends enjoyed the usual Christmas Party held in December. The Branch was well represented at a Dance held by the Inverness Branch at the end of April. It was much enjoyed.

NAIROBI. Secretary, Mrs Joy K. Stirling, P.O. Box 245, Nairobi, Kenya East Africa.—Nairobi is now in its third year as a Branch of the Society and this year has been a memorable one. The Society sent Miss Margaret McLaren of Glasgow to South Africa and then Kenya, and during her six weeks here she conducted a Teacher's Full Certificate Course from which the Branch has gained ten new teachers. She also conducted a Book 20 Class for Branch members and finally adjudicated our Branch Festival in which 27 teams took part.

Our Annual Ball was once more held in the City Charter Hall in December with about 200 attending and is now looked upon as the highlight of all our functions.

During the year classes were held for Beginners', Intermediate, Advanced, Demonstration Team Class and Classes for the Ball, as well as classes in both Primary and Secondary Schools. One new venture this year is the Children's Class which is held on Friday evenings for those children who do not have a chance of being taught at school.

To give other Branches some idea of what a Branch overseas looks like, we made a film in colour during Miss McLaren's visit of our Festival, the Teacher's Course and visits to Nairobi and Tsavo Game Parks which have been donated to the Society. We hope Branches who have a free evening might like to see the films. There are four altogether.

NETHER LOCHABER. Secretary, Mrs J. W. Clark, Loch Leven Hotel, North Ballachulish.—An uneventful but enjoyable season with membership steady and attendances good. A very successful New Year Party for members and friends and a crowded Late Night when Alasdair Downie paid a friendly visit across the Loch and played with his usual verve.

A mixed and a ladies team danced during the summer at local ceilidhs.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs Mary F. Cooper, 16 Westfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.—Our membership for 1959-60 increased by 22, now standing at 338 compared with 316 last year. We were happy to enrol 78 new members.

We held eleven classes this year, including a Highland Class for Ladies and Men, and two of our classes were extended from April till June. All have been well attended. As in previous years our Children's Class has been very popular.

This year we held only three informal dances and they were well supported and very enjoyable. Once again we were able to hold the Highland Ball in the Sutherland Dental Hall. More tickets were made available this year and a pleasant evening was spent dancing to Jimmy McIntosh and his Band.

Two dances were held in the Brighton Ballroom, Newcastle, this season. Jimmy McIntosh played for the first dance and we all enjoyed the evening though it was not as well attended as we had hoped. For the first time Ian Powrie and his Band came from Perth to play for the Society at the second dance. More people came to this dance and a very successful evening was held.

During the first part of the season we did not give many demonstrations, but since the New Year we have had several requests. We also entered teams for the Darlington and Carlisle Festivals.

Otterburn Week-end was very well attended and many parents brought their children. This year we had the pleasure of having Miss Robertson and Mr Jackie Johnstone as our

teachers and we much enjoyed the new dances they taught us as well as the very instructive lessons.

We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity of having Miss Price of the C.C.P.R. to take a class in technique. Nineteen people were able to attend the course and found it most interesting and stimulating.

NEWTON STEWART. Secretary, Mrs R. Monteith, Strathlea, Minnigaff, Newton Stewart.—We had a very successful year, with membership fairly stable and the classes well attended.

The Christmas Party was enjoyed alike by members and friends.

The Annual Ball was held in February, when, in spite of the anxieties of snow and ice-bound roads, we had one of the jolliest evenings yet. The music was provided by the Kelvin Scottish Country Dance Players.

The members of the Team acquitted themselves well at the local Festival held at Stranraer.

The Junior Class continues to flourish and the Parents' Night brought a happy and successful season to an end.

NEW YORK. Secretary, Mrs Sadie Lapiner, 39-23 49th Street, Long Island City, 4, N.Y., U.S.A.—The New York, Branch which was officially one year old in May, will celebrate its fifth anniversary as a Scottish Country Dance Organisation in the fall. Miss Jeannie R. B. Carmichael has been at the Director's helm since the inception. Headquarters for most activities is the McBurney Y.M.C.A., where the group is a member of the wonderfully unique International Department.

The highlight of the past season was the inspirational visit of Miss Jean C. Milligan, who conducted a three-day Dance Workshop in October with the able assistance of Mr William Clark of Toronto. Subsequently, Miss Milligan awarded Full Teaching Certificates to six members and Preliminary Certificates to three.

Each of the fledgling pedagogues has been afforded ample opportunity to teach class. Mrs Ida Stern was chosen for the teaching staff, this month, at the Pinewoods Week-end, the annual event sponsored by the Boston Branch and which most New Yorkers attend.

The Demonstration Team was featured at a Hudson Celebration programme in Central Park, the Annual Dinner and Meeting of the General Assembly of the Y.M.C.A. of Greater New York, a benefit for the Scholarship Fund of the American Field Service, Sarah Lawrence College's Spring Festival and appeared twice on Ted Steele's "Dance Party" television programme.

All were saddened by the untimely death, earlier this year, of a very dear friend and associate, Mrs Adele Babcock of Brainard, N.Y., who had done much missionary work for Scottish Country Dancing. In her memory, the Branch has established an Adele Babcock Memorial Scholarship at the Pinewoods Week-end, which will be awarded annually.

N.W. CRAVEN. Secretary, Mrs M. S. Cook, West House, Bel Hill, Giggleswick, Settle, Yorks.—This has been a year of consolidation rather than of progress. We have certainly welcomed a number of new members, but several of our original ones have left the district. In September classes were held in Settle, Ingleton and Malham. The Settle class, unfortunately, had to be abandoned half way through the season, owing to lack of support, but several of its members joined the other classes with unabated enthusiasm.

As of last year, the end of season Dance at the Ingleborough Hotel was the most successful of our functions. Weather conditions affected the attendance at several of the monthly dances, but those members who braved the icy roads brought their own high spirits to add to the enjoyment of local residents.

We gave our first demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing at a garden party held at Langcliffe Hall. A simple programme, in accordance with our limited experience, met with generous and kindly approval.

Branch members attended dances in several adjacent Centres. We especially enjoyed our regular visits to Skipton, and to the St. Andrews' Society Ball at Kendal. Several members benefitted greatly from the tuition of Mr and Mrs Gibb at a Week-end School.

NORWICH. Secretary, Mr Vernon S. Kemp, 3 Westgate Close, Norwich, Norfolk.—The Branch has completed a successful year's activity, a notable feature being the large number of new members in the Beginners' Class. It has also been most encouraging to see such thriving Junior Classes, all of which include quite a number of boys, and under the most experienced guidance of Mr and Mrs Johnstone they provide the Branch with a valuable nucleus for the Adult Classes.

Last November we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Milligan who came to conduct Preliminary Certificate Examinations in which five members were successful. The Christmas Dance, with music provided as in previous years by McBain's Band, was a great success, and it gave us the opportunity of renewing contact with Scottish dancing friends from many parts of East Anglia.

Later in the season Mr Jackie Johnstone paid a brief visit to the Branch. Under his guidance the combined Junior Classes spent a hard-working afternoon, but his considerable gifts of teaching and dancing made them enjoy every minute of it.

A number of demonstrations have been given throughout the year, and an ambitious programme of both classes and social dancing has been planned for the forthcoming season.

NOTTINGHAM. Secretary, Miss M. K. Dickson, 2 Marlborough Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.—Our membership has increased steadily throughout the year, and the attendances at the Beginners', Intermediate and Technique Classes have been fully maintained.

The President's Party held on 28th October, was our first social event of the season; the standard set on this occasion boded well for all future gatherings. Many of us were strangers to each other, but by the end of the evening this had been remedied. Our catering Committee excelled themselves. We were very pleased to welcome Dr D. I. McCallum of the Nottingham Scottish Association as our special guest for the evening.

Once a month we have had an evening of General Social Dancing in place of the normal classes, and in the New Year we experimented with two Saturday dates, on each of these occasions we have had a very enthusiastic gathering of dancers.

Our Mixed and Ladies' Teams have delighted many different types of audiences during the season.

We received a record number of applications for our Week-end Course (non-residential) in November; this was not altogether surprising with two such leaders as Miss Jean Milligan and Mrs M. Gudger.

Two of our members attended the 1959 Summer School at St. Andrews and eleven members journeyed to Durham for the Easter Week-end Course.

Our first year as a Branch has been a very happy one, and we look forward with pleasure to the next session.

PEEBLES. Secretary, Mr G. M. Barr, 7 Thorburn Gardens, Peebles.

PERTHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Catherine A. McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—The Branch has had a satisfactory year both socially and financially—two visits from Miss Milligan and a well-attended Dance.

The membership fell a little to 84 Life Members and 309 Ordinary Members giving a total of 393.

Classes were all much the same as in former years, the Children's were run for three terms of eleven weeks instead of our usual two of twelve weeks, and were well attended throughout—four were required for each Saturday forenoon to cope—the experiment certainly justified itself. The Teenagers' Class had its ups and downs, but was much enjoyed and appreciated.

A Dance in the City Halls to help raise funds for the Annual General Meeting was a quick sell-out, members and friends coming from far and near to dance to Annie Shand Scott's Band from Aberdeen.

A Class for Book 20 was held in the Salutation Hotel Ballroom when Miss Milligan presided over a good turn out of members; so great was the demand that tickets had to be restricted. The experience will long be remembered by those who, unfortunately are not often privileged to hear Miss Milligan teach.

The Society Trophy was again won by the Dunfermline Branch Team at the Annual Musical Festival where Mrs Cramb adjudicated and Miss Isa Todd, one of the Branch members, acted as pianist.

Miss Macpherson having served two years as President demitted office in favour of J. Harding the Vice-President.

PETERHEAD. Secretary, Mrs J. S. Carnegie, 44 Cairntrodlie, Peterhead.—This year we had one class with Miss Collie as instructress and Miss Kinghorn as pianist.

Two very successful parties were held during the season. At our end of season Party we welcomed a number of members from the Fraserburgh Scottish Country Dance Class and Peterhead members enjoyed a similar function at Fraserburgh.

We were delighted to welcome once again the Aberdeen Branch Team, who gave excellent demonstrations at the display by the Childrens' Classes.

PORTRUSH. Secretary, Miss Kitty McConachy, "Columba House," Mark Street, Portrush.—The Branch has had a very successful season in both numbers and standard of dancing, which has been mainly due to the efforts of our teacher, Miss Jane Wilson. A team has been provided for a number of social evenings in our district, and has given pleasure to a great many people. The highlight of our year was a Supper Dance held in the Northern Counties Hotel on 22nd April. We do hope this is going to be an annual event.

RENFREWSHIRE, West. Secretary, Miss Margaret E. Barron, 29B Esplanade, Greenock.—The membership of 363 plus 27 Life Members shows an increase over last year's figures.

The usual 6 Adult and 2 Children's Classes were held during the season.

This year a Demonstration Team was formed.

The Annual Ball took place in March when the Newlands Scottish Country Dance Band provided the music.

RICHMOND, Yorks. Secretary, Mr F. Rutherford, 25 Frenchgate, Richmond, Yorks.—With the membership remaining at about the same level the usual classes were enjoyed throughout the winter months.

The Dinner Dance held in October and also the Annual Ball in March were both pleasant and successful evenings.

The Demonstration Team again received and accepted a goodly number of invitations; they also gave demonstrations at the Darlington, Leeds and Billingham Festivals.

ROCHDALE. Secretary, Miss I. T. Waddell, 6 Kenion Road, Bamford, Rochdale.—The Branch has enjoyed another good year of Scottish Country Dancing with excellent attendance throughout the whole year at our Advanced Classes.

We are now embarking on our 19th year, enjoying to the full Mrs M. Gudger's expert tuition and Miss Ivy Brown's never tiring services as pianist. Who could count I wonder the great number of people who have been introduced to Scottish Country Dancing through the well-taught members of our small Branch, over this long period?

Dances, Festivals and Week-end Courses have again been well supported, and the Branch represented at the Summer School in St. Andrews.

The Ball on 12th March, in Rochdale Town Hall was acclaimed a great success and we plan one even better for next spring—the date is Saturday, 11th March 1961.

ROXBURGHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss M. Cannon, Collingwood, Melrose, Roxburghshire.—The Branch has had another happy and successful season. Attendance at weekly classes has been good and enjoyable parties have been held in most towns and villages. Newcastleton has been remarkably keen and progressive.

When the Annual Ball took place—in Melrose Hydro, this year—all tickets were quickly sold, and with dancing and demonstrations by a team from Edinburgh, about 150 dancers enjoyed themselves.

Our cry is for more teachers and pianists throughout the County.

ST. ANDREWS. Secretary, Mrs T. C. Lamb, Theaves Rigg, St. Andrews.—Mrs Croll continues as President; Mrs I. Redford as elected Delegate to H.Q. Executive Council; Mr A. Ireland succeeds Mr A. Roberts (resigned) as Treasurer. The Branch is greatly indebted to Mr Roberts for his care of its finances and for all the ever-ready help given in matters concerning its general welfare.

Membership numbers remain steady and Demonstrations are still in demand. This year Mrs Caithness is instructing the Technique Class.

The St. Andrew's Night Dance is now an annual fixture and Mr Crowe's Band has been engaged for the 1960 occasion.

SHEFFIELD. Secretary, Mrs E. W. Bagguley, Greenlaw, 36 Northern Common, Dronfield Woodside, Sheffield.—Last season's recession in Branch membership has been more than made good, the figures being 79 (1958-59); 110 (1959-60) members. Four classes have been instructed by our teachers, Mrs Bagguley, Mr and Mrs J. H. Cook. Five informal dances were most popular. Our difficulty with halls persists, though the Director of Education is helpful. The Annual Ball, attended by 179 dancers, took place during the Corporation bus strike, so alternative forms of transport had to be organised. Teams have demonstrated at several Church and sports occasions, also at Festivals by the North-East Midlands Association of Scottish Societies at Doncaster, and at Leeds. A One-day School on 14th May, was instructed by Mrs Gudger. In view of increasing difficulty with records, the Branch bought a tape-recorder, which has proved useful. This has been a happy and successful year, our finances are sound and we look forward to the pleasure of renewed associations at the Summer School and to the coming season.

SOUTHPORT. Secretary, Miss Betty M. Griffiths, 67 Hall Street, Southport.—Another quietly successful year has seen membership increase to 132, including 15 Life Members. Attendances at our weekly classes (held in co-operation with the local Education Authority) have been consistent, and a very successful one-day School was conducted by Mrs Gudger on 5th March, when friends from Loyne and Liverpool joined us.

Our 2nd Festival of Scottish Dancing took place on 21st November 1959, and, thanks to the co-operation of all the teams taking part, everything went off very well. Our organisation had profited from experience, we trust, so that the errors of the first festival were avoided. Now the problem will be how to accommodate all the spectators who want to come and watch our 3rd Festival on 19th November 1960? As unfortunately the walls of the Cambridge Hall won't stretch!

Our Team have given several demonstrations, and have had to refuse some requests for others, with regret. Through a clash of engagements, our Ladies' Team could not defend their trophy at the Chorley Highland Games, but our members from the Lytham-St. Annes Class competed, and gained 2nd place. We now look forward to attending their first big dance on 22nd October, at the Lowther Pavilion, Lytham.

One of our members attended the 1959 Summer School at St. Andrews, and, having passed the Preliminary Test, started teaching at a new class in nearby Tarleton—the 5th "daughter" Class formed since the inception of our Branch. This year she will be accompanied to the Summer School by one of our new members—we hope that many more will in future share this most enjoyable experience. Three of our Branch teachers attended this year's Coniston Week-end organised by Manchester Branch, and returned home much stimulated by contact with Miss Milligan and her words of wisdom, our

teachers (for their own good!) also attended Week-end Courses at Durham, Lilleshall and High Melton. Were there any more that we've missed?

During the winter our Secretary was invited to give an address on Scottish Dancing at a village Women's Institute Meeting — an experience she prefers to forget! Our thanks to all our teachers and pianists for a happy season.

STIRLINGSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs M. W. MacLaren, Coneybrae, Bridge of Allan.— We have had a very successful and enjoyable year.

Due to the efforts of the new teachers, all of whom were one-time pupils of Miss Jarvis, membership of the Branch has been maintained with 255 Annual and 22 Life Members.

Beginners', Intermediate, Advanced and Demonstration Classes were held in Stirling, the Bridge of Allan Class continued, and a new class, which went very well, was opened in the new housing area at St. Ninian's. It is hoped that many more residents in that area will join in when classes resume in October.

Under the guidance of Mrs Jenny Adam, the Demonstration Team gave displays at various functions. Many letters of appreciation and donations have been received.

The Member's Dance at Christmas and that at the end of the season, were held in the Golden Lion Hotel, both being very happy occasions. On behalf of the sponsors of Scottish Week a successful dance was held in the Albert Hall and another during Stirling Town Council's Festival Fortnight, when dancers came from far and near to enjoy the dancing.

We look forward to session 1960-61.

STIRLINGSHIRE, East. Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.— This has been a successful year. Fourteen Adult Classes a week were held each Term, including two Beginners' Classes—one in Falkirk and one in Grangemouth. Members totalled around 600 each Term. It is good to report that young folk are attending classes in ever increasing numbers. Each session eight classes a week were held with a membership well over 300.

Class Dances were held as usual—nine in all during the year. At the Member's Dance in February Jim McLeod's Band provided the music for an enjoyable function.

Many demonstrations were given. On the occasion of the Bi-Centenary Celebrations of Carron a team demonstrated at the Flower Show. Linlithgow, Kilsyth, Grangemouth and Falkirk were the scenes of a number of team demonstrations. The young folk took part in a mass display in the Ice Rink during the Gymnastic Championships in Falkirk.

Teams took part in the Central Counties Musical Festival and a Mixed Team was entered for the Edinburgh Musical Festival.

It is heartening to hear of the good work carried out by our former members in Canada and South Africa.

STOCKPORT. Secretary, Mr Arthur Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester, 19.—Our Junior Classes have again been accorded a good measure of support, with an average attendance of 50 for the 18 classes held. We sincerely regret the loss of Mrs Lees' invaluable services as their tutor, mainly on account of her removal from our district. Unfortunately, support of the Beginners' and Intermediate Classes left much to be desired, and we are hoping for increased interest next season. The admittance of our more experienced teenagers to the Advanced Classes, with a view to maintaining their interest and support, proved a worthwhile experiment, in addition to augmenting the attendance, which averaged 24 for the 12 classes.

Requests for demonstrations by our Ladies' Team are still increasing and consequently Mrs Bowman has been busily engaged arranging rehearsals and training the members for the thirteen displays given over a widespread area, all of which met with appreciative acclamation from their elderly audiences.

We are duly grateful to our teachers and pianists, who have given us every satisfaction and provided us with many hours of pleasant recreation.

Our four parties proved as popular as ever and were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants, the proceeds giving a much-needed fillip to our funds.

STONEHAVEN. Secretary, Miss Lilian E. Cameron, 56A High Street, Stonehaven.—Mr Patterson, our popular new teacher, and the pleasant hall in which we now meet, contributed in no small measure to a very happy season.

The Annual Ball, which was supported by friends as far afield as Perth, Dundee and Torphins, was the most successful for a great many years. Our own members supported well the dances of other districts. With the new contacts which have been made, we are looking forward with enthusiasm to the new season.

STRANRAER and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mr John Kinghorn, Schoolhouse, Drummore, Stranraer.—Formed in June last year, the Branch has had a very successful first year. Two classes were run (Beginners' and Intermediate) and in addition a Demonstration Class was formed at the beginning of this year. Already the teams from the Branch have demonstrated country dancing at several places and two teams were entered for the Galloway Festival. The first Annual Ball was a great success. We also ran monthly dances for the members of the Society and these proved very popular. Several members have applied for St. Andrews this year and we hope this spirit will prove infectious.

We look forward to our second year, when we hope to start a Certificate Class in addition to the ordinary classes.

SYDNEY, N.S.W. Secretary, Miss Margaret V. Willis, 209 Wingello House, Angel Place, Sydney.—Membership figures remain steady—what is lost at the end of one year is gained in new members the next. Solid teaching is the firm policy of the Branch.

The Highland Gathering, traditionally held on New Year's Day, was brought forward to November and from our point of view was better, since the weather is much cooler and without the holiday break more members were available to take part in the display of dancing, in which Newcastle University College joined us.

We were particularly thrilled to have a film night during the year, when the Society's film "Scotland Dances" was thoroughly enjoyed and we envied Edinburgh for the magnificent Ball it can put on, and wished we had the numbers to emulate them.

Four social nights through the year bring all members together in a happy, informal atmosphere, and maybe afford a Demonstration Team the opportunity to show a newer dance.

Emphasis on teaching provided a Demonstration Team that was called on on several occasions, including our annual night for the Burns' Club and Scottish Society of Australia, and for the programmes of Music Clubs.

Greetings to all Branches from "down under."

TEES-SIDE. Secretary, Mr L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.—When the Branch was inaugurated it was felt that it could in time reach a membership of 300 and we are pleased to report that including our Associate Members this total has been reached. This has given great encouragement to the Officers of the Branch and we hope that next season will again continue the upward trend.

During the season we have had classes at four different levels and the average attendance shows that the greater part of our membership is active; a fact that we are particularly proud of and confirms that we are building on a solid foundation.

The monthly social dances are always very popular and provide an outlet for the instruction given at the classes. We were fortunate this season at one of our socials in finding Andrew Rankine's Band travelling home after an engagement in the South, and duly booked him to play; it was a most enjoyable and refreshing evening. Equally enjoyable were our traditional New Year Ball and our End of Season Dances when Jimmy Shand and his Band travelled down to provide our music.

In the early part of the season we had the final stages of the Teachers' Classes, culminating on 1st December, when Miss J. C. Milligan visited us to take the examinations. Three students attained their coveted Certificates and will provide some relief for our overworked Senior Teachers.

This season we again held the Billingham Festival with a record number of team entries; Mrs M. C. Gudger adjudicated and her remarks were an encouragement to all who took part.

We would again like to offer hospitality to any Scottish Country Dancer who may find their way here in the course of business, they are assured of a welcome and for our part we have nothing to lose, indeed we may find another Bill Hamilton.

TORONTO. Secretary, Miss M. M. Cook, 134 Lyndhurst Avenue, Toronto, 4, Canada.—For the year 1959-60, the Branch had an Adult membership of 231, including 6 Life Members. This showed an encouraging increase of 56 members from the previous year. In addition, we had 104 Junior Associate Members, an increase of 29.

Six Adult Groups and one Junior Group comprised the active list of affiliated groups that met during the year. Branch classes of instruction for Beginners' and Elementary dancers were held during the season. The Children's Classes continued to be well attended and proved to be a great success.

Six Branch dances were held, each group taking a turn as host for the evening. Demonstrations were given on numerous occasions by various teams, and also by our Junior Team.

As in previous years, the Annual Ball was a very successful event, attracting some 200 dancers. Our guests of honour were the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs J. Keiller Mackay, and many out-of-town dancers joined us once again.

We were happy to welcome Miss Milligan to Toronto during her visit to Canada last year. During her stay with us, she examined candidates for the Teacher's Certificate, awarding five Full Certificates and two Preliminary Certificates.

The *Newsletter* continues to keep us all in touch with the various activities of the Branch. We are looking forward to another full programme in the coming year and we extend to any newcomers a cordial invitation to join in our activities.

WEST LOTHIAN. Miss G. H. Miller, Carriden Lodge, Bo'ness.—The Branch has again had a very successful year. Classes were held as usual in Armadale, Bathgate, Blackburn, Bo'ness, Linlithgow and Uphall. A new class was formed in Stoneyburn. Branch membership has increased considerably; we now have 25 Life Members and 228 Ordinary, giving a total of 253.

Official dances were held in Bo'ness Town Hall in November, in Bathgate in February and in Stoneyburn in May—all were highly successful.

WHITEHEAD. Secretary, Miss G. A. Streight, Ardnaree, Cable Road, Whitehead.—The Branch had quite a successful season which opened with a Supper Dance in October that was well attended by members and friends from other Branches. The North of Ireland are very fortunate in having Miss Brady's band to supply the music at these functions which adds greatly to the enjoyment.

We were not able to have any open-air dancing this summer as, owing to alterations on the promenade, there was no means of relaying music. Many people who enjoyed watching us in former years have expressed disappointment. However, we will probably start our winter classes with greater zest after this enforced abstention.

WINCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs E. C. Lane, 2 The Willows, Brambridge, nr. Eastleigh.—The Branch has had another successful year. Our membership now stands at 43 Ordinary Members and 6 Life Members.

This year we have seen many changes. It was with regret that we accepted the resignations of both our Secretary, Mrs B. Lilley and our Treasurer, Mr D. Williams. Mrs Lilley resigned due to a leg injury, but we are pleased to report that she was able to join us at our Summer Dance. Mr D. Williams left us to go to Canada where, we believe, he is still carrying on his good work.

We were fortunate to gain the services of Miss E. Bell as our teacher, when Mr Ron. Watson left us to go to Bournemouth. The success of the classes are entirely due to her hard work.

During the Summer Session our Demonstration Team was invited to many functions, and we hope that the publicity gained will bring in further members in September.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Secretary, Miss Helen Gardiner Jones, The Flat, Penn Vicarage, Wolverhampton.—With a slightly increased membership this year, we have just finished off a very successful season with two garden parties, and have to thank Dr Nichols and Mrs Scott Barrett for the delightful evenings they have afforded us.

In May we held our first Dance which was a decided success socially, if not financially. Plans are already afoot for the next one which we hope to hold in March 1961.

Our Annual Day School on 24th October 1959 was taken by Mrs Gibb of Manchester and Miss N. Thomson of Watford, who gave us a most enjoyable and instructive day. As we are expecting this coming autumn to have a Week-end School at Lilleshall in partnership with the Birmingham Branch, we have postponed our next Day School until 18th February 1961, when we hope to welcome Miss Milligan to Wolverhampton.

Affiliated Groups—Great Britain and Ireland

Altrincham Scottish Country Dancing Group.—Miss J. D. CRAIG, Sunny Bank, Sandiway Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Amersham and District Scottish Association.—Miss L. J. ROBERTSON, 16 Chesham Road, Amersham, Bucks.

Banbury and District Scottish Dancing Group.—Capt. J. C. HARVEY-WEBB, Farthingoe, North Brackley, Northants.

Barnard Castle Glaxo Laboratories Sports and Social Club.—Dr G. C. SAYER, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

Barnes Green, Muntham Scottish Country Dance School Group.—Mr J. E. THORNHILL, Muntham House School, Barnes Green, nr. Horsham, Sussex.

Beckenham St. Mary's Dancers.—Mr T. A. GESING, 58 The Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.

Bedford, Scots Society of St. Andrew.—Mr W. G. TOMLINSON, 277 Cardington Road, Bedford.

Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society.—Mrs MARGARET MELLOR, 221 Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Bournemouth Caledonian Society.—Mr J. W. FORBES, 58 Headswell Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth.

Bradford, St. Andrew's Society of Bradford Scottish Country Dancing Group.—Miss I. R. Lambie, 6 Chatsworth Road, Pudsey, Yorks.

Bridlington and District Caledonian Society.—Mr C. S. DUTHIE, 15 Eighth Avenue, Bridlington, Yorks.

Brighton, Hove and District Scottish Association.—Mr J. E. BARTLETT, 110 North Road, Portslade, Sussex.

Bristol Caledonian Society.—Mr J. S. MACKENZIE, A.C.A., 6 Southdown Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Broadstone Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mrs E. H. BREWIS, Winterfold, 8 Lower Golf Links Road, Broadstone, Dorset.

Bury St. Edmunds Reel and Strathspey Society.—Miss W. M. BOYCE, 26 Northgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Bushey Reel Club.—Miss J. THORNTON, 35 Bournehall Avenue, Bushey, Herts.

Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Caledonian Society.—Mrs P. J. MORROW, 23 Tre Hwfa, Coed Mawr, Bangor, Caernarvonshire.

Cambridge Scottish Society.—Miss A. SYME, 36 Shelford Road, Cambridge.

Cambridge University Strathspey and Reel Club.—Miss J. PIPER, Hughes Hall, Wollaston Road, Cambridge.

Cheadle Scottish Dance Group.—Miss J. MCLACHLAN, 3 Brookfield Crescent, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Chelmsford and District Scottish Society.—Mr R. PARSONS, 22 Shrublands Close, Chelmsford, Essex.

Chester Caledonian Association.—Mr T. S. LEA, 18 Newgate Street, Chester.

- Chester St. Andrew Society.**—Mrs S. A. DAVIES, 10 Earlsway, Curzon Park, Chester.
- Chesterfield and District Caledonian Association Dance Class.**—Mr H. SLATER, Danesbury, 297 Old Hall Road, Chesterfield.
- Chichester Scottish Country Dancing Class.**—Miss H. Thomson, The Courtyard, West Wittering, Sussex.
- Consett, Castleside Country Dance Club.**—Mr M. MILNER, 8 Wesley Terrace, Consett, Durham.
- Crosby Caledonian Society.**—Mr W. B. MCILVEAN, 11 De Villiers Avenue, Great Crosby, Liverpool, 23.
- Crowborough Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss D. M. ASTLEY, The Gables East, Beacon Road, Crowborough, Sussex.
- Darlington Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr T. GOLDSBROUGH, 21 Dundee Street, Darlington.
- Darlington Paton & Baldwin's Reel Club.**—Miss G. A. TOSSELL, Paton & Baldwin's Ltd., Darlington, Durham.
- Derbyshire, Heanor Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Mrs A. LOMAX, 65 Flamstead Avenue, Loscoe, Derbyshire.
- Dunster and West Somerset Scottish Dance Group.**—Miss C. S. OBBARD, Tregoning, High Street, Dunster.
- Eastbourne Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr A. TORRANCE, Kelvinside, 29 Baldwin Avenue, Eastbourne.
- Epsom and District Caledonian Association.**—Mr W. J. R. MCEWAN, 4 Christ Church Mount, Epsom, Surrey.
- Guildford, Blue Bonnets Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr N. SMITH, 28 Maple Grove, Guildford, Surrey.
- Harrogate Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. I. H. HOLT, 83 Kingsley Road, Harrogate.
- Harwell, A.E.R.E. Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. A. BATTERSHILL, 2 Hillside, A.E.R.E. Harwell, Berks.
- Hayling Island Scottish Country Dance Circle.**—Mrs B. J. SPARKES, Landfall, Sandy Point, Hayling Island, Hampshire.
- Henlow, R.A.F. Henlow Scottish Country Dancing Society.**—Flt. Lt. H. GRAHAM FLEGG, M.A., D.C.Ae., 16 Northern Avenue, R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow, Beds.
- Hereford Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr W. A. MUIR, 8 Orchard Close, Holmer, Hereford.
- Hertfordshire Highland Games Society.**—Mr A. K. CRAIGHEAD, Inverurie, Osborne Road, Little Heath, nr. Potters Bar, Middlesex.
- Huddersfield St. Andrew's Society.**—Mrs J. R. HORSFALL, 10 Goldington Drive, Oakes, Huddersfield.
- Isle of Man, Ramseian Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs C. D. SHIMMIN, Sea Haven, Volland Crescent, Lezayre, Isle of Man.
- Isle of Man, Manx Folk Dance Society.**—Mr P. D. DEVEREAN, 7 Belgravia Road, Onchan, Isle of Man.
- Jersey, Caledonian Country Dance Party.**—Mrs E. C. BADDELEY, 3 Westbourne Terrace, St. Saviour, Jersey.
- Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. BULMER, 86 Exley Road, Keighley, Yorks.
- Larkhill Garrison Officer's Club.**—c/o SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY, Larkhill, Wilts.
- Leeds, Moor Allerton Memorial Hall Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr W. S. CROCKETT, 12 Moorland Crescent, Leeds, 17.
- Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr T. H. JACK, 36 Parkland Crescent, Leeds, 6.
- Leeds University Union Scottish Country Dance Society.**—HON. SEC. LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION S.C.D.S., University Union, University Road, Leeds, 2.
- Leicester Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. PEER, 4 Martin Avenue, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester.
- Lincoln Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. M. BRUCE, 8 Gregg Hall Crescent, Lincoln.

- Lincoln Scottish Association.**—Mr R. W. DODDS, The Little Grange, Heighington, Lincoln.
- Loyne Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr H. F. EVANS, Hest Bank Farm, Hest Bank, Lancaster.
- Luton Scottish Reel Club.**—Mrs J. O. STEWART, 49 Swiftgreen Road, Luton, Beds.
- Lymm Country Dance Club.**—Mr D. W. KIRKPATRICK, 3 Crouchly Lane, Lymm, Cheshire.
- Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Miss G. NIXON, 1 Carley Gardens, Maidenhead.
- Malvern Scots Club.**—Mr W. D. LAWSON, 40 Davenham Close, Malvern, Worcs.
- Manchester Folk Dance Centre.**—Mr H. R. BALDREY, 505 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, 21.
- Manchester Scottish Dance Party.**—Mrs M. ROBERTS, 24 Holmfield Avenue, Manchester, 9.
- Mansfield Highland and Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Mr J. STEVENSON, 10 Stacey Road, Mansfield, Notts.
- Newbury and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr C. EGGLETON, 30 Castle Grove, Newbury, Berks.
- Northampton Town and County Scottish Association Dancers.**—Mr J. C. LOCKHOUSE, 12 Edinburgh Road, Queens Park, Northampton.
- North Devon Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. A. SIMPSON, 4 Taw Vale, Barnstaple, North Devon.
- North Herts. Reel Club.**—Mr F. C. MACLEOD, 27 King's Road, Hitchin, Herts.
- Northwich and District Scots Society.**—Mrs M. C. OLIVER, 17 Mere Lane, Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire.
- North Staffordshire Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss A. COX, 235 Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Newcastle.
- Norwich Scots Society of St. Andrew.**—Mr A. M. SWAN, 41 Catton Grove Road, Norwich.
- Nuneaton and District Scottish Society.**—Mr D. W. HENDRY, Green Acres, Lutterworth Road, Nuneaton, Warks.
- Oxford University Scottish Society.**—The Secretary, Oxford University Scottish Society, c/o Midland Bank Ltd., Commarket Street, Oxford.
- Plymouth, Caledonian Society of Plymouth and District.**—Mrs G. WILLIS, "Braemar," Wilderness Road, Plymouth, Devon.
- Portadown Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs A. CROOKES, 20 Elm Park, Richhill, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland.
- Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs J. WITCOMBE, 9 George Court, High Street, Portsmouth.
- Portsmouth, St. Andrew Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Mr A. K. MUNROE, "Canmohr," 43 Grant Road, Farlington, Portsmouth.
- Preston and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr T. SMITH, 64 Tulleth Road, Ashton, Preston.
- Richmond Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. ARCHIBALD, 48 Popes Grove, Twickenham, Middx.
- Romford Scottish Association.**—Mr R. A. MACDONALD, 88 Parkside Avenue, Romford, Essex.
- Rugby Scottish Society.**—Mrs R. W. T. COLEMAN, 18 Vicarage Road, Rugby.
- Scarborough Caledonian Society.**—Mr S. MCINTOSH, 24 West Street, South Cliff, Scarborough.
- Southampton Scottish Association.**—Mrs I. JAMIESON, 16 Bond Park, Bitterne Park, Southampton.
- Southampton University Scottish Dancing Association.**—Mr M. CHAPEL, The University, Southampton.
- Southend-on-Sea, The Allan Dancers.**—Mrs JUDKINS, 62 Avenue Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

South-East Essex Scottish Society Reel Club.—Mrs R. W. SMITH, “Cromarty,” 3 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

South-East Herts. Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss B. ALLEN, St. Kilda, 11 Farquhar Street, Bengeo, Hertford.

Southsea Reel Club.—Mr S. A. COTTRELL, 5 Chelsea Road, Southsea, Hants.

Stafford and District Caledonian Society.—Mr JOHN COLLIE, 26 Sawpit Lane, Brocton, Stafford.

Swansea St. Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr R. ALAN KERR, A.C.A., 20 Le Breos Avenue, Uplands, Swansea.

Stone Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr K. WILDE, Glencoyne, St. John's Avenue, Oulton, Stone.

Stourbridge and District Scottish Society.—Mr S. F. J. PILLEY, 25 Pargeter Street, Stourbridge.

Stratford-on-Avon Caledonian Association.—Mrs E. M. SOMERVILLE, 47 Albany Road, Stratford-on-Avon.

Tarporley Reel Club.—Miss M. M. ALLAN, Countryside, Bowmere Road, Tarporley, Cheshire.

Taunton Caledonian Society.—Mr H. J. POOLE, Kilmernock, Colin Road, Taunton.

Teddington and District Caledonian Society.—Mr H. E. L. WRIGHT, 135 Queens Road, Teddington, Middx.

Tees-side Caledonian Society.—Mr W. J. PEACH, 34A Station Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

Wakefield Caledonian Society.—Mr R. YOUNG, Westlee, New Sharkton, Yorks.

Wallington, Scottish Association for Wallington, Carshalton and District.—Mrs M. M. MILLEDGE, 74 Gordon Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.

Wellington and District Caledonian Society.—Mr RENNIE, 196 Holyhead Road, Wellington, Salop.

Westbury Scottish Club.—Mr H. CLARKE, 4 West Priory Close, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Westmorland St. Andrew Society.—Mr G. P. MACDUFF, 4 Mintsfeet Road, Kendal, Westmorland.

West Somerset Yeomanry Reels Club.—Mr E. A. HICKS, 27 Robins Lane, Frome, Somerset.

White Waltham Officers' Mess Scottish Country Dance Circle.—Wing Commander J. C. STEVENSON, Officers' Mess, White Waltham, Maidenhead, Berks.

Wilmslow Guild Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr J. POOLE, Ippleden, Broadway, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Workington St. Andrew's Country Dancing Society.—Mr GRAY, 15 Monkhouse Road, Workington, Cumberland.

Worthing Caledonian Society.—Miss L. J. PARKER, “Ardlui,” Harrison Road, Worthing.

Yelverton Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs D. CREWE, Glenhaven, Beechfield, Yelverton, South Devon.

York Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss G. M. COWLES, 25 Gillygate, York.

Affiliated Groups—Overseas

CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA

Entebbe Scottish Country Dance Group.—c/o THE ENTEBBE CLUB, P.O. Box 12, Entebbe, Uganda.

Khartoum, Scottish Country Dancing Club of the Khartoum Caledonian Society.—Mr I. F. ANDERSON, c/o Barclays Bank, D.C.O., Sharin, El Gamhoria, Khartoum.

Nakuru Scottish Country Dancing Club.—Mr N. NELSON, P.O. Box 1013, Nakuru, Kenya, East Africa.

SOUTH AFRICA

Bloemfontein Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr T. A. FORBES, P.O. Box 944, Bloemfontein.

Durban Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs J. ANSELL, 28 Fairholm Avenue, Ellis Park, Durban, Natal, South Africa.

East London Caledonian Society's Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs M. BRYANT, 5 King Edward Road, Cambridge, East London, South Africa.

Johannesburg Northern Scottish Country Dancing Group.—Mr J. DRIVER, 40 Fifth Avenue, Parktown, North Johannesburg, South Africa.

Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society.—Mrs M. NEASHAM, 2 Jesmond Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Tweedie Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mrs E. A. MARSHALL, Blackwood, Tweedie, Natal, South Africa.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

Broken Hill Caledonian Society.—Mrs E. G. WATSON, P.O. Box 91, Broken Hill, Northern Rhodesia.

Lusaka Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr I. M. RAMAGE, P.O. Box 591, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

Ndola Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs M. A. LUKEY, P.O. Box 1284, Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

Nkana/Kitwe Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss M. NIXON, P.O. Box 643, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Salisbury Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr G. KEAY, P.O. Box 889, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

WEST AFRICA

Gambia Caledonian Society.—Mr M. MCNEIL, c/o Public Works Department, Bathurst, Gambia.

Freetown Caledonian Society—Dancing Section.—Mrs O. CAFFRAY, c/o Technical Institute, Congo Cross, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

ASIA

Ceylon Scottish Country Dance Association.—Mr J. HUME, P.O. Box 214, Colombo, Ceylon.

Calcutta St. Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr P. G. MCFARLANE, 6 Portland Park, Alipore, Calcutta.

Madras, Caledonian Society of Madras.—Mr J. N. FULLER, P.O. Box 351, Madras, 2, India.

Iraq, Basrah Caledonians.—Miss D. MENZIES, Gulf Agency Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 5, Basrah, Iraq.

Aden Caledonian Society.—Mr D. B. MATHERS, c/o Police Headquarters, Aden.

Bahrein, Scottish Country Dance Group of the Bapco Club.—Mrs J. PRIMROSE, c/o Bapco, Box 496, Awali, Bahrein, Persian Gulf.

AUSTRALIA

Brisbane, Scottish Reel and Strathspey Foundation Group.—Mr G. A. ROBERTSON, 59 Thomas Street, Greenslopes, S.E.4, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Canberra Highland Society and Burns Club.—Mrs A. GREIG, c/o Greig's Pharmacy, Kennedy Street, Kingston, Canberra, A.C.T.

Canberra Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr R. CLARK, 16 Lindsay Street, Narrabundah, A.C.T., Australia.

Croyden Park, Elizabeth Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr R. MATTHEW, 10 Overland Road, Croyden Park, South Australia.

East Carrington Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs G. MACINTYRE, 19 Jubilee Street, East Carrington, W. Australia.

Melbourne, Yarrabrae Scottish Country Dance Class.—Miss C. COULL, 56A Eskdale Road, Caulfield, Melbourne, Australia.

CANADA

Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs M. DOUGLAS, Suite 2, 710 15th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Deep River Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs G. A. BARTHOLOMEW, Box 581, Deep River, Ontario, Canada.

Edmonton Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr P. D. SEYMOUR, Box 681, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

London, First St. Andrews Scottish Cultural Society.—Miss H. WOOD, Waverley Guild, Shute Institute, Grand Avenue, London, Ont., Canada.

London, Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr J. D. A. MILLER, 840 Valetta Street, London, Ontario, Canada.

Montreal Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr M. WOLSTENCROFT, c/o N.D.G., Y.M.C.A., Hampton Avenue, Montreal, Canada.

New Glasgow Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr A. T. BILSON, London Avenue, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Ottawa, Carleton University Scottish Country Dance Group.—Miss H. GIFFORD, 998 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa.

Saskatoon Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss L. CARR, 707 6th Avenue, Saskatoon, Canada.

Vancouver, The Prince Charles Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr W. KERR, 4258 Ontario Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouver Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs C. G. FAULKNER, 3290 W. 48th Avenue, Vancouver, 13, British Columbia.

EUROPE

France, Caledonian Society of France.—Mr D. K. CHRISTIE, 25/27 Rue d'Astorg, Paris, 8eme.

Italy, I Cavalieri di Lerici (La Spezia).—Dr J. C. KNIGHT, Via Gerini 37, Lerici, La Spezia.

Sweden, Stockholm Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr D. G. GILLAM, Fys Kemi, Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, Stockholm, 70.

Sweden, The Academic Celtic Society.—Mr LARS GAREN, St. Paulsgaten 35B, Stockholm SO.

Switzerland, Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr I. STIRLING, 26 Steinentorstrasse, Basle, Switzerland.

MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur Scottish Reel and Country Dance Society.—c/o HON. SECRETARY, P.O. Box 452, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

NEW ZEALAND

Cambridge Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs F. N. THOMSON, Campbell Street, Leamington, Cambridge, New Zealand.

Christchurch Scottish Society Country Dance Club.—Miss P. GALE, 30 Puriri Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Featherston Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs J. W. MCKAIN, Birdwood Street, Featherston, Wairanapa, New Zealand.

Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss J. O'TOOLE, 43 Rostrevor Street, Hamilton, North Island.

Hastings, Hawkes Bay and District Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs J. SETON, 306 Jervis Street, Hastings, New Zealand.

Hastings St. Andrew's Scottish Country Club.—Mrs R. A. TOBIN, 709 Willowpark Road, Hastings, New Zealand.

Herne Bay Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr I. OGILVIE, 5 Swift Avenue, Herne Bay, Auckland.

Lower Hutt Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs C. DOUGLAS, 1 Thorneycroft Avenue, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

Manawatu Scottish Society.—Mr F. PARKINSON, "Manawatu Scottish Centre," 52 Princess Street, Palmerston, New Zealand.

Napier Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss M. PATON, 18 Gladstone Road, Napier, New Zealand.

Nelson Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr I. MAY, 590 Main Road, Stoke, Nelson, New Zealand.

Nelson Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs M. CLANCEY, 46 Quebec Road, Nelson, New Zealand.

Otago St. Andrew's Society.—Mrs E. E. SMITH, 828 Cumberland Street, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Owairaka Reel and Strathspey Club.—Miss J. M. VALLANCE, 180 Mt. Smart Road, Auckland, S.E.5, New Zealand.

Taradale Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss M. J. JESKINS, 24 Church Road, Taradale, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

Waipukura Reel Class Club.—Mrs M. LOGAN, The Lindsay, Waipukura, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

Wallaceville Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs M. REES, 12 Hughes Crescent, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

Wanganui, The Atholl Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs J. MACGEE, 19 Depa Street, Wanganui, New Zealand.

Wanganui Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss J. C. EVANS, 37 Nelson Street, Wanganui, New Zealand.

Wellington, Hawkes Bay and District Association of Scottish Country Dance Clubs.—Mrs D. N. WHITEHILL, 38 Rhodes Street, Carterton, New Zealand.

Wellington Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss M. POTTS, 28 McFarlane Street, Mt. Victoria, Wellington, C.4.

Whangarei Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr E. ARCUS, P.O. Box 273, Whangarei, New Zealand.

NORTH BORNEO

Sandakan Scottish Country Dance Club.—THE SECRETARY, P.O. Box 96, Sandakan, North Borneo.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Brainard, Scottish Country Dance Group of the Capital District.—No Secretary at present.

Los Angeles Caledonian Scottish Country Dance Group.—Miss E. STEVENSON, 1626 West Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

New Hampshire Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mrs C. BLANCHARD, Ministerial Road, Bedford, New Hampshire.

San Francisco Reel and Strathspey Club.—Mrs W. S. LLOYD, 2417 Grue Street, San Francisco, California.

Washington St. Andrew's Society.—Mr J. A. MCCARTNEY, 5112 Dalecarlia Drive, Washington, 16, D.C.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 24th October 1959

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 24th October 1959, at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen.

PRESENT. Mr George Sharpe, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 300 members, of whom 87 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting the Chairman read a message from Her Majesty The Queen thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from the President, The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch and Miss Milligan, Co-Founders of the Society.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS. In his opening remarks Mr Sharpe expressed his appreciation of the honour of presiding at the Annual General Meeting in the absence of the President and Chairman of the Society.

Mr Sharpe gave a very warm welcome to the delegates of Branches who had come from all over the United Kingdom and as far as Nairobi to the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting—the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of a Society which was now thirty-six years old.

He pointed out that there was a further increase in membership, both of Branches and Affiliated Groups. During the past year new Branches had been formed at Nottingham, North-West Craven (Yorks.), Stranraer and New York, while a further twenty Affiliated groups had been admitted. With Branches in Canada, U.S.A., Africa and Australia, and with Affiliated Groups in Canada, U.S.A., Africa, Australia, Asia, New Zealand, Europe, Malaya and North Borneo it could be genuinely claimed that the work of the Society was world-wide. The membership was approximately 16,600—a considerable number, but it had to be admitted that over such a world-wide area the total membership was small. Mr Sharpe stressed that delegates might bring to the consideration of their Branches the question of how to increase the membership. He also expressed the hope that in next year's *Bulletin* a report would be included from every Branch.

The Chairman then spoke of the work on behalf of the Society by Miss Milligan in Canada and U.S.A., and by Miss McLaren in South Africa. He mentioned that Miss Milligan was at present in the midst of an intensive and exhaustive tour and spoke of the energy and vitality she expended. He was sure the meeting would like her to know that it was greatly appreciated. If Books 1-20 were bound together and presented to Miss Milligan with the caption "This is Your Life" it would be no exaggeration. The Society acknowledged the great debt owed to Miss Milligan for all the work she had done and for all the time and energy she had spent on behalf of the Society since its foundation.

Mr Sharpe spoke of the many letters of appreciation received from South Africa following Miss McLaren's visit. The Society thanked Miss McLaren most sincerely for giving up her summer holiday to undertake this tour.

The visits paid to these countries by Miss Milligan and Miss McLaren would have far-reaching results. The number of fully certificated teachers would be increased and, as was stated in the Secretary's report, the prosperity of the Society was rooted in having a good supply of well-trained teachers.

In closing, Mr Sharpe expressed the Society's thanks to the Secretaries and officials of Branches for their work during the past year; to the Society officials and members of the Executive Council and the various sub-committees for their interest and regular attendance throughout the year and to Miss Hadden and Miss Wotherspoon for their work at Headquarters.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th November 1958, having been circulated in the *Bulletin* were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS. The Chairman proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the three Hon. Vice-Presidents, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch and The Duke of Hamilton, and this was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1959-60. Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Miss J. C. Milligan and Mr G. Sharpe being the sole nominees for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, were elected. Six Elected Members, the following were elected by vote: Miss L. Browne (Aberdeen), Mr G. Cruickshank (Edinburgh), Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), Miss B. Robertson (Dundee), Miss M. L. Ross (Glasgow) and Mr J. Williamson (Perth).

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT. Mrs M. Cramb (Aberdeen) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr Stephen (Richmond) and approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS. The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1959, circulated with the *Bulletin*, were presented by Mr Sharpe, Convener of the Finance Committee.

Mr Sharpe referred to the policy of the Finance Committee whereby reserves had been steadily increased over the past few years giving a good financial background.

Revenue Account showed that subscriptions for the year had increased by £443, due mainly to the increase in the number of life memberships taken out by members. This year the Summer School had borne a proportion of the year's administration expenses resulting in a truer picture of the financial result of the School.

Investment income had reached the peak figure of £464. During the year under review, the Society had enjoyed phenomenal interest rates, but since these had returned to normal, the investment income for the current year might not be so great.

Turning to expenditure he pointed out that administration expenses had slightly increased while the figure of £619 for Expenses of Demonstration Teams included the cost of sending an Examiner to South Africa.

In dealing with the Publications Account the attention of Branch Secretaries was drawn to the recent arrangement whereby Branches ordering publications from Headquarters and sending cash with order would be permitted to retain 10 per cent discount. It was hoped that this would be one way of helping the finances of the Branches while increasing the sale of the Society's publications.

The Balance Sheet showed the Society's investments in detail and this year in accordance with established practice, the investments held on account of Staff Pensions Fund were shown separately in order to disassociate them from the fortunes of the Society. The total assets at 30th June 1959 amounted to £29,886, 3s. 9d.; an increase of £1,709 over the previous year.

Mr Sharpe then examined the estimates for 1959-60, explaining the changes with those of the previous year.

Mr Hardie (Dunfermline) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr Macleod (Glasgow) and this was approved by the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR. The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr Murdoch (Ayr), seconded by Mr King (Edinburgh) and approved by the meeting.

AFRICAN TOUR. The Chairman read a telegram of greeting to the meeting and thanks to the Society for Miss McLaren's visit from the Secretary of Ladysmith Branch.

Miss Margaret McLaren gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of her recent 14-week visit to Africa which started with a Winter School in Cape Town and ended with an S.C.D. Festival in Nairobi.

Miss McLaren spoke of the very keen enthusiasm she had met everywhere and the warm welcome she had received. She had visited a great number of places including East London, Tweedie, Pietermaritzburg, Pinetown, Ladysmith, Johannesburg, Livingstone, Lusaka, Nakuru and Machakos, and had given many talks to clubs and other organisations as well as speaking on the radio. She had trained and examined members for the Society's Teacher's Certificate and as a result 19 candidates had been successful. Miss McLaren paid high tribute to the work being done by the Branches in Africa whose teachers gave of their very best.

1960 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. It was announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the 1960 Annual General Meeting in Perth on 5th November.

VOTE OF THANKS. Mr Aitkenhead (North-West Ayrshire) expressed the sincere thanks of all those attending the Autumn School to the Committee and members of the Aberdeen Branch for their generous hospitality and excellent arrangements during the week-end. He congratulated the Chairman on his skilful management of the meeting and thanked Miss McLaren for her informative and delightful account of her tour of Africa.

South African Tour, 1960

At twelve noon on Wednesday, 27th April 1960, fourteen members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society met in Piccadilly Circus, London, to start a six-week tour of the Union of South Africa, organised by the National Council for Folk Songs and Folk Dances, Johannesburg.

The flight from London Airport was made in a DC7B of South African Airways, and took us via Stuttgart, Rome, Khartoum, Nairobi and Salisbury to Johannesburg, where we were given an enthusiastic welcome at half-past-midnight by the waiting crowd after a twenty-seven-and-a-half hour journey.

Our first four days were spent at Boksburg, near Johannesburg, where we joined the other folk dancers and singers from eight other countries—almost 200 altogether. Films were shot here and we also made recordings which were broadcast by the South African Broadcasting Service.

Our first official performance was at Pretoria where we danced, as at all our evening performances, in an open-air stadium. We gave twenty-two official performances during the tour and many shorter demonstrations at the morning stops during the long journey. Enthusiastic crowds were always waiting to greet us.

The group travelled south from Pretoria, in five special coaches, performing in a different place each day—only at week-ends staying two days in one place—Durban, Port Elizabeth and on to Cape Town, passing along the beautiful Garden Route, so reminiscent of Scotland.

A week-end was spent in Cape Town, and Sunday morning found many of the group on the summit of Table Mountain!

From the Cape, we travelled north again across the Karoo Desert (no rain here for four years!) and gave our performances in dry, dusty stadiums in Beaufort West, De Aar and Kimberley, where we visited "the big hole" during the afternoon.

After visiting several more towns (including Johannesburg) we finally arrived at Bloemfontein where we spent four days in order to take part in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Union. Our official performance in the stadium was attended by 45,000 people. Our last day in Bloemfontein was Union Day—one of parade and spectacle. After a march through the town we eventually reached the stadium where an audience of 60,000 was waiting. The arena was filled with many thousands of performers, dancers, gymnasts and schoolchildren, representing all states and provinces in South Africa.

The day ended with a firework display and our departure for the Game Reserve, where we spent the next two days relaxing after our strenuous tour, having travelled 6,000 miles in four weeks.

After one more informal performance at White River, we journeyed again to Pretoria in preparation for our return journey from Johannesburg, where we boarded our plane at 12.30 p.m.

Throughout the Union we received the most wonderful hospitality, and tribute must be paid to Miss Doris Robertson for her inspiring leadership throughout the tour. We will always remember the many friendships made amongst so many different nationalities, all united with the international bond of music and dancing.

Summer School, 1960

THE Royal Burgh of St. Andrews is itself a delightful holiday resort and a few people do visit it to play golf, but to the devotees of the one dancing, "St. Andrews" can only mean the Summer School of the Society run under the guidance of Miss Milligan.

I realised that a visit to "St. Andrews" should not be lightly undertaken for I have hitherto felt great pity for those who suffer from St. Andrewsitis, a disease, apparently incurable, which flares up with alarming regularity.

Nevertheless, all true believers should in their lifetime make one visit to Mecca and such an indulgence has always appeared to be a wonderful example of "one-up-manship," so this year I made what was to be my one and only trip to "St. Andrews." Now I too am happy to exclaim that I have caught St. Andrewsitis, and for the first time know exactly what I would like to do for a holiday twelve months in advance.

The spirit of "St. Andrews" was in evidence right from the word go and how nice it was on arrival to have the friendliness one detects in the correspondence with Head Office so completely confirmed and to find the same friendliness among all participants in the course.

"St. Andrews" this year was somewhat smaller than usual since reconstruction at Wardlaw denied its use to us but University Hall, Hepburn Hall and Kinnessburn still provided excellent accommodation. Among the students were many from overseas and it is hoped that they will remember "St. Andrews" as happily as we remember their presence there. With no Wardlaw even the Nunnery refectory was devoid of men which must account for the ecstatic cries that greeted the male stooges, who by special dispensation, were allowed to take tea there on the first day of the examinations! It is expected that Wardlaw will be in use again another year as will, at some future date, the new hall that is being built.

The classes were attended with great enthusiasm and one heard nothing but praise for the patience, the perseverance and again the friendliness of the teachers and the great competence of the pianists. There is no doubt that "St. Andrews" once again fulfilled its function by putting many new feet on and bringing many of the older ones back to the right paths and in addition Miss Milligan introduced us to many dances from the new book to illustrate their suitability for all grades of dancers. Special credit was accorded to the organising genius who arranged that the men's highland classes should be held in the Victory Halls so conveniently placed for the provision of much-needed refreshment. Once again some scoundrel stole Miss Milligan's parking place at Younger Hall and many are wondering how well Jimmy kept his promise to her to "fix him."

Social dances at University Hall have, I imagine, always been crowded and one can only admire the patience and the skill of those in charge of them. Those of us who were lucky enough to stay for dancing, whilst others succumbed to the temptation of visiting Perth, will long remember Miss Milligan's assistance at the piano on that occasion, and especially that, although "The Express" got off to a delayed start, it certainly made up for lost time on the way and finished well ahead of schedule.

The dances at Younger Hall must have come as a great shock to the men who found they had to be quickly off the mark to be sure of a partner and it must be reported that some of the dancing came as a great shock to Miss Milligan who insisted during the next evening that we should all learn the "Axum Reel"!

On many occasions we were treated to scintillating performances by Bobby Watson and demonstration performances of some delightful dances. All I think will agree that the palm must go to "Because he was a Bonnie Lad." How delightful it was to see the ladies spurn the "peacocks of the dance" and how relieving that they should in the end relent. During one demonstration great admiration was shown at the skill with which an offending petticoat hoop was removed and great relief that our dances had not after all been affected by the modern French dancing. The selection of the team to dance Fergus McIver was greatly commended.

Towards the end of the first fortnight there were whisperings in the bazaars that a "Serenade to Pom" had been composed for bagpipe chanters. It is appropriate that, even after its first performance for Miss Milligan before an invited audience, we should still be waiting for it.

At the end of the first fortnight Mr Bobby Watson was accused and found guilty of damage to properties belonging to Miss Milligan, Miss Hadden and Miss Wotherspoon and by way of punishment he was sentenced to make suitable presentations on our behalf. His expressions of affection for those ladies reflected completely the esteem in which we all hold them.

For the record, the weather was not perfect but caused little inconvenience. Some beach picnics had in fact to be taken on the floor of Hepburn Hall, but there was much sun-bathing during the week and many ventured into the sea.

Overseas Correspondence

During the past year the Society has received letters from a wider variety of places than ever before and the requests have been equally varied. Mention of some of the places may interest members:—Sierre Leone, Maryland, Basle, Hong Kong, Nova Scotia, The Hague, Nakuru, New Brunswick, Stilfontein, Durham, Colombo, Timaru (N.Z.), Rangoon, Bangalore, Kuala Lumpur, Fiji, Bahrain, Kasama, Malta, Copenhagen, Kaduna, Canberra, Moscow, Jamaica, Hobart, Uruguay, Vienna and Luxemburg.

Although the overseas correspondence is interesting, it is even more interesting to meet members and visitors from "foreign parts" and during the past year there have been callers at Headquarters from the following places:—Hong Kong, Nairobi, New Zealand, Nova Scotia, South Africa, California, Hamilton (Ontario), Kentucky, Montreal, Toronto, Malaya, Bermuda and Trinidad. It is very gratifying to hear at first hand about the various groups and the interest taken in Scottish country dancing in far away places.

All these visitors have shown a tremendous interest in our books and gramophone records.

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CERTIFICATED TEACHERS

Will members holding a Society certificate and who are going overseas, please send name and address to the Secretary, so that she can put them into touch with Branches or Clubs where teaching help is required.

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All members must apply to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, by 30th January 1961 for Summer School application forms, (enclosing stamped addressed envelope), which will be sent out in March. The approximate dates for the School are 24th July till 21st August. Non-Residents must apply as well as Residents.

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