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Annual Report

HOW has Scottish Country Dancing fared in 1956? The research that is necessary to provide a report brings out the fact that while the year under review has shown no dramatic expansion, there is evidence that the traditional dances of Scotland continue to be a constant factor in our national life, and a great interest in many countries overseas. The Branches, everywhere, have been united in their efforts to promote classes, arrange demonstrations to sustain the interest of their experienced members, and to help the newcomers.

The Founders of the Society were fortunate in that they were able to bring into prominence many dances that had not completely died out. They showed an unerring instinct for success by ensuring from the beginning that the dances were introduced to the ballroom, and were suitable for all kinds of social occasions. This is one of the main reasons that Scottish Country Dances have taken such a firm hold. The dangers of a mushroom growth or a precious cult were thus avoided. In the year under review these dances of Scotland have been part of the programme of Highland ceilidhs, of festive occasions held in village halls and community centres, and at traditional Highland Balls. All members must have had a feeling of intense pride and delight when they read that our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, had enjoyed taking part in Scottish Country Dances at the Ball held in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh in July 1956.

It is worthy of comment that the Society itself has had no need to expend its finances on advertisement. The Summer School at St. Andrews, for example, is filled to capacity by means of application forms sent to members. In face of a rapidly changing world and excessive competition this is almost unique.

The Society, however, has undoubtedly benefited in ways that cannot be calculated by three powerful factors: the newspaper press; broadcasting services, books and journals. In all these, Scottish Country Dancing has had a satisfactory proportion of mention. If some of the dance programmes on the B.B.C. are below the standard that might be wished, it has to be admitted that many listeners must be enjoying what they are getting.

This vast and comprehensive publicity of which the Society gets its share has increased our responsibilities with regard to catering for the recreational needs of the people in their leisure hours, and for this we must be ready.

In the pages that follow specific accounts are given of demonstration teams, but the number of letters in glowing terms that have been received at Headquarters through the year make it imperative to pay a tribute to all those who have been such worthy ambassadors for Scottish Country Dancing, not only in this country, but overseas. It is impossible to estimate the results of these demonstrations, but if the letters are a true indication, they can only be good and worthwhile. This must be satisfactory to those who gave their services and energies, and to the Branches who contributed financial support.

The Headquarters at 12 Coates Crescent has now been in working order for a year. Already it seems that this investment has been necessary, and justifiable. Embellished by many useful and attractive gifts from the Branches, the offices have been admired and appreciated by members from the United Kingdom and overseas. Occupying such a central position the Society has become a source of information on matters pertaining to our Scottish dance and music, and in this way the best interests of the Society can be served,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUTUMN SCHOOL. The Annual General Meeting was held on 26th November, 1955 in Edinburgh. The Edinburgh Branch were hosts to the Executive Council at a luncheon and visiting members were given hospitality after the Annual General Meeting where they were entertained to tea. On Friday evening the Executive Council were given a Civic Reception by the Lord Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh Town Council. During both evenings, arrangements were made for visitors to attend dances, and these were much enjoyed. As usual, classes were held on Saturday forenoon and these were taught by Edinburgh Branch teachers.

The Executive Council expresses appreciation to Edinburgh Branch for their generous hospitality and congratulates them on a most successful Autumn School weekend.

INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION TEAM SELECTION MEETING. On February 25th, 1956, a team of ten dancers with ten reserves was chosen to represent the Society for 1956 to 1958. The following are the names of those chosen:—

TEAM:

Miss S. Cameron (Edinburgh)	Mr K. Connolly (Edinburgh)
Miss M. Evans (Glasgow)	Mr W. Hamilton (Edinburgh)
Miss D. McCartney (Castle Douglas)	Mr W. Murray (Inverness)
Miss S. McGarva (Newton Stewart)	Mr I. Robertson (Edinburgh)
Miss I. Reid (Edinburgh)	Mr H. Rogerson (Lockerbie)

RESERVES:

Miss A. Cattanach (Elgin)	Mr C. Hamilton (Dumfries)
Mrs A. Ferguson (London)	Mr J. Johnstone (Dumfries)
Miss A. Mann (Dundee)	Mr E. Marr (Dundee)
Miss H. McKinnon (Ayr)	Mr J. Montgomery (Kirkcudbright)
Miss J. Yeats (Aberdeen)	Mr P. Thomson (Glasgow)

EXAMINATIONS. During the year examinations have been held in the Branches :— Aberdeen, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Dundee, Dunbartonshire West, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Manchester. Examinations were also held in Anstey Physical Education College; Birmingham; Dunfermline College of Physical Education, Aberdeen; Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow; Notre Dame R. C. Training College, Glasgow; and at St. Andrews Summer School.

In the Preliminary Test there were 209 Passes, and 43 Failures; in the Teachers' Certificate examination there were 96 Passes and 22 Failures.

SUBSCRIPTION COPY OF BOOK. There is no new publication this year but members are being given a copy of the new Pocket Edition containing dances from Books 16-18. The booklet will be available in the Autumn and will be issued to members on payment of the current subscription—which became due on 1st July, 1956.

MEMBERSHIP. Membership of the Society now stands at approximately 15,500 members, 79 Branches and 125 Affiliated groups.

SUMMER SCHOOL. The Summer School was held in University Hall, St. Andrews, from 16th July to 13th August when once again applications exceeded available accommodation. The Executive Council thanks Miss Milligan and her staff of teachers and pianists for all they do to make the School so successful.

CIVIC RECEPTION. On the evening of 2nd August, a representative number of members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society were the guests of the Provost and Town Council of St. Andrews at a Civic Reception in the Younger Graduation Hall.

Tribute to the work of the Society and in particular to its association with St. Andrews during the past 25 years was made by the Provost, who also spoke in very appreciative terms of Miss Milligan. In her reply Miss Milligan expressed the Society's thanks for the honour conferred and voiced the feeling of the assembled company that Summer School meant the name "St. Andrews".

Branch Reports

ABERDEEN. Secretary, Miss A. O. Cumming, 19 Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen.—During 1955-56 the numbers of our members were 658 Ordinary and 116 Life Members, a total of 774, being a slight decrease on last session.

Throughout the session six adult classes and two children's classes have met weekly, and a class for the Teachers' Certificate was also run. The Committee would like to thank all teachers and pianists for their good work in connection with these classes.

At the Examination for the Teachers' Certificate held in January 1956, eleven candidates passed the test. The examiner, Miss Milligan, was well pleased with the standard of the work done and the Committee feel that a special expression of thanks is due to Miss B. Anderson, the instructress.

Throughout the season many demonstrations have been given by our members in and out of town, while many classes outwith the Society have been taught by our Certificated members.

Before the classes started this year we had a Refresher Course for Teachers for four weeks. This innovation was a great success and many Certificated Teachers benefited from the excellent tuition given them by the instructress, Miss B. Anderson.

As in former years the Branch provided the Adjudicators for the Senior Youth Club's Scottish Country Dance Competition. The winners were: Girls—Holburn Street. Mixed—Tullis.

Two very successful Balls were held in December and March. It was decided to send all profits of the March Ball to help with the furnishing of the new Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Headquarters at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh. The sum realised was to be given to provide a cabinet for Miss Hadden's room.

At 1956 Scottish Country Dance Festival there was a record entry—142 teams. At this the Branch was represented by 11 teams. All acquitted themselves well and succeeded in winning the trophies for the Uncertificated and Open Women's classes.

At the audition held in Edinburgh in February, Miss Jean Yeats was chosen for the reserve International Team.

The Aberdeen Scottish Country Dance Club completed its fifth session. The membership remained practically the same as last year. Many happy evenings were spent in social dancing. The Club is open to all members of Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and has vacancies for both full and visitor members.

Once more the Society has been asked to provide dancers to perform in Union Terrace Gardens in June, July and August.

ADELAIDE. Secretary, Mrs S. Rattray, 29 Stanley Avenue, Blair Athol, Adelaide, South Australia.—This Branch is enjoying another very successful season with our nightly attendances still keeping up to around sixty enthusiastic dancers. We have now adopted a syllabus of five nights' instruction and one night of dances without teaching throughout the season with Mrs Goldie carefully grading the dances to give pleasure to everyone from the beginner to the advanced members, who are now able to execute Prince Charles of Edinburgh without a hitch. Financially we are in a healthy state also, having acquired a large collection of Jimmy Shand records and two radiograms as musicians capable of playing for us are non-existent here.

AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss E. Provan, 166 Aitchison Street, Airdrie.—During the session 1955/56, our membership increased to 164 as against 161 for the previous year. The Branch Classes viz:—Advanced, Beginners and Intermediate and Juvenile, have again had a very successful year, with the attendances at each class remaining very good throughout the season.

On the 5th April, the juvenile class again gave a wonderful display of dancing to their parents, who were greatly impressed by the standard of the children's dancing. On 11th April, the Branch held their Annual Dance, which proved very successful.

The success of these classes is due to the teachers and pianists, on whom we so greatly depend.

ARBROATH. Secretary, Mrs E. A. Robertson, J.P., 34 Viewfield Road, Arbroath.—The Branch which has now completed its 26th year has a membership of 244 with 9 Life Members.

Although the past year has been fairly uneventful, it has been a very happy one.

Classes were taught regularly in all the Centres, at Arbroath, Brechin, Montrose and Kirriemuir. Annual Balls and Social Evenings were held with great success.

Demonstrations continued to be asked for by various organisations and in every case were well received.

Classes for children and Youth Organisations were run by Branch members and these still proved very popular.

AUCHTERARDER. Secretary, Mrs H. C. Hunter, 36 Queen's Terrace, Auchterarder.—Although Branch membership has fallen from 78 to 65, we hope that it will show an increase next year.

The weekly class, under Miss Duff's instruction, was, as usual, very enjoyable.

Two dances were held in the Aytoun Hall during the season, when visitors from neighbouring Clubs were welcomed. On these occasions music was provided by R. Simpson's Band and Jim Cameron.

AYR. Secretary, Miss J. Matheson, 48 Westwood Avenue, Mainholm, Ayr.—The season started off well with a week-end school, the first ever to be held in Ayr. Over 300 people attended the course which was a great success, due in no small measure to the efforts of Miss Milligan, Miss Robertson, Mr Johnstone and Mr Little. Acting on the success of the school a new class was formed—"technique"—which was well attended and, in fact, this class carried on until the end of May. We are, at the moment, looking forward to another instructive week-end at the end of September.

The demonstration teams were again in great demand during the winter and gave several demonstrations throughout the County. Once more the mixed and ladies' team gained first place in their respective classes at the Ayrshire Music Festival.

Two Balls were held in Butlin's, one in December and one in March—Mr Billy Butlin and several guests being very interested spectators at the latter.

Membership now stands at 381—a slight decrease on last year, but Branch classes were very well attended throughout the winter.

AYRSHIRE, North-West. Secretary, Miss A. Stevenson, 192 High Road, Saltcoats, Ayrshire.—The past year has shown a small reduction in membership, but nevertheless we had an enjoyable year.

Monthly Dances continued to be held in the various areas; the Christmas Ball, Easter and Summer Dances all held in Ardrossan were well attended.

Demonstrations and displays of Scottish Country Dancing were given by our Teams at local functions.

The Children's Class still continues to be popular, and ended the Session with a very fine Display.

BANFFSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs N. Duncan, 4 Mill Crescent, Buckie.—The Banffshire Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society received another staggering blow on Friday, 13th January, when it became known that their President and Chairman, Dr Alastair Gilson, had died suddenly. Within the short space of eight months the Branch has lost its Hon. Secretary, its Hon. Treasurer and then its President. Dr Gilson became President in 1935 in succession to the Rev. J. Faulds of Portknockie and has held the

office ever since. His interest in the movement was very real and sincere and only those who had the pleasure of working with him, will know how much the Branch will miss him.

Classes were held in Buckie, Ruthven, Portgordon, Portessie, Portsoy, Banff, Keith, Dufftown, Tomintoul and Aberchirder and although the number of Society members were not very large at least each class had their representative number. The children's class at Buckie was again very successful and this acts as a feeder to the Senior Class. A children's class was also held in Banff and it also was most successful.

BATH. Mr A. Smith, "Hawkeswell Villa," Keynsham, Nr. Bristol.—Membership has again shown a small increase and now stands at 64 with one Life Member; the classes have been very successful and well attended.

Visitors from many parts of the West Country came to the Annual Ball which was a most enjoyable function. Tickets were sold out six weeks before the event which is held in the Guildhall.

Miss Betty Brown arranged the cabaret of Highland Dancing for the Ball given by the Branch in aid of Bath Abbey Restoration Fund. The Mayor and Mayoress together with the Archdeacon attended and expressed their pleasure for the enjoyment the evening gave them, and for the Society's effort which resulted in a contribution of £57 to the Fund.

The season closed with an informal dance at the end of June.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED. Secretary, Miss D. D. Martin, Carlin Brae, Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—The membership of the Branch during the past season has been 63, showing a slight decrease in numbers from the previous season, but interest in the Society is becoming more widespread, and we hope to show an increase in membership next year.

We were able to run two classes each week, one under Miss Jean Lough (who got her Teachers' Certificate at St. Andrews last summer), and a "Beginners" Class taken by Mrs J. M. Edney. In addition a most successful Juvenile Class of 25 met each week; the teacher this year was Mrs Freda Small.

We have again been fortunate in having Mrs Peters as our pianist, and she has done a great deal to make our season successful.

The Branch was asked for a team to demonstrate at the Berwick St. Andrews Club Dinner. We were able to put on a mixed team for this occasion, and their dances were very much appreciated.

We were most fortunate in having a visit from Miss Milligan on the 1st November. All the Classes were fully attended, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed meeting her again.

The Annual Ball was held in the Kings Arms Assembly Rooms on the 13th January, when once more the demand for tickets far exceeded the number available.

The Branch entered a team from each class for the Festival of Scottish Country Dancing held in Newcastle on 28th February. Unfortunately it proved impossible to enter mixed teams, but the ladies teams entered both received extremely good "crits".

We held our final Social of the Season in the Wallace Green Hall on April 20th, which was extremely well attended, and proved most successful.

BIRMINGHAM. Secretary, Mrs E. Abbott, 158 Franklin Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, 30.—There has again been a slight increase in membership, this now stands at 138, which includes 20 Life Members.

Our activities have followed much the same pattern as the previous year. The dances held in the Spring and Autumn were greatly enjoyed, and socials continue to be held approximately once a month.

We were fortunate in having the whole of the accommodation of Lilleshall for the week-end school last January, as previously this had been shared with another body. In partnership with the Wolverhampton Branch, we decided to organise this ourselves and this arrangement proved highly satisfactory. It was regretted that we had to refuse

applications but these people have been promised first consideration if they apply for the week-end in November.

Requests for Demonstrations have been met by the Branch Team, but have not been so many as last year.

BLAIR ATHOLL. Secretary, Mr J. Murdoch, 21 Invertilt Road, Blair Atholl.—Soon to celebrate its tenth birthday this Branch has had a happy and successful year despite the fact that we have had a further decrease in membership, leaving us now with only 26 members.

Any fears that local enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing might be on the wane were quickly dispelled, however, when our Annual Ball attracted over 230 people from neighbouring Clubs. It was held this year in the ballroom in Blair Castle; a perfect setting for such a function. The success of the Ball encouraged us to run an end-of-the-season rally and this also proved to be quite an attraction.

Social evenings held during the Summer months to keep members in practice were reasonably successful.

BOSTON. Secretary, Miss F. Mattison, 72 Francis Avenue, Cambridge 38, Mass.—Under the leadership of Miss Carmichael the Boston Branch has been growing rapidly. We now have 153 members, an increase of 47 over last year. The average class attendance has been 40. In addition to weekly classes in Cambridge, Miss Carmichael has taught at Worcester, Mass. and New York. Members of the Boston Branch have attended these classes to help the groups get started.

The highlight of the 1955-56 session was a visit to this country by Miss M. Lilian Ross. Miss Ross was with us from July to October 1955 and again for a month in spring. Members gained a great deal from a special series of classes conducted by Miss Ross. It was with the hope that she would come back to us soon again that we saw her off at Logan Airport on her return to Glasgow last May 23.

During 1955-56 we gave 10 demonstrations. Among these were repeat performances at the Highland Games of Clan Southerland, the Boston Arts Festival and the New England Folk Festival. We also made our first appearance on the educational Television Station, WGBH.

Our first Highland Ball was held on April 6th, 1956, in the grand Ballroom of the Hotel Somerset, Boston, Mass. A combined programme of Scottish Country and couple dancing was enjoyed by more than 300.

Our annual week-end at Pinewoods Camp, near Plymouth, Mass. was again highly successful with 125 enthusiastic dancers attending. The teaching staff included Miss Ross, Glasgow, Scotland; Mrs McNab, Vancouver, B.C.; Miss Mathieson, Hamilton, Ont.; and Miss Carmichael, director of the Boston Branch.

CAPETOWN. Secretary, Mr J. B. Ellis, Corrie, Medway Road, Plumstead, Cape Town.—Over the last year there has been a most gratifying increase in the numbers attending our weekly meetings. Membership stands at 53 and the average attendance was 35, while on one evening a record was established, when 6 sets were able to take the floor. Four public demonstrations were given.

During the year we lost two secretaries. Mr R. Brown resigned, on being transferred to Bloemfontein, and his successor, Mr Charles Earle, also left Cape Town and is now in Johannesburg.

At the end of the year we very regretfully received the resignations of Mr and Mrs E. O. Gibson as Treasurer and Teacher respectively. The Cape Town Branch owes its foundation to Kay and Edgar Gibson, having had its beginnings in their house, Sherwood, in March, 1950. Since then, through their constant enthusiasm and hard work, the Branch has grown and developed to its present proportions as an active unit of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and, in its own field, as a propagator of Scottish culture. The Cape Town Branch wishes to take this opportunity of placing on record

its sincere appreciation and thanks for the very fine work done for it by Mr and Mrs Gibson. Mrs Gibson continues to teach a Saturday afternoon class for Juniors at Sherwood, which, we hope, will be a source of new members in the future. Miss M. H. Gibson carries on as the official teacher of the Branch.

The highlight of the season was, of course, the visit to Cape Town of the International Team. The Scottish dancers stole the show completely, with performances of scintillating perfection which captivated the large audiences and gave many of us our first experience of how Scottish Country Dancing really should be done.

The team was entertained to lunch by the Cape Town Branch at the Round House, Camps Bay, after which they danced on the lawns in front of the Round House for the benefit of newsreel cameras, and shots were taken for incorporation in the film "Scotland Dances".

We also enjoyed their company the following evening, before the show at Newlands, at dinner in the Glendower Hotel, Rosebank. It was a great pleasure to meet and talk with such a charming company of Scotland's "ambassadors".

CARLISLE and BORDER. Secretary, Miss K. Rooney, 9 Red Bank Terrace, Carlisle.—Membership of the Branch is 119 including 9 Life Members.

The Branch ran three classes during the season—general, advanced and children's. Scottish Country Dancing is still as popular as ever and our classes, socials and dances have been well supported.

Our week-end School on the 17th and 18th February was a great attraction and we were again delighted to welcome Miss Milligan as our Instructress.

190 Members and friends spent an enjoyable evening at our Highland Ball on the 7th March, dancing to Tim Wright's Band. Lady Graham of Netherby, our President, was the Guest of Honour. We were pleased to receive members and friends from Langholm, Dumfries, Annan, Kirkpatrick, Felming, Appleby, Ambleside and Workington.

Numerous demonstrations were given throughout the year and teams were entered at Carlisle and Dumfries Musical Festivals, the Branch gaining high marks in all classes.

CASTLE DOUGLAS and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss E. H. Craik, 23 Academy Street, Castle Douglas.—Membership 66 including 6 Life Members. This was another happy and successful session. Weekly classes were held for both the adult group and the Junior Link. Both classes were well attended and thanks are due to all our teachers and pianists for all their hard work and encouragement given during the session.

The Branch again won Trophies at the Newton-Stewart Festival. They also won the City of Edinburgh Trophy at Edinburgh for the second year running.

Mixed teams gave demonstrations throughout the district during the year, under the guidance of Mr W. Little.

The Highland Ball which was held in January was a great success and was very well attended. We welcomed friends and members from neighbouring Branches.

In March the Branch sustained a great loss in the passing of Mr A. J. W. Balfour, who was for many years a member of the Committee and had been Treasurer for the past three years. He was a very keen and enthusiastic member and the Branch greatly appreciated all his valuable work.

Miss Jean Milligan was Examiner at the Final Certificate Class held in May, and we are very proud of the fact that all the nine candidates gained their Certificate. Thanks are due to Miss J. Dougan of Shawhead and Mrs A. Rae, who were Teacher and Pianist at both the Preliminary and Final Certificate Classes.

Once again we extend our grateful thanks to the Education Authority for granting us the use of the School Gymnasium for all our classes.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE. Secretary, Miss R. Gillies, 8 Queen Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire.—Membership for the past year was 122 including 5 Life Members, a decrease of 26 from last year. 44 members are outwith Branch classes and we would

like to see more of those who attend Branch classes becoming members of the Society.

The Annual County Dance was held in the Town Hall, Alloa, at the beginning of December. Music was supplied by Andrew Rankine (who is one of our members) and his Broadcasting Band. Many voted it the best County Dance we have ever had.

Alloa class reports a very good session, although numbers were lower than last year.

Three social evenings were enjoyed by members and friends, and the Committee are thanked for all the extra time they gave to make this possible.

Tillicoultry reports that their class membership remained almost the same as last year. End of session parties were much enjoyed, likewise, the County Ball at which they were well represented. In November they had a theatre outing to Glasgow, which also proved a great success. During the season, members were happy to attend dances held in the neighbourhood for various charities.

Dollar held classes in the Public School Infant Room from October to March. Social evenings were held halfway through each term and also at the end. A dance was held in September and a Carnival Dance in December in the Burnside Hall. Both of these were well attended.

Membership has been slightly lower this winter but in the main it has been a most successful and enjoyable session.

DERBY. Interim Secretary, Mrs B. Robertson, 1 Kingston Street, Derby.—The Branch began its first session in April. A preliminary meeting had been held in answer to a request to form a Branch in Derby. Attendance at this meeting was encouraging, and after election of officers, arrangements were made to begin our classes. Two were held, beginners and intermediate, and we hope to begin a children's class next time. By the end of the session our membership had reached 102. Some of these members are family units, and we have been most grateful for the ever ready help given by our older members. We finished our session with a very enjoyable party and we hope to make our next session as successful as our first one.

DUMFRIES. Secretary, Mrs J. Henderson, Braeside, Moffat Road, Dumfries.—The membership of the Branch has increased this year to 220, and our classes have been well attended and enjoyed, as have our social evenings. A successful week-end School was held under the capable tuition of Mrs Lesslie.

Teams entered for the Carlisle Musical Festival, and the Dumfries-shire Musical Festival, again won trophies. The Mixed Team had the added excitement of appearing on television. The Branch was very proud that Mr Johnstone was chosen to go to South Africa with the International Team.

DUNBARTONSHIRE, West. Secretary, Miss U. Barr, 7 Cumberland Terrace, Rhu, Dunbartonshire.—Once more the Branch has had a successful year—membership having risen from 84 to 124. A "Book 18" class was held in Helensburgh early in the session and at an Examination conducted by Miss Milligan and Miss McLaren all six candidates succeeded in obtaining their Teacher's Certificate.

As in former years, dances were arranged in the country districts and these proved to be very popular.

DUNDEE. Secretary, Miss H. F. Crighton, 317 Blackness Road, Dundee.—The membership of 580 including 115 Life Members shows a slight decrease from last year. The usual classes were held during the season. All were well attended. Again we had a very encouraging enrolment in the beginners' class with male dancers predominating.

Fourteen demonstrations were given during the session by Branch teams.

Two social Dances were held, one in February and the other in May. These were both most enjoyable functions, and the demand for tickets was greater than the supply.

The Club run under the auspices of the Branch is still very popular, with a waiting list for entry.

We were pleased to have two of our members, Miss A. Mann and Mr E. Marr selected for the International Reserve Team.

With the Annual General Meeting being held in Dundee in October we look forward to welcoming members from other Branches.

DUNFERMLINE. Secretary, Mrs J. A. Couper, 87A Brucefield Avenue, Dunfermline.—Membership stands at 99, including 5 Life Members. During the session instruction was given to Beginners' and Advanced Classes and a practice group for demonstration work was held at the close of the Advanced Class. The Demonstration Group was again called upon to give displays to various local organisations, including our annual visit to the Northern Hospital, and two displays in Pittencrieff Park during Civic Week.

The highlight of the winter session was the Scots Concert run by the Branch in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, when the programme consisted of Scottish Country Dances, Scots Verse and Song. Our cheque for £65, being the total proceeds of the Concert, was handed over to the Organiser of the Cancer Campaign by Lady Elgin, Honorary President of the Branch.

Competing for the first time in a Festival at Perth our Senior Mixed Team gained the Silver Quach in the Premier Class and our Ladies' Team took first place in the class excluding fully certificated teachers. At Edinburgh the Mixed Team gained two first places, with Honours Certificates. Much of the credit for these successes is due to Mr A. Leslie Cumming, who teaches the Advanced Class and the Demonstration Group.

Three well attended Guest Nights were held during the session as well as our usual Christmas and Closing Dances and at all of these we welcomed friends from neighbouring classes.

DUNS and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss M. A. Rae, Penrhyll, St. Abbs, Berwickshire.—Membership now standing at 12 Life Members and 250 ordinary members, shows a considerable increase on last session.

Our activities followed what is coming to be regarded as the customary pattern. Classes throughout the County, although not under the auspices of the Branch, were many and well attended and the available teacher resources taxed to the limit. On the social side an enthusiastic Committee again organised monthly functions during the winter throughout the County and all were well supported. A capacity company attended the Annual Ball in March, which included a well-received demonstration by the Edinburgh Team.

The Second Residential week-end held in May at Coldingham, St. Abbs was again our biggest undertaking. Its success was due in large measure to excellent teaching by Mrs Hutchison, Mrs Gudger and Miss MacArthur and not a little to the fine Spring weather. An increased number of residents drawn from as far afield as Perthshire, Ayrshire and the West Riding were kept very fully—and we, believe, enjoyably—occupied with classes, a couple of social dances and a first rate talk and film show by Mr Kevin Connolly on the recent South African Tour by the Society's Demonstration Team. We now look forward to the week-end as a regular annual feature.

About 150 members and friends attended our Open-Air Dance at the Rathburne Hotel, Longformacus, at the end of June. As at most of our functions the music was provided by our own Band, the Mitchell Brothers, who go from strength to strength.

EAST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss J. J. Storie, 14 Hawthornbank Road, Haddington.—The membership of the Branch is 143, which is a slight decrease from last year. The season was very successful, however, dances being held monthly in different parts of the County.

At one of the functions a class was taken by Mrs Lesslie and this was greatly enjoyed by the members.

A team of dancers has given demonstrations at the request of various local organisations.

EAST SURREY, WEST KENT. Secretary, Miss B. J. Ockelford, Coppice Lea, Birchwood Lance, Chaldon, Surrey.—The Branch has had another successful year—its third. Membership stands at 175 which includes 10 Life Members and shows an increase of 41 over last year.

All our usual classes were held in Croydon, West Wickham, Norwood, Sanderstead and Reigate, and new classes were started in Sevenoaks, Oxted and Westerham during the season.

By popular request another one day school was held on May 5th at which both Highland and Country dancing were taught to lively and enthusiastic dancers from near and far.

Class Socials were well attended and several larger dances have proved both enjoyable and successful.

ECCLEFECHAN. Secretary, Miss M. McBride, "Sunnyside", Dryfe Road, Lockerbie.—This Branch had another successful year, with an increase in membership over last year. The classes held weekly were well attended. A party was held at Christmas, the season closed with a social evening. A most successful Highland Ball was held in January, when the demand for tickets exceeded the number for sale. Members were present from Annan, Carlisle, Dumfries, Lockerbie and Moffat Branches. We look forward to the 1956-57 season, preparations for which are now well in hand.

EDINBURGH. Secretary, Mr T. J. King, Commercial Bank of Scotland, Ltd., 13 Drumsheugh Place, Edinburgh.—Although membership and class attendance still show a slight decline, interest by the Branch is no whit less keen, and the usual busy year has been passed.

It was a joy to welcome old friends and new among the Society's members to Edinburgh in November for the Annual General Meeting. We trust our visitors enjoyed their stay as much as we did as hosts, so—haste ye back!

We are hard at work on rehearsals for "An Edinburgh Fancy" 1956, and hope that many of you will have seen it by the time you read this report. We had the privilege of welcoming Mrs Pandit as guest of honour at one of our performances in 1955.

Other commitments during the Festival include three Concerts in the Nelson Hall, and one in Princes Street Gardens.

The Branch had the honour of dancing before the Queen in the forecourt of Holyroodhouse on July 7th, when they were presented to Her Majesty.

A Team also appeared on television in "The Kilt is my Delight"—our first T.V. appearance since the opening of the Kirk o' Shotts transmitter.

In all, a total of 94 demonstrations was given during the year, including many in hospitals, and a team won the Challenge Cup at the Edinburgh (Competition) Musical Festival.

The Branch had the honour of providing several dancers for the South African trip and five were also successful in the audition this spring.

The Class for Certificated Teachers is starting up again on October 6th, and this has proved a most popular class.

FORFAR. Secretary, Miss Millikin, 9 Lilybank Crescent, Forfar—This year our Branch has 207 Annual Members and 8 Life Members, which is an increase of one Life Member.

The three classes were taught by Miss Nairn, Mrs Sutton and Mrs McKenzie. A session of three nights prior to the general classes was patronised mostly by former class members, who thoroughly enjoyed brushing up their steps and formations. Informal

dances were held monthly throughout the summer, and these proved a highly successful and popular venture. We were happy to welcome members from outwith the Branch on these occasions.

We celebrated the 21st year of Scottish Country Dancing in Forfar with a Coming of Age Dinner and Dance on the 27th December, 1955 in the newly opened Reid Hall. A company of 228 danced merrily to the strains of Jim Cameron's Band. The Branch was happy to welcome back former Secretary Mr P. McKenzie, and former Committee member Mr A. Patterson, both founder members of the Forfar Centre. Mr Patterson said "Grace", and Mr McKenzie proposed the toast "To the Forfar Branch", to which Mr Stirling, our Chairman, replied. Miss Pool proposed the toast "To the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society" and Mrs Hutchison of Dundee Branch, deputising for Miss Jean C. Milligan, gave the reply. Members were present from Dundee and Carnoustie Branches, also Arbroath, Brechin, Kirriemuir and Montrose Centres. Mr Stewart Kidney was the Master of Ceremonies, and Miss K. MacLauchlan of Arbroath provided delightful music during the interval.

During the season, members of the Forfar Branch attended dances at Montrose, Kirriemuir Centre and Kirriemuir Scottish Country Dance Club. Finishing parties were held by each class respectively, to which members were allowed to invite friends.

FORRES. Secretary, Mr Ian J. Fleming, St. Catherine's, Forres.—With numbers on the increase, we have had a very successful and enjoyable session; classes being held on Friday evenings in the Masonic Hall.

Our membership includes a number of airmen from Kinloss who have helped to swell our ranks whilst stationed in Morayshire.

A New Year Dance for members of the Branch was followed in March by a Dance in the Town Hall which we intend to make an annual event. We were glad to welcome at the March Dance friends from as far afield as Fochabers, Nethybridge and Cannich.

FORT WILLIAM. Secretary, Miss A. M. Collier, 8 Arkaig Crescent, Caol, by Fort William.—The Branch had a most successful session and the membership was increased from the previous year by the introduction of a beginners class. This class was most popular and it is hoped to continue it in the coming year.

Three members gained certificates at the St. Andrew's Summer School.

We entered teams for the first Musical Festival to be held in Lochaber and we gave demonstrations at the Clan Cameron Rally at Achnacarry, also at local Ceilidhs.

We enjoyed, on several occasions, dancing with other Clubs in the district.

FRIOCKHEIM. Secretary, Dr M. McLellan, Eastgate House, Friockheim, Angus.—Branch membership is 100. The Friockheim Centre also ran children's classes with a membership of approximately 90. A children's class was also formed in connection with the Letham Centre.

The Annual Christmas Ball was a great success. The demand for tickets always greatly exceeds the supply.

The Friockheim Centre held a concert in March. This consisted of Scottish Country Dancing by several teams of the older members and mixed dancing by the younger children. This latter item proved extremely popular. The hall was completely filled and even standing room was difficult to obtain.

As usual a very large number of demonstrations were given throughout the year.

The Intermediate Team was invited to tour Skye during Skye Week. Three performances were given each day and each was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm by the Skye people and the many overseas visitors. The Team made many friends and had a very enjoyable and successful tour.

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET. Secretary, Miss M. Murray, 10 Digby Street, Gatehouse of Fleet.—We have had a very busy and enjoyable year in the Gatehouse Branch.

The Dance held in the Summer at one of our local hotels was so successful that we decided to hold a week-end school in the Autumn. Miss Milligan very kindly came to it, and took two advanced classes, which were very well attended—other members from surrounding Branches joining in. These classes were most helpful and enjoyable, as was also the interesting talk given by Miss Milligan, and we were very pleased that she was able to attend the Dance also.

Teams were entered for the Festival at Newton Stewart in March and were successful in various events, and in May attended the Dumfries Festival—there winning the women's open class.

Three members having passed their preliminary tests last year were all successful in gaining the Teachers' Certificate this year.

Members have attended dances at all the Branches nearby, we had as usual our dance at the end of the season and our Branch party at Christmas, and have danced at various local functions including dancing to a packed house in a railway carriage, which is the Town Hall at Gatehouse Station.

At our Annual General Meeting, Mr Jack Montgomery gave us a very interesting talk on the South African Tour, and showed his excellent film. We finished our season with a Dinner Party and Dance for Mr and Mrs Little, Mrs Adam Rae and Mr H. Crosbie, to all of whom we are much indebted.

GLASGOW. Secretary, Mr D. Macleod, 19 Merrick Gardens, Glasgow, S.W.1.—The Branch membership rose this year to a total of 1,437 plus 29 Life Members. This was the highest number yet recorded.

Eighteen classes were held weekly during the first term and sixteen during the second. The Week-end Course held on 11th and 12th November—the second of its kind—was again highly popular, though as the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society took place within a fortnight of this the attendance fell in comparison with last year. Many friends from outwith Glasgow could not come. The teachers were Miss Milligan, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Mrs McKell and Mr Aitkenhead. Miss Adams took a discussion group.

At the Audition for the new International Team Miss Mary Evans and Mr Peter Thomson were chosen for the first and reserve team respectively.

Many demonstrations were given throughout the season—the most interesting perhaps being the one given on the field at Hampden Park at the English Scottish International. This was televised.

A donation was sent to headquarters towards the furnishing of the Office. This was used along with the gift from the Belfast Branch to buy a bookcase for the Members Room.

Annually a donation is sent to the Thistle Fund. This year a dance was run for this object and the sum of £14 18s. 6d. was raised.

At the Annual Meeting Miss Kenyon tendered her resignation as Hon. Secretary of the Branch. This was accepted with regret and a vote of thanks was recorded for her twenty-four years of generous service.

HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE. Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road, Hamilton.—The past year has been very successful. The membership of the Branch now stands at 449, including 26 Life Members.

We were happy to respond to the appeal for the Headquarters' Fund, and glad to know that our donation had been used to buy a nest of tables.

A class for Teachers within the Branch was held once a month, and proved both profitable and enjoyable.

Several parties were held, but the highlight of the year was our 21st Anniversary Ball

in January. We were delighted to welcome, amongst other guests, Mrs Lesslie, Miss Hadden, and the Provost of Hamilton, Mrs Ewart. Music was provided by Tim Wright's Orchestra, and Mrs Lesslie proposed the Toast of the Branch, her first official duty after her election as Chairman of the Society.

A former member of the Auldhouse class, now resident in Taranaki, New Zealand, has written about the enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing there. She and her husband, strangers in a strange land, are very grateful for the opportunity which the classes provide of meeting and making friends with other Scots.

INVERNESS. Secretary, Mr H. Draper, The Cottage, Lochardil, Inverness.—The past season has been both successful and enjoyable. Three classes, one advanced and two general classes were held and were well attended.

Social functions were held monthly and were well supported and for two Dances organised during the season there was an unprecedented demand for tickets.

The Branch teams gave several demonstrations which were most appreciated.

KILMARNOCK and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss A. Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.—A successful winter session, but the numbers were not so great. We had two large Dances during the season. The Summer Dance was a great success. Jim Cameron's Band played for this Dance and there was a big demand for tickets.

We are looking forward to our new session which starts in October, and hope to welcome all our members back and many new ones.

KIRKCALDY. Secretary, Miss N. Arnott, Lakeside, 50 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife.—Membership stands at 306, including 23 Life Members.

The year has shown a small reduction in numbers again, but was a most enjoyable and successful season.

Six classes and a Technique class were held weekly. Social functions were successful, and several demonstrations were given, including one on the new Town Square during "Europe Week", when Count de Moussaye from Normandy was present.

There was a large attendance on the occasion of Miss Milligan's visit to the Branch. The talk to members was an inspiring and stimulating one, and given in Miss Milligan's own inimitable style! Dances from Book 18 were later taught by Miss Milligan, and members voted this evening as one of the most instructive, energetic and enjoyable.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT. Secretary, Miss M. Dalrymple, 20 Mersecroft, Kirkcudbright.—Although the membership of the Branch has fallen to 58, including 3 Life Members, a most successful session was held under the instruction of Mr Jackie Johnstone. During Mr Johnstone's absence on the South African Tour, Mrs McKell and Mrs Dalgleish took over the tuition of the class.

As usual the Christmas Party proved most enjoyable, and a large company attended the Annual Dance held in February.

Members enjoyed two Summer Social Evenings when friends were invited.

LANARK. Secretary, Mrs Cairns, 8 Hyndford Road, Lanark.—The Branch has again had a most successful session, particularly in its own Class membership which has increased quite considerably, and thus increasing the Branch membership. The highlight of the Season was the Annual Ball which proved a most successful event both from the entertainment and financial point of view. From the proceeds of the Ball, £5 was donated to The Cancer Research Fund, and £5 to The Lanarkshire Spastics Association, both of which were most gratefully received.

LEVEN. Secretary, Miss S. Clark, 2 Omar Crescent, Buckhaven.—The Branch has had another successful session.

In October, demonstrations were given by Branch members at Leven Traders' Exhibition.

Both the December and March Dances were well attended, and we had the pleasure of welcoming members from other Branches and Classes in the district.

LOCKERBIE. Secretary, Miss A. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie.—This has been another successful season with a total membership of 61.

The Branch was fortunate in being represented by Mr Henry Rogerson as piper for the team of dancers touring South Africa at the end of the year. The film of this tour was shown by Mr Rogerson to members of the Branch, at the beginning of May, when there was a good audience.

The Annual Highland Ball was held on 29th November—the music on this occasion being supplied by Bobbie Macleod and his Band. Members from many Branches in the South of Scotland and Carlisle attended.

Again during this season the Branch has supplied teams to dance for several local branches of the W.R.I.

To close the season the Annual Spring Dance was held in Dryfesdale Hall on 27th April and was again most successful.

A team was entered for the Dumfriesshire Musical Festival in May and was well placed, the marks being 88%.

LONDON. Secretary, Mr R. S. Ferguson, 6 Claire Court, Shoot-up Hill, London, N.W.2.—What appeared to be a slackening in the postwar boom in Scottish Country Dancing has now levelled out and membership is in fact slightly higher than last year, at 971 including 126 Life Members. Thirteen weekly classes have been particularly well attended, and of the public dances four have employed Bands from Scotland with varying financial, but undoubted social success. Limited members' dances and class socials have been held, on smaller scales.

The highlight among demonstrations has been a visit to France, pictures of which (taken at some unfortunate instants) have appeared in the Scottish press. A piper and 24 dancers flew to Paris and performed there and in Rouen, along with hundreds of other dancers from nine countries.

Miss Milligan has taken Certificate examinations during the year and on one occasion a one-day school was also arranged, at which she taught.

Members passing through or visiting London are welcome to attend our functions and details are given in the Branch Bulletin "The Reel" which can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

LORN (ARGYLL). Secretary, Miss C. McCulloch, 17 Argyll Square, Oban.—The Branch, which was formed in March this year, has a membership of 86 Ordinary Members and 6 Life Members and it is hoped to increase this number when classes commence for the winter session.

Miss Jean C. Milligan honoured us with a visit on the day of our Inaugural Meeting and conducted a very successful class attended by 80 dancers from the Lorn district. This was followed, in the evening, by a Scottish Country Dance at which she was our guest of the evening.

Two Branch teams gave a display at a Festival of Sport at Oban organised by the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation, the Glasgow Games and Sports Committee and the High School Athletic Association. The teams will give further displays in the Autumn.

MANCHESTER. Secretary, Miss J. Johnson, c/o 16 St. John Street, Manchester, 3.—This has been a very successful year for the Branch. The membership increased from 191 to 273 and classes were very enjoyable and showed a handsome profit. Four members

were successful in gaining the Teacher's Certificate and four the Preliminary Test.

The Opening of Season and Christmas Parties were well attended and greatly enjoyed also our Fourth Annual Ball held in February.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Week-end School which we held from 5th-9th April. We were honoured by having Miss Milligan as Principal of the School and the very excellent staff of Mrs Lesslie, Mrs Hutchison and Mr Watson for the Highland Dancing.

On the Saturday evening of the School a dance was held in conjunction with the University Scottish Country Dance Club in the very large hall of the McDougall Centre and nearly 800 people were present. During the evening displays of highland dancing were given by Mr Watson and most enthusiastically received, particularly his inimitable hornpipe.

During the season we received a great many requests for demonstrations, 39 of which were accepted.

On 30th May we held our 21st Annual General Meeting and had a fine cake to celebrate the occasion. This was cut jointly by two of the first members of the Branch, Mrs Dougall and Mr Leitch. We were glad to have a good and prosperous 21st year to celebrate.

MOFFAT. Secretary, Miss E. Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—This Branch is in the happy position of being able to record another successful season, with numbers well maintained. The highlight of the year was a visit from Mrs Lesslie, her first to us, and she gave us a delightful evening which we shall long remember.

Demonstration teams danced for both the Moffat and the Beattock W.R.I.s in the early part of the year. Once again our Annual Ball held in the Town Hall in March was a marked success, our guests of honour being the Vice-Convenor of the Dumfriesshire Education Committee, Major Moffat and Mrs Moffat, Major and Mrs Hope Johnstone of Marchbankwood, and Provost and Mrs F. W. Pringle. Dances attended by members of the Branch include those arranged by neighbouring Branches at Annan, Dumfries, Ecclefechan, Lockerbie and Kirkcudbright.

NETHER LOCHABER. Secretary, Miss Mary Malcolm, Loch Leven Hotel, North Ballachulish, Onich.—After a very strenuous Summer in 1955, during which Senior and Junior Teams gave displays at local functions, and Senior Teams took part in a display at The Lochaber and District Agricultural Show, both classes settled down to an uneventful Session.

Under the efficient teaching of Mrs Clark, the Junior Teams went forward to the Festival at Inverness in June 1955, and to the Fort William Festival in May 1956, at which they got high marks, which was very encouraging.

Late nights were enjoyed by the Branch at Kinlochleven, Glencoe, Fort William and Inverlochy.

Our Branch is again very much indebted to our President Mr Clark for teaching the class.

/ Branch membership still remains low.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. Secretary, Miss D. M. Davison, 37 Park Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3.—1955/56 has been a very active and progressive season. Membership increased from 301 to 381, and, for the first time, we welcomed 28 junior members.

Thirteen weekly classes were held, which this season included a Youth Club to provide continuity between children and adults. All classes have been well attended. Two classes were extended from the previous season to the middle of June 1955.

The Children's Classes have been very popular and numbers increased considerably. The highlight of the season was a dance held in January in the Durant Hall which had an attendance of 130 children who so enjoyed themselves that it is hoped to make this an annual function.

Five preliminary and three Teachers' Certificates were awarded in the examinations held in April 1955.

The Informal Dances have been well attended and much enjoyed, and the Highland Ball was a very pleasant function. The Dance Club, too, had a very successful season with full membership and a full quota of visitors.

Several demonstrations have been given in response to the many requests received, and all seem to have been much appreciated. Six members were chosen to attend the Selection Meeting for the International Team in Edinburgh in February, four of whom were graded into the last 32.

The Scottish Country Dance Festival, arranged in conjunction with the Central Council of Physical Recreation, was held in February in the City Baths Hall. There was an entry of 51 teams from the north eastern counties and many enthusiastic spectators. All joined in the general dancing at the end of the day.

Our thanks are due to all those who have helped to make this such a happy season. To the teachers and pianists who have maintained our enthusiasm; to those who have helped in the organisation of the informal dances, the Highland Ball, the Dance Club, the Demonstrations and the Festival; to the Central Council of Physical Recreation and to the Adjudicators, we record our sincere appreciation.

NEWTON STEWART. Secretary, Miss S. McClelland, 11 Ghyll Crescent, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire.—Membership for the year was 49, including 4 Life Members. This was a slight increase on the previous year.

The weekly class continues to be a source of much enjoyment and to our teacher and pianist we owe a great debt of gratitude.

The Annual Ball held in December was well attended by members and friends from neighbouring Branches, and was voted a success in every way.

We were delighted that one of our members, Miss Sadie McGarva, was invited to join the International Team during their visit to Pretoria.

The children's classes continue with a good attendance and, at the close of the session the children's Ball proved very successful, the children showing a very high standard.

NORWICH. Secretary, Mr R. J. Macmichael, Tudor Hill, Colney Lane, Cringleford, Norwich.—The Branch was formed on February 1st by sixty founder members and no time was lost in organising a series of nine weekly classes running until the end of April. We were particularly fortunate in having the opportunity of entertaining Miss Milligan at one of our early classes and her remarks on how to conduct a Scottish Country Dance Class were pithy and to the point—and we hope she will re-visit Norwich soon in order that we can show her that her advice was accepted.

Dances have been held on April 20th and June 1st and proved so popular that the membership now exceeds 100.

The Branch is nothing if not ambitious and several demonstrations have been given locally, but our biggest undertaking so far is to provide three teams, mixed, ladies and junior, to demonstrate and lead community Scottish Country Dancing for the entire afternoon of Saturday, July 28th, the final day of the 1956 King's Lynn Festival.

The Branch acknowledges its debt to the Instructor, Mr J. B. Johnston, without whose enthusiasm and patience the Branch would never have been formed, and his able assistants, Miss J. H. Preston and Dr J. E. Hilton.

PERTH and PERTHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Catherine A. McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—The membership for the past year was 405 ordinary and 58 Life Members—a decrease over the previous year.

Classes were held. The adult classes were about the usual but the children turned out in strength and an extra class had to be started to cope with the large numbers attending each Saturday morning—making the number of classes up to four.

In the name of the Branch a demonstration was given by the Gowrie Group and one by the St. Johnstoun Dancers at Conferences at Gleneagles Hotel. These were enthusiastically received.

The Musical Festival was again well attended, Miss Milligan acted adjudicator before large audiences on two nights. Miss Kitty McLauchlan was pianist. The St. Johnstoun Dancers won the Society Trophy and teams entered by Life Boy Teams and a Boys' Brigade Company shew that the male element is well in front in Perth.

Mr Clement, on an invitation from Headquarters, visited Holland in December, and taught Scottish Country Dances to the Dutch at a Christmas School of Dancing under the auspices of the Dutch Folk Dance Society—Physical Training Teachers and Youth Club Leaders benefited—language difficulties were soon overcome and enthusiastic classes were the result.

PETERHEAD. Secretary, Mrs J. S. Carnegie, 44 Cairntrodlie, Peterhead.—The Branch has a membership of 82 annual members and 30 Life Members.

This year, two adult classes were held weekly, but unfortunately, numbers had decreased from former years. A very successful class was held during the summer term. The Branch is indebted to its teachers and pianists for their excellent work.

Adult and children's classes were conducted by Branch members in the surrounding district, and by two members serving with H. M. Forces, one in Germany and one in Devon.

At an examination held in Aberdeen in January, with Miss Milligan as examiner, two of our members were successful in obtaining their 2nd Certificate and one member his 1st Certificate.

Branch teams demonstrated at various social functions in town and surrounding districts.

PORTRUSH. Secretary, Mrs A. Borland, 25 Kerr Street, Portrush, N. Ireland.—The Branch reports a satisfactory year, continuing with weekly classes, demonstrations in nearby towns and a number of social evenings.

A slight reduction in attendance at the beginning of the season was offset by a number of new members joining in January.

Instruction is now shared by the first of our own members to qualify as a teacher (Miss J. Wilson).

RENFREWSHIRE WEST. Secretary, Mr J. Taylor, 104 Manor Crescent, Gourock.—The number of members remains about the same, but last year's financial loss was prevented from recurring by reorganising and reducing the number of adult classes to five (four in Greenock and one in Kilmacolm). In addition, the children's class was retained, and proved so popular that it was necessary to form two classes.

Interest in Scottish Country Dancing is still being maintained in the district, as was evidenced by the large number of entries in the Renfrewshire Musical Festival. The appearance of senior boys again in the schools Class was commented upon favourably by the Adjudicator.

A Ball was held in Greenock Town Hall during March, when 230 members had a most enjoyable evening dancing to the music of Bobbie Macleod and his band.

RICHMOND. Secretary, A Murray Stephen, 11 Westfields, Richmond, Yorkshire.—The past year has shown a slight decrease in membership but the happy sociable spirit of the Branch remains very strong.

Classes for those of all ages and experience were again held during the winter months and monthly social dances have been run throughout the year. The Annual Ball continues to draw dancers and spectators to capacity and once more proved an outstanding success. Many demonstrations have been given with much pleasure to the audiences,

particularly at Women's Institutes where they have been quick to join in some dances with us.

The Easter C.C.P.R. Course at Durham was much missed but we were again represented at St. Abbs and St. Andrews.

ROCHDALE. Secretary, Miss I. Waddell, 8 Hopwood Avenue, Heywood, Lancs.—The Branch is now in its fifteenth year. 1955-6 showed increased membership and enthusiastic attendance at all three classes, beginners, intermediate and advanced.

Social functions have flourished—including three successful dances of our own and organised parties to dances in the vicinity.

Several members have attended week-end courses—as last year. Our only candidate for the Teachers Certificate was successful.

SHEFFIELD. Secretary, Mr J. Cook, 38 Hallam Grange Road, Sheffield, 10.—The first year of the Branch's activities has ended with a membership of 72, most of whom were originally new to Scottish Country Dancing. A friendly atmosphere was soon developed and steady progress has been made.

During the season, 22 classes and 4 social evenings were held, and next year, if the problem of finding suitable halls can be overcome, it is hoped that more socials will be held, and possibly, a second class started.

The interest in the Branch has been widespread, and if this is maintained during the next year the Branch should be firmly established.

ST. ANDREWS. Interim Secretary, Mrs T. Lamb, 18 Queens Gardens.—St. Andrews Branch with a membership of 175—including 7 Life Members, enjoyed a very successful year, in two classes under the able and pleasant instruction of Miss Kaye. Our usual St. Andrews Day Dance, held in the Younger Hall, was as enjoyable as always, with music provided by The Olympians Dance Band. The session closed with a very happy Social Evening.

SOUTHPORT. Secretary, Miss N. M. Sutcliffe, 96 Sefton Street, Southport.—The Branch has now completed its tenth season and membership at 105 has reached a new level. We greatly regret the resignation of our very able secretary, Dr C. Robertson-Wilson, who was largely responsible for launching our Branch; and his successor, Mr John Grant; both having left the district. We look forward to another happy and successful season under the very able guidance of Mrs Gudger, our visiting teacher, and with the expert assistance of Miss Peel, our ever-willing pianist.

STIRLINGSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs M. McLaren, Conybrae, Bridge of Allan.—We have 292 members of whom 19 are Life Members. During the season eight classes were held by the Branch, six in Stirling, and two in Bridge of Allan. Our Demonstration Teams, one mixed and one of women, both trained by Miss Jarvis, each gained 1st place in their class at the Central Counties Musical Festival held in Falkirk in May when Miss A. Anderson was the adjudicator. The Annual Ball was held in the Museum Hall when a company of residents from the John Watson Eventide Home were guest spectators. At the end of the season teachers held dances for their own classes.

The Branch donated £10 towards the cost of furnishing the new headquarters at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh. Members visiting the Capital will be most welcome at the new premises which are so conveniently situated at the West End. Our very grateful thanks are due to Mr Ian Adam who has represented the Branch at Headquarters for so many years, his place as representative has been taken by Mr James Proudfoot.

STIRLINGSHIRE EAST. Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.—Our membership now stands at 315, which includes 14 Life Members.

Nine adult classes and four classes for young folk were held during the session. Our usual end-of-term dances were held in Mathieson's Rooms. The Members' Dance held in February is now an established favourite.

Two adult and four children's teams were entered for the Country Dance Section

of the Central Counties Musical Festival, held in Falkirk. One team in the 12-15 years group gained first place. All teams acquitted themselves well.

Demonstrations were given by the teams. The mixed team danced at the Scots Concert sponsored by the Arts and Civic Council in January. To the music of Muirhead's Pipe Band, teams, ladies, mixed and young folk danced in Jetland Park, Grangemouth, in June.

It is good to report that two technique classes held in the Summer Term were very well attended.

STOCKPORT. Secretary, Mr A. Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester, 19.—While our junior classes have been well attended, we would have welcomed a larger measure of support for the other three classes—beginners, intermediate and advanced—and we are still sadly short of members of the sterner sex. The closure of the classes was marked by a successful combined-class gathering, a feature of which was a well-executed demonstration.

Parties were held in October, December and April, all proving highly enjoyable. An additional party in May for the purpose of raising funds for the Church "chair" fund enabled us to have over £13 after another very pleasant evening.

We sincerely regret the resignation on April 14th of Mr F. Robinson, who has served us efficiently and conscientiously in the dual capacity of secretary and treasurer since the inception of the Branch 15 years ago. Fitting tributes were accorded to Mr Robinson by Miss Leitch when she presented him with a tangible token of our esteem and appreciation.

Mrs M. Carruthers has kindly consented to undertake the duties of treasurer. Our grateful appreciation is extended to our teachers and pianists for their invaluable services throughout the session.

STONEHAVEN. Secretary, Mrs E. Mackie, 27 Brickfield Road, Stonehaven.—We have had a very successful year in spite of our low membership—42, and 5 Life Members. Our programme during the winter session has been very active and varied.

The Annual Ball held in May, proved to be one of the best and members from Branches all around spent an enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately, the childrens' classes are falling off owing to counter attractions such as ballet, highland and tap dancing now being started in our district.

TEES-SIDE. Secretary, Mr L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees.—This new Branch formed in September last year has had a most satisfactory season. The membership has risen steadily to its present strength of 121, which is about double the number who attended the Inaugural Meeting.

The classes, arranged weekly at two levels, have an excellent attendance record, so much so that in February we were able to send two teams to the Newcastle Festival where they earned gratifying remarks from the adjudicator. About 70 of our members went along to support the teams.

Monthly Social Dances were also well attended and thoroughly enjoyed, as was the End of Season dance when we had 150 of our members and friends dancing.

Any member of the Society visiting the area will be made most welcome at any of our activities.

WEST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss G. Miller, Carriden Lodge, Bo'ness.—The Branch has had another very successful year, with an increase in Branch membership. We now have 22 Life Members and 138 ordinary members.

Classes were held in Linlithgow, Bathgate, Bo'ness, Blackburn, Armadale, Uphall and Winchburgh. All were well attended during first term but fell off considerably during second term.

A very successful dance was held in Burgh Hall, Linlithgow in October, and another in Whiteside Canteen, Bathgate, in March. Music for both functions was supplied by

members of Bo'ness Amateur Orchestra. A donation of £5 5s. from Bathgate Dance was sent to Trefoil School for physically handicapped children.

This year classes for children were started in Bathgate, Uphall and Winchburgh, and have proved very successful. Two teams from Winchburgh class were entered for Central Musical Festival, held in Falkirk. They acquitted themselves very creditably. Arrangements are well in hand to start other three children's classes next session.

WHITEHEAD. Secretary, Miss M. Chambers, 4 Adelaide Avenue, Whitehead.—Our Branch had another very successful year's dancing. With the good weather we were able to have open-air on the Promenade every Saturday evening from 12th July, to end of August, this created great interest, and, we hope, will encourage new members.

The season ended with the Annual Dance in Ballymena, and a Caledonian Ball in Portrush at which a number of our members were present.

We have 55 dancing members, and one Life Member. A total of 56 in all.

WINCHESTER. Secretary, Mr J. Hunt, Oakhammer, Itchen Abbas, Winchester, Hants.—The Branch had a satisfactory season with a higher average attendance at classes than previously, in spite of a fall in membership. Three social functions were held, including a summer garden dance at the home of the Hon. Secretary, and it was most encouraging that to these dances members and their friends came from all parts of Hampshire. Steps are being taken to stimulate membership, and it is felt that the Branch may look forward with confidence. The keen support which the Branch has received during its first five years clearly shows the value of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in this part of the country.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Secretary, Mrs E. Sherry, 50 Handley Street, Wednesbury, Staffs.—Our membership is still small but enthusiastic.

At the end of January a very successful week-end was held at Lilleshall Hall, in partnership with the Birmingham Branch. Our dancing improved from the instructions given by Mrs Gudger, Miss MacLellan and Miss Thompson. Next November we are hoping to hold another of these enjoyable week-ends.

In June we took part in a Crafts and Hobbies Exhibition in Wolverhampton. Time was limited so we were only able to give three dancing displays, but we had a stand on which we could show the delights of Scottish Country Dancing. We hope that through this Exhibition more people in the district will know that a class exists for Scottish Country Dancing and that we may benefit by having some new members.

Affiliated Groups

Accra Garrison Country Dance Club.—Captain T. JAGGER, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Record Office, Gold Coast Regiment, Accra, Gold Coast Colony.

A.E.R.E. Caledonian Society.—Miss B. SALMAN, Icknield Way House, A.E.R.E. Berkshire.

Allan Dancers, Southend-on-Sea.—Mrs K. JUDKINS, 62 Avenue Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

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

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

Basrah Caledonians.—Mr D. MENZIES, P.O. Box No. 5, Basrah, Iraq.

Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society.—Mr W. S. WILSON, 70 Newbridge Road, Birmingham, 13.

Bournemouth Caledonian Society.—Mr T. P. SAUNDERSON, 2 Grand Avenue Chambers, Grand Avenue, Bournemouth.

Bridlington and District Caledonian Society.—Mr A. B. MITCHELL, 17 Savage Road, Bridlington, Yorks.

Brighton, Hove and District Scottish Association.—Mrs S. HALLIDAY, 18 St. Georges Road, Brighton.

Bristol Caledonian Society.—Mr J. PARKER, F.C.A., 2 Berkeley Square, Bristol 8.

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

Caledonians, The.—Mr J. MCBAIN, 26 Bellevue Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.

Caledonian Society of France.—Mr D. L. BURNS, 47 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris, 2.

Caledonian Society of the Gold Coast.—Miss E. M. MACDOUGALL, P.O. Box 205, Accra, Gold Coast.

Caledonian Society of Hamburg (S.C.D. Section).—Mr G. J. CHARLESTON, The Church of Scotland Centre, Hamburg, B.A.O.R. 3.

Caledonian Society of Lincoln.—Mrs J. C. CHIDGEY, 13 Western Avenue, Lincoln.

Caledonian Society, Madras.—Mr D. NICHOLSON, c/o The General Electric Company of India Ltd., Mount Road, Madras.

Caledonian Society of North Devon.—Mr J. A. SIMPSON, 20 Cross St., Barnstaple, Devon.

Caledonian Society of Sheffield (S.C.D. Class).—Mr P. M. BENZIES, 98 Brents Road, Sheffield, 11.

Cambridge University Strathspey and Reel Club.—Mr N. BOASE, Trinity College, Cambridge.

Cardiff Technical College Students' Union Council, S.C.D. Club.—THE PRINCIPAL The Technical College, Cathays Park, Cardiff.

Carlisle Highland Association.—Mr J. DALGLEISH, 73 Knowe Park Av., Stanwix, Carlisle.

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

Chester St. Andrew Society.—Mrs F. MACIVER, 8 Queens Avenue, Whitby, Ellesmere Port, Chester.

Combined Johannesburg Caledonian Societies.—Mr J. H. McDONALD, 31 Bon Accord House, Harrison Street, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Crosby Caledonian Society.—Mr D. E. PHILLIPS, 23 Elmwood Avenue, Great Crosby, Liverpool, 23.

Dorset Caledonian Society.—Mr R. WALLS, 9 Woodside Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

Dunedin Burns Club.—Mr A. F. LINDSAY, 48 School Street, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.2, New Zealand.

Dunedin Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss L. M. NEILSON, St. Helen's House, 9 Regent Road, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Eastbourne Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs M. C. MILNE, Park View Hotel, Wilmington Gardens, Eastbourne.

East London Caledonian Society's Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs E. D. NIMMO, "Langside," Abbotsford, East London, South Africa.

Entebbe Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mrs B. KIRWAN, Nsamisi Training Centre, P.O. Box No. 92, Entebbe, Uganda.

Epsom and District Caledonian Association.—Mr E. F. MILNE, 39 West Drive, Cheam, Surrey.

Featherston Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr D. Robertson, R.D. 1, Featherston, New Zealand.

First St. Andrew's Scottish Cultural Group, The.—Mrs A. H. MIDDLETON, 175 Albert Street, London, Ontario, Canada.

Gaelic Society Dance Class, The.—Mrs J. MCGREGOR, 150 Homewood Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Gambia Caledonian Society, The.—Mrs M. I. FORREST, c/o The Education Department, Bathurst, Gambia, West Africa.

Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr C. McLEAN, 1130 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Harrogate St. Andrew's Society.—Mr D. BOGLE, 18 Horlow Moor Drive, Harrogate.

Hastings Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr J. SETON, 309 South Willowpark Road, Hastings, New Zealand.

Hayling Island Scottish Country Dance Circle.—Mrs B. SPARKES, Landfall, Sandy Point, Hayling Island, Hampshire.

Hereford Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr H. D. JAMES, 245 Ross Road, Hereford.

Hertfordshire Highland Games Society.—Mr A. MACRAE, 47 Selvage Lane, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

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

Huddersfield St. Andrews Society.—Mrs J. ANNAS, 22 Cleveland Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, Yorks.

Hutt Valley Scottish Society.—Mr A. E. MILNE, Dundarg, 98 Cambridge Terrace, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

Kowloon Reel Club.—Mrs I. CHAMBERLAIN, 4 Heathfield, Dunbar Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Larkhill Garrison Officers' Club.—THE SECRETARY, L.G. Officers' Club, c/o School of Artillery, Larkhill, Wilts.

Leamington and Warwick Caledonian Society.—Mr W. J. INGLIS, 2 Avondale Road, Leamington, Spa.

Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club, The.—Mr J. BURTON, 7 North Park Road, Bradford 9.

Leeds University Scottish Country Dance Society.—THE HON. SECRETARY, University Union, University Road, Leeds, 2.

Lusaka Scottish Country Dance Club.—THE SECRETARY, Lusaka S.C.D. Club, c/o Road Traffic Commissioner's Office, P.O. Box 208, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

Lymm Country Dance Club.—Mr W. D. KIRKPATRICK, 3 Crouchly Lane, Lymm, Cheshire.

Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Class.—Miss G. NIXON, Camley Cottage, 1 Camley Gardens, Maidenhead, Berks.

Malvern Scots Club.—Mrs M. GENT, 194 West Malvern Road, West Malvern, Worcs.

Mansfield Highland and Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr J. STEVENSON, 10 Stacey Road, Mansfield, Notts.

Manx Folk Dance Society, The.—Miss C. M. GRIFFITHS, 7 Belgravia Road, Onchan, Isle of Man.

Market Harborough Scottish Country Dancing Society, The.—Miss J. S. STEWART, 6 Glebe Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Moor Allerton Memorial Hall Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr W. S. CROCKET, 12 Moorland Crescent, Leeds, 17.

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

Nelson Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss K. L. SHAW, 44A Shelbourne Street, Nelson, New Zealand.

Newtonstewart Scottish Country Dancing Society.—Miss F. LYONS, Riversdale, Newtonstewart, Co. Tyrone.

Nottingham Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss E. CANT, 75 Ella Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham.

Nuneaton and District Scottish Society.—Dr D. W. HENDRY, The Grange, Leicester Road, Nuneaton, Worcs.

Parkdale Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss B. McCORMACK, 9 Homewood Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Paton & Baldwins Reel Club.—Miss M. GOLDSBROUGH, Paton & Baldwins Ltd., Personnel Department, Darlington, Co. Durham.

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

Port Elizabeth Scottish Association Country Dance Club.—Miss C. PHILP, 88 Hudson Street, Newton Park, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss J. MALLOCH, 30 Southsea Terrace, Southsea, Hants.

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

Reel and Strathspey Club of San Francisco, The.—Mrs A. HARRIS, 635 Forty-first Avenue, San Francisco, 21, California, U.S.A.

Richmond Caledonian Society.—Mr J. T. SMALL, 232 Beechcroft Rd., London, S.W. 17.

Romford Scottish Association, The.—Mr J. T. STRACHAN, 20 Carlisle Road, Romford, Essex.

Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (Highland Dancing Society).—THE SECRETARY, Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

Rugby Scottish Society.—Mrs R. W. T. COLEMAN, 18 Vicarage Road, Rugby.

Salisbury Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss M. CANT, 9-14th Avenue, Mabelreign, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Scarborough Caledonian Society.—Mr S. MCINTOSH, 24 West Street, Scarborough.

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

Scottish Country Dance Association of East Africa.—Mr F. G. HUTTON, P.O. Box 10986, Nairobi, Kenya.

Scottish Country Dance Club of Sandakan.—Mr T. PRENTICE, c/o Harrison & Crosfield Ltd., Sandakan, North Borneo.

Scottish Country Dance Group of Philadelphia.—Miss E. CRICHTON, 23 Andrews Avenue, Glenolden, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Scottish Dance Party, The.—Mrs M. ROBERTS, 24 Holmfield Avenue, Manchester, 9.

Scottish Association for Wallington, Carshalton and District, The.—Miss G. D. INGLIS, 43 Blenheim Gardens, Wallington, Surrey.

Scottish Country Dance Class, Kuwait.—Mrs K. DUVALL, Kuwait Oil Co. Ltd., Ahmadi, Kuwait, Persian Gulf.

Scottish Country Dance Club of the Khartoum Caledonian Society.—Mr T. LEACH, P.O. Box 293, Khartoum, Sudan.

Scottish Country Dance Group, North Johannesburg Caledonian Society.—Mr J. DRIVER, 40 Fifth Avenue, Parktown North, Johannesburg.

Scottish Country Dance Society of British Columbia.—Mrs C. FALKNER, 233 W. 6th Street, North, Vancouver, B.C.

Scottish Reel and Country Dancing (Selangor) Society.—THE HON. SECRETARY, P.O. Box 702, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

Scottish Reel and Strathspey Foundation Group.—Mr G. A. ROBERTSON, 20 Teneriffe Drive, Teneriffe N.I., Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Scots Society of St. Andrew, Bedford.—Mr. J. H. GOODWIN, 14 Cornwall Road, Bedford.

Scots Society of St. Andrew, Norwich.—Mr A. M. SWAN, 41 Catton Grove Road, Norwich.

Scots Society of St. Andrew, Slough.—Miss M. McDONALD, 103 Salt Hillway, Slough.

Scottish Country Dance Group of Montreal.—Mr M. WOLSTENCROFT, 5845 Monkland Avenue, 3, Montreal, Canada.

Shropshire Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dance Circle.—Dr P. BEATTON, Stoneleigh, Dawley, Shropshire.

Southampton Scottish Association.—Mrs A. YEOMAN, 237A Vale Drive, Midanbury, Southampton.

Southampton University Scottish Country Dance Association.—THE SECRETARY, Students Union, The University, Southampton.

South East Essex Scottish Society Reel Club.—Mrs D. ROLPH, 110 Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

South of Manchester Folk Dance Centre.—Mr H. R. BALDREY, 505 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, 21.

St. Andrews Country Dancing Society, Workington.—Mr A. Shearlaw, 74 Harrington Road, Workington, Cumberland.

St. Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society, Calcutta.—Mr S. GOLD, c/o Messrs Bird & Co. Ltd., (Mills Department), Chartered Bank Buildings, Calcutta.

St Andrew Scottish Country Dance Class, Portsmouth.—Mr A. MUNRO, Canmohr, Grant Road, Farlington, Portsmouth.

St. Andrew's Scottish Dancing Society, Reading.—Mr G. BROWN, 163 King's Road, Reading.

St. Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society, Swansea.—Mr T. R. LLEWELLYN, 23 King's Road, Mumbles, Swansea.

St. Andrew's Society of Otago.—Miss E. WILSON, 828 Cumberland Street, Dunedin, New Zealand.

St. Andrew's Society of Masterton.—THE SECRETARY, St. Andrew's Society of Masterton, New Zealand.

St. Andrew's Society of Bradford Scottish Country Dancing Group.—Mr I. R. LAMBIE, 6 Chatsworth Road, Thornbury, Bradford.

Stourbridge and District Scottish Society.—Mrs G. TOOBY, Arley, 29 Meriden Avenue, Wollaston, Stourbridge.

Student Council of the Instituto Chileno Britanico De Cultura.—Mr K. SCOTT, Miraflores-y-Monjitas, Santiago de Chile, South America.

Stratford-on-Avon Caledonian Society.—Mrs E. M. SOMERVILLE, 97 Albany Road, Stratford-on-Avon.

Singapore St. Andrew's Society.—Mr J. L. PATTISON, c/o The Singapore Traction Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 841, Mackenzie Road, Singapore.

Teddington and District Caledonian Society.—Mrs J. FULLER, 12 Greytiles, Queens Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

Tees-Side Caledonian Society.—Mr D. L. NICHOLSON, 44 Albany Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

Toronto Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr L. KILNER, 35 Errington Avenue, Toronto 7, Ontario, Canada.

Torquay and District Scottish Society.—Mrs E. PORRITT, Riversdale, Kent's Road, Torquay, Devon.

Victoria Police Highland Pipe Band.—Mr C. H. ANDERSON, Police Headquarters, Russell Street, Melbourne, C1, Victoria, Australia.

Wallaceville Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr B. C. HEAD, 8 Moa Street, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

Wellington and District Caledonian Society.—Mr W. F. GRAY, 125 Wrekin Drive, Donnington, Wellington, Salop.

Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Districts Association of Scottish Country Dance Clubs.—Mr J. SEATON, 309 South Willowpark Road, Hastings, New Zealand.

Wellington Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs A. SWINTON, 52 Rex Street, Miramar, Wellington, E.4., New Zealand.

Westbury Scottish Club.—Mr E. LUCAS, 36 Cote Lea Park, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

West Kirby Officers' Mess Scottish Country Dance Circle.—P.M.C. Officers' Mess, R.A.F. West Kirby, Cheshire.

Whangarei Scottish Society (Inc.).—Mr. E. ARCUS, P.O. Box 273, Whangarei, New Zealand.

Yarrabrae Scottish Country Dance Class, Melbourne.—Miss C. COULL, 3 Burnley Street, North Richmond, E.1, Melbourne, Australia.

York Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss A. GAIRNS, Old Rectory House, Chapter House Street, York.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 26th November 1955

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 26th November 1955, at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Edinburgh.

PRESENT. The President, The Duke of Atholl, Miss J. C. Milligan, Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 600 members of whom 113 were delegates.

Before the meeting commenced the President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS. The President remarked that the Society could now be compared to an ancient tree standing firmly with its roots deep in Scottish soil; its branches with their luxuriant foliage spreading outwards and upwards to the sky. But what was most remarkable was the number of thriving seedlings from the parent tree which were springing up all over the world represented by those affiliated clubs—more than 50 in number, in North and South America, throughout Africa, in Australia and New Zealand, in the Middle East and Asia as far as Hongkong. What a great thing it was for those isolated groups of Scots all over the world on Colonial Service and Military Service to be able to form a Scottish Country Dance Club and so find relief from the great difficulties and responsibilities which beset them in the world of today.

It was now difficult to realise that the idea of forming our Society had started quite accidentally over thirty years ago when a little band of Guide Commissioners headed by our Vice-President, Mrs Stewart, at a conference in Perthshire, had conceived the idea of writing a book of Scottish national dances for the use of Scottish Girl Guides. Unlike the "Folk" dances of many other countries, Scottish Country Dances were truly national in the sense that they were danced by Scots in every walk of life and also because they were half Highland and half Lowland in origin; a hybrid dance, which like the Atholl hybrid larch tree, thrived better than any other in Scotland.

The President then read messages of good wishes to the meeting from Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch, and a cable from the Demonstration Team in South Africa. It was agreed to send a message of goodwill to Mrs Stewart from the meeting.

MINUTES. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th October, 1954, having been circulated in the *Bulletin*, were approved and signed.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT. The adoption of the Annual Report circulated in the *Bulletin*, was proposed by Mr Ferguson, London, seconded by Mrs Sandison, East Surrey West Kent, and approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS. The audited accounts, also circulated in the *Bulletin*, were presented by Mr Hardie, Convener of the Finance Committee.

Referring to the Revenue Account, Mr Hardie pointed out that there had been a fall in subscription income but the number of affiliated groups and societies had risen. The Summer and Autumn Schools had been successful and income from royalties, including the sale of gramophone records, had been well maintained.

After meeting current expenditure, provision had been made for the cost of reprinting publications, for the Society's share of the cost of a film for theatrical distribution, and

for the new Headquarters, leaving a balance of £527 1s. 11d. to be transferred to the Capital Account.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Hardie referred to the Society's Headquarters at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, which had been purchased during the year at a cost of £4,130 10s. The cost of alterations, decorations and equipment had been incurred since the end of the financial year, and would be shown in next year's accounts.

Investments at 30th June, stood at £7,875, -£3,000 higher than in the previous year. The sums placed to reserve for publications and films had been invested.

Mr MacLeod, Glasgow, proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr Adam, Stirlingshire; the meeting agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR. The confirmation of the re-appointment of the Auditor, Mr Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Hyslop, Lyle and MacKinnon, Ayr, was moved by Mr Lindsay Stewart, Edinburgh, and seconded by Mr Baillie, N.W. Ayrshire. The meeting approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS. Miss Milligan proposed the appointment of the Duke of Atholl as President, and the Countess of Elgin, the Countess of Galloway, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch, the Duke of Hamilton, Vice-Admiral the Mackintosh of Mackintosh, as Honorary Vice Presidents. Mrs Lesslie seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. One nomination was received for the office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman; Mrs Lesslie was therefore elected as Chairman and Miss Milligan as Vice-Chairman.

SIX ELECTED MEMBERS. The following were elected by vote:—Miss F. Adams (Glasgow), Miss A. Anderson (Edinburgh), Miss L. Browne (Aberdeen), Mrs G. Caithness (St. Andrews), Mr M. McLeay (Inverness), Mr C. Sharpe (Dundee).

RESOLUTION FROM ABERDEEN BRANCH. At this point the President explained to members that because of his failing eyesight and hearing, he was handing the direction of the meeting over to Miss Milligan.

RESOLUTION:—

“That the annual subscription be increased to 7s. 6d. and that local Branches be allowed to retain 2s. to help with the increased costs in the running of a Branch, in place of the 6d. at present allowed.”

Miss Cumming moved the resolution from Aberdeen Branch which was seconded by Miss Mowat, Aberdeen.

Mr Davison, Berwick-on-Tweed, moved an amendment—“That with effect from this date the annual subscription be increased to 7s. 6d., the Life Membership fee of £3 3s. be increased to £4 4s. 6d., other Life Membership subscriptions increased accordingly, and that local Branches be allowed to retain 2s. to help with the increased costs in the running of a Branch, in place of the 6d. at present allowed”,—to the effect that in considering the increase of ordinary subscriptions, the Life Membership subscriptions should be increased proportionately and from this date. Mr Lindsay Stewart, Edinburgh, seconded the amendment.

Mr Gilmour, Ayr, moved a direct negative to the amendment which was approved by the Aberdeen delegates. This was seconded by Dr Robertson Wilson, Southport.

On a vote by show of hands the direct negative was carried—the *status quo* being maintained.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1956. It was announced by the President that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Dundee Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Dundee on 26th October, 1956.

VOTE OF THANKS. Mr Sharpe, Dundee, proposed a vote of thanks to the President and Chairman for conducting the meeting, and to Edinburgh Branch for their generous hospitality throughout the Autumn School week-end.

The South African Tour

How it came about. The tour began in the fertile imagination of Dr S. H. Pellissier, Chairman of the National Council for Folk Songs and Dances of South Africa when he was in Europe in 1952 as leader of a group of Folk Dancers; and his dynamic spirit never rested until difficulties surmounted, doubts removed, and the bulk of the finance secured, teams from seven European nations left on their flight to take part in the Centenary Celebrations of Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa and thereafter to make a grand tour of the Union to show South Africans something of their grass roots, something of the characteristics expressed through the universal language of dance, of the peoples who had sent their nationals to the building up of that great country over the 300 years of her history.

It was far more therefore than a tour, it was a mission.

The journey out. On November 4th, 1955, the Scottish and English teams sharing a plane, rose through the fog and winged their way south over the fields of France and over seas, desert and jungle to South Africa; 6,000 miles of changing panorama, bringing us into touch with several new worlds, with vivid contrasts in climate and habits and the modern and the archaic jostling each other at each change of scene; and so we came to Johannesburg and a tumultuous welcome.

Pretoria. Preparatory to the celebrations we toured Pretoria. It was hard to realise that 100 years ago lions roamed where now there was the spaciousness, colour and charm of a city resting amidst ranges of hills.

At the first performance at Loftus Stadium, the European group was swamped by 3,000 South African folk dancers, women in billowing dresses of various hues and poke bonnets and the men in pantaloons and embroidered vests marching under floodlights to form a huge pattern of petals in tribute to Pretoria "the city of flowers."

We said farewell to Pretoria in a memorable last performance before 50,000 people in oppressive heat under a coal black sky with thunder and lightning for effects. A breath-taking scene with the blue and white of our flag of St. Andrew fluttering in the evening breeze, the tartan stoles bright against the dresses, red shoes peeping in and out, and the pipes skirling. That night Scotland had the honour of making the farewell speech to the vast throng.

The Grand Tour. We set out in our dormitory train, later affectionately known as Noah's Ark, for a 5,000 miles tour of the Union. A mission it was indeed to prove; with 19 major displays and 10 informal, 40 or more official breakfasts, receptions and visits to places of interest, and broadcasts galore. Hospitality was generous and abundant. Along the way we were showered with flower sprays for men and women, chocolates, biscuits, cigarettes, bananas and pineapples for all; alas, however, later in the journey, the diamonds and gold and elephant tusks of our high hopes, did not materialise!

Pietermaritzburg is another vague memory, with mist shrouding the verdant hills, but the warm welcome of the Scots and their pleasure at learning throughout a wet afternoon the mysteries of Book 18, made up for an evening performance "in the glaur".

By the valley of the thousand hills we reached Durban, seaport and holiday resort, set on the edge of the Indian Ocean; the skyscrapers on the beach and the white walls and red roofs of the houses on the ridge behind the town remindful of Florida.

The local newspaper said of the civic reception "that the tartans of the MacDonalids and the Stewarts blended with the brilliant shawls from the low countries and the clatter of the Dutch clogs."

We flew from a social dance through torrential rain and entrained for the high veldt of the Orange Free State. At various stops at wayside stations there were hurried displays,

food and drink pressed on unwilling stomachs and the inevitable Scots who had travelled for miles just to shake our hands.

A rich and smiling land; Kronstadt and its Afrikander Cattle, and yet another braai-vleis on the banks of the River Vals. On to Bloemfontein, our arrival like a roman triumph through an expectant city, lively even at 7.30 a.m. with towns folk and children going to school; and thence to the sheep country of the Karoo at Middelburg—low houses, straight streets set in tired looking gardens, and unclouded sky, heat that left us breathless and dust everywhere, with that precious life-giving fluid, water, being wrested from deep-seated wells.

Down to the refreshing sea breezes at Port Elizabeth—"the windiest place on earth" as one local described it, with a great crowd at the station. Rain later marred the presentation, but not the enthusiasm of an 8,000 crowd for the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Monymusk and the dance which grew in popularity through the tour, the Mixed Foursome. The beauty of the Scots lassies has everywhere drawn as much admiration as the dances; "stealers of hearts" was one of the many delightful tributes to their grace and charm.

At dawn on the 21st November, blue grey mountains greeted our eyes as we skirted the foothills to Oudtshoorn, a township lying in a fertile valley; this was the South Africa of our dreams.

Still bluer mountains brought us to George on the Garden Route along the coast from the Cape to Durban, 1,000 miles of beauty with great rollers thundering on golden sands or beating against rocky headlands.

The performance took place in a natural "amfitheater" carved out of the hillside, before an amazingly large audience white and coloured, and school children who had travelled hundreds of miles by train. "A glorious spectacle of colour and rhythm" was next day's description, "nothing could have been more exquisite than the dancing of the Scottish team; the beautiful foot and toe work and their springing steps like ballet causing little shivers and murmurs of delight to run through the audience".

More small stations and waiting throngs appeared as we neared Cape Town, and later marched through a startled city to breakfast and warm words of welcome.

As a prelude, we were treated to a scenic drive into Cape Peninsula, under the towering crags of the Twelve Apostles and past sleepy little towns hiding in sandy coves in one of which the Scots danced a sequence for a film and later shared in an impromptu display in the gardens of Kirstenbosch to the delight of people who had never before seen a Scottish reel.

That evening a biting Southeaster swept the city: a cold first performance when the 8,000 strong audience must have envied the lassies their warm tartan cloaks.

The following night brought perfect conditions; an immense gathering under starlit skies and a roar of "Up Scotland" at the first skirl of the pipes—Duke of Atholl, Earl of Erroll and Bonnie Anne drew loud applause, but even more welcome were the whispered congratulations from the crowd as they left the Stadium. We left on November 26th. for Stellenbosch which has all the serenity and charm of St. Andrews but nothing of its austerity. We had a wonderful setting that evening, with a full moon picking out the Drakenstein Range deep blue against the clear sky, for all the world like a scene at Braemar.

The next afternoon saw us back in our dormitory train, by now the only stable thing in our existence. Dawn broke on the Karoo, an immense plateau with the now familiar ring of Kopjes on the horizon; a place of windmills sucking up the underground water but for which there would be a waste of desert.

We visited a sheep farm of 20,000 acres near De Aar and learned with astonishment that it takes two and a half acres to sustain one sheep. People had been praying for rain

for years; that evening it came in torrents, filling the streets; from that moment we were hailed everywhere as the "rain-bringers"!

November 29th brought us to Kimberley where we saw £170,000 worth of uncut diamonds, under watchful eyes; and visited "The Big Hole" where the first lucky strike was made in 1870. The first light through the lattice blinds found the train at the gold mining area of Potchefstroom: into protective clothing and down to the face through heat and dripping water and clinging mud; the disappointment of unromantic black rock recompensed later by a glimpse of molten gold pouring from huge crucibles and sparking high into the air as it flowed into the moulds.

A vivid contrast was Johannesburg, a great commercial city, gathered round ugly cyanide dumps, the refuse of the gold mines upon which its prosperity was built.

While there, we were treated to a demonstration of Zulu dances. 300 half naked men of magnificent build in a solid mass, worked into a frenzy to the beat of drums, rhythmic chanting and the stamping of feet.

At the civic reception the tour was described as a triumphant procession which had interested thousands of spectators and hundreds of thousands more through the radio: the news coverage had been extraordinary.

We approached the Kruger National Park the following day and after a night of rest in camp we strained our eyes in the dawn light for a sight of the wild animals roaming in natural surroundings. In two hours we had counted seventeen different species. An open air meal round huge bonfires with the night air scented by exotic flowering trees closed a momentous day.

Our last performance was given at Nelspruit on the Crocodile River, where Glasgow Scots were gathered in proud support. The announcer in heralding our entry that evening said, "And now, Scotland, which has a particular place in our hearts".

We left the Jan Smuts Airport at Jo'burg to the plaudits and songs and not a few tears of well wishers, for the flight homewards: a mission accomplished which has enhanced the reputation of Scotland and her people, but sorry to leave such a great, beautiful and generous country.

"Thanks", said the letter from the Secretary of State for the Commonwealth, "for the excellent impression made by the team from Scotland, for the skill of their performances and for all they did to strengthen the ties of friendship between the United Kingdom and the Union of South Africa". We are grateful for that tribute but, closer to our hearts is the message from South African Scots which reached us by telegram on the tarmac at Johannesburg. "Thanks for the memory, nothing quite like it has ever before been seen in South Africa".

These sentiments were enshrined in a poem composed by the Pipe Major of the Caledonian Society of Pretoria as he sat watching us out on the platform at Loftus Stadium.

They danced as only they can dance
Wha's een hae seen the heathered hills;
They danced as only they can dance
Wha learnt their art frae Hielan' rills.

Is Scotland feenished? Ach, man, see
That pride o' race, that deil-may-care;
What thocht inspires, save Scotlan' free,
Thae twinklin' feet that dance on air?

Summer School - A First Year

THIS is being written on the last day of the Summer School and that fact makes it all very difficult. Things and events are still too close to be in their true perspective so that it is not easy to muster them as they should be mustered.

Coming to St. Andrews for the first time to a Royal Scottish Country Dance Society School, it is impossible not to be a bit apprehensive—not so much from the normal doubts of a “new boy” so much as from a fear of being disappointed. Everyone has heard such wonderful accounts of the Summer Schools of former years that it is hard to escape the feeling that the colours have been laid on with a trowel that has been just too generous, and that there must be disappointment waiting for the person who arrives with his expectations set too high.

Any doubts are sheer nonsense, however—*experto crede!* The welcome on arrival at the Hall was a foretaste of what was to come, for there was nothing over-hearty about it; but at the same time there was nothing cold and chilly. Rather was there a feeling, right from the start, that one had been accepted as a member of the family—a distant cousin, perhaps—and the greetings had all the warmth of a family reunion. The atmosphere, too, was entirely one of friendliness, and that on a delightful down-to-earth plane. This was a splendid witness to the spirit of the whole place, for it springs directly from the fact (which quite a few people appreciated here for the first time) that we are sharers of a great and, above all, a *living* tradition such as few, if any, other nations possess in this age of canned music and potted entertainment. And it was impossible not to compare the completely natural atmosphere with that prevailing in many gatherings of a similar nature in South Britain, where a self-conscious boisterousness marks the assembly of the high-browed and arty-crafty enthusiasts who worship at the altars of revivals.

It is unfair to mention names, for all Miss Milligan's staff worked so hard and showed us so much that we have, perhaps, never before seen in the appreciation of our national heritage of dance. The tutorial classes of the morning (and how very stiff our legs and ankles were for the first week!), the miscellany of evening classes, and the after-supper dances in University Hall, each had its own individual character, and each brought something new to the life of the School.

The demonstrations at the University Hall dances were a revelation to many of us who had never before seen dancing of a style or of a standard to compare with it. Speaking on a personal note, as a Scot of twenty-five years exile—I shall not soon forget the loveliness of my first glimpse of The Rose of Benbecula. This was a dream of beauty such as I had never believed possible in “ordinary” life, and belonged to a world quite apart from the twentieth century. It was, too, something of a shock at breakfast on the following morning to realise that the pretty—but not so very unusually pretty—girls sitting on the other side of the table were those same radiant beauties of the night before. So does the dance effect transfiguration!

The Highland dancing gave a glimpse of the Scottish tradition outwith the country dance, and it was interesting to contrast the two, equally authentic, styles of Mr Watson, flamboyant and elaborate, and of Mr Johnstone, clean, neat and of a perfection that just lifted the heart.

Above all and through all was felt the spirit of Miss Milligan. Miss Milligan taking a class that filled the Younger Hall—completely assured and eagle-eyed to spot mistakes. Miss Milligan examining the certificate candidates, and gently encouraging the faint-hearted. Miss Milligan watching her occasionally over-boisterous family at the evening dances—pulling down her upper lip and passing her hand across her face in an attempt

to look severe, but *quite* unable to keep her eyes from laughing. Miss Milligan at St. Regulus party. Miss Milligan at, in and of every one of the thousand-and-one activities that composed the life of the School—in every single one showing a different mood, and in every one managing by some miracle to express her guidance and her pleasure.

And so to today and the farewells. It has been curious to note the tone of the good-byes. There has been no note of Adieu, rather there has been a constant feeling of a short absence and of a quick re-meeting. “’Bye, now. See you next year!”

And so ends another Summer School. One Carping comment—and only very slightly carping. Dear Miss Milligan—if only you realised how very much your hundreds of nephews and nieces love and admire you, perhaps you wouldn’t discourage them from taking your photograph to take home with them for an affectionate remembrance! Well, perhaps you wouldn’t discourage us *quite* so actively!

News from Overseas

It is felt that members like to know what is happening to Scottish Country Dance Groups overseas, and towards this end notes are taken from correspondence received during the year at Headquarters.

A most interesting week was spent during the Christmas holidays in **Holland** by Mr Clement of Perth Branch who is the official piper to the Demonstration teams. Approximately 90 Dutch School teachers, Youth Club Leaders and Students attended a course in Dutch, French and Scottish dancing, the latter being taught by Mr Clement. A warm letter of appreciation was received and it was obvious that the course had been a huge success.

From **Tangier** we heard of a keen group made up of four Swiss boys, a Greek girl, two French women, three Americans and a few British people who are enjoying our dances and gramophone records. Despite the intense heat members contrived to dance, and new ones joined almost every week. A business firm in **Port Said** has formed a class which is keen and interested in learning more and more of the dances.

One of our Affiliated Groups in **Kuwait** (Persian Gulf) sends a most interesting account of the season’s dancing there in spite of the weather being warm and humid. After six years membership, many of the dancers have become more experienced and enjoy increasing their repertoire. Appreciation of the Society’s instruction books come from a group of “exiled Scots” in **Narrabundah, Canberra**. This group are very keen to form a club where the standard of dancing will be good. In **Limbu, Nyasaland**, a group of 40-50 meet each week to enjoy Scottish Country Dancing.

In **Genoa** the chaplain in charge of the British Sailors’ Rest is keenly interested in Scottish Country Dancing and teaches the simpler dances to the sailors of several nationalities.

HIRE OF FILMS

Branches may hire films made for the Society (Rakes of Glasgow; River Cree; Mrs McLeod of Raasay) free of charge, for showing to members, but application must be made through the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. Particulars of films and loop films may be obtained from the Scottish Film Council, 16-17 Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, C.3.

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL, 1957

All members must apply to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, by 31st January 1957, for Summer School application forms, which will be sent out in March. The approximate dates of the School are 22nd July to 19th August. Non-Residents must apply as well as Residents.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

TO THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Annual Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5/-
Life Membership Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£3, 3/- or
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Those who have paid their annual subscription for ten years may become Life Members on payment of £1, 10/-.

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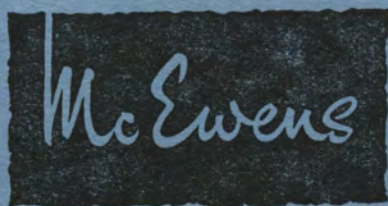
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BALANCE SHEET and RELATIVE ACCOUNTS

as at 30th June 1956.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
1	£12,401 11	1	£12,401 11
2	0	2	0
3	244 2 11	3	244 2 11
4	0	4	0
5	0	5	0
6	0	6	0
7	0	7	0
8	0	8	0
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1955		LIABILITIES		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
£14,657	Balance as at 1st July 1955	£14,657	6	9
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year		744	4 4
				£15,401 11 1
1,253	SUMMER SCHOOL, 1956—FEES PAID IN ADVANCE			3,631 5 0
380	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES			544 2 11
1,200	RESERVE FOR REPRINTING PUBLICATIONS			1,600 0 0
625	RESERVE FOR PRODUCTION OF FILMS			875 0 0
—	STAFF PENSION FUND			350 0 0
—	GENERAL RESERVE FUND			750 0 0

£18,115

£23,151 19 0

23 BARNES STREET, AYR, 5th September 1956.—I have audited the books and accounts have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief are correct. The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, which are in agreement with the explanations given to me, a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year

1954-55	To ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
	Staff Salaries	£1,222	18	7
	Travelling Expenses and Cost of Committee Meetings	290	11	0
	Printing and Stationery	322	18	9
	Postages and Telephone	124	7	9
	Audit Fee	21	11	0
	Office Accommodation	341	9	1
	Miscellaneous Expenses	44	0	0
£1,952				£2,367 16 2
481	„ BULLETIN			544 2 0
412	„ EXAMINATION EXPENSES			225 6 4
3,739	„ SUMMER AND AUTUMN SCHOOLS			4,300 17 2
40	„ GRANTS			20 0 0
403	„ EXPENSES OF DEMONSTRATION TEAMS			171 15 8
50	„ HONORARIUM			—
554	„ SUBSCRIPTION COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS			422 18 4
32	„ AMOUNT WRITTEN OFF			
	Furniture and Equipment	£188	15	9
	Headquarters	502	2	1
				690 17 10
	„ BALANCE BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE CARRIED DOWN			2,494 4 4
				<u>£11,237 17 10</u>
400	„ RESERVE FOR REPLACEMENT OF PUBLICATIONS			£400 0 0
500	„ RESERVE FOR FILM PRODUCTIONS			250 0 0
500	„ ALLOCATION TO HEADQUARTERS FUND			—
—	„ ALLOCATION TO PENSIONS FUND			350 0 0
—	„ GENERAL RESERVE FUND			750 0 0
527	„ BALANCE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET			744 4 4
£9,590				<u>£2,494 4 4</u>

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for the Year

£4,534	To STOCK IN HAND AT 1ST JULY 1955	£4,339	0	0
1,008	„ PURCHASES	1,272	6	1
679	„ SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT	1,376	11	8
£6,221		£6,987	17	9

NET as at 30th JUNE 1956

1955		ASSETS		
	HEADQUARTERS			
£4,130	12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh	£5,502	2 1	
	Less: Amount written off	502	2 1	
				£5,000 0 0
	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			
	As valued at 30th June 1955	£286	2 6	
	Additions	502	13 3	
		£788	15 9	
286	Less: Amount written off	188	15 9	
				600 0 0
4,339	MUSIC, BOOKS AND LEAFLETS			
	At cost as certified by Treasurer			4,360 0 0
7,875	INVESTMENTS AT COST			
	2½% Defence Bonds	£500	0 0	
	3% Defence Bonds	1,000	0 0	
	4% Defence Bonds	500	0 0	
	National Savings Certificates	375	0 0	
	Post Office Savings Bank	1,000	0 0	
	Dunfermline Building Society	1,875	0 0	
	Edinburgh Trustee Savings Bank	2,000	0 0	
	British Linen Bank Savings Account	1,500	0 0	
				8,750 0 0
204	SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE			371 5 11
1,281	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND			
	In British Linen Bank Current Account	£4,026	1 6	
	In Hands of Secretary and Treasurer	44	11 7	
				4,070 13 1
				<u>£23,151 19 0</u>
<u>£18,115</u>				

accounts of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1956, and
 e and belief were necessary for the purposes of my audit.
 with the books of account, give in my opinion and to the best of my information and according
 airs as at 30th June 1956.
 (Sgd.) NORMAN MACKINNON, C.A., Auditor.

the YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1956

1954-55				
	BY SUBSCRIPTIONS			
	Received from Branches	£3,558	1 6	
	Paid Direct	253	10 0	
£3,546				£3,811 11 6
91	„ AFFILIATION FEES			109 4 2
5	„ DONATIONS FOR DEMONSTRATION TEAM			—
	„ FEES FROM STUDENTS			
	Summer and Autumn Schools	£4,670	1 0	
	Examinations	185	0 0	
4,397				4,855 1 0
181	„ INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS			210 3 8
	„ ROYALTIES			
	Books 1-5 and Pocket Edition 1-3, etc.	£180	14 0	
	Broadcasting Fees	35	2 2	
692	Gramophone	659	9 8	
				875 5 10
678	„ SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS			1,376 11 8
				<u>£11,237 17 10</u>
	„ BALANCE CARRIED DOWN			£2,494 4 4
<u>£9,590</u>				<u>£2,494 4 4</u>

for the YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1956

£1,328	BY SALES	£2,204	19 5
554	„ SUBSCRIPTION COPIES (AT COST)	422	18 4
4,339	„ STOCK IN HAND AT 30TH JUNE 1956	4,360	0 0
<u>£6,221</u>		<u>£6,987</u>	<u>17 9</u>

ESTIMATE of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1957

INCOME

Subscriptions	£3,550
Affiliation Fees	100
Royalties	800
Investment Income	150
FEES:	
Schools and Courses	4,500
Examinations	150
Surplus on Sale of Publications	1,000
	£10,250

EXPENDITURE

Staff Salaries	£1,345
Cost of Meetings and Travelling Expenses	275
Printing and Stationery	250
Postages and Telephone	150
OFFICE ACCOMMODATION:	
Rates and Feu Duty	£85
Caretaker's Wages	80
Light and Heat, etc.	170
	335
Audit Fee	21
Insurance	35
Miscellaneous Expenses	49
	£2,460
Bulletin	750
Examination Expenses	250
Summer and Autumn Schools	4,500
Expenses of Demonstration Teams Abroad	500
Grants	50
Honorarium	—
Subscription Copies of Publications	600
	£9,110
RESERVES:	
For Reprinting Publications	400
Pensions Fund	350
General Reserve	250
Surplus to meet Contingencies	140
	£10,250



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