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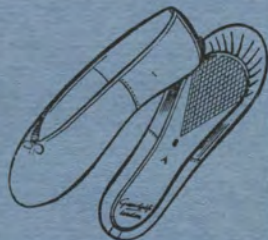
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Annual Report

1963 marks another milestone in the history of the Society in that forty years have elapsed since it was formed in 1923. The reports in this *Bulletin* from all over the United Kingdom and from many different parts of the world must be very rewarding to the Society's co-founders, Mrs Stewart and Miss Milligan, and to the many hundreds who have helped over the years to build up an independent and flourishing Society.

It is natural and pleasant on any birthday to look back at the steps that have led to progress. It seems trite but it is true to state that it is even more essential to realise the present in order to plan for the future.

In looking back, the Society has achieved one of its main objectives—the collection of a treasure store of Scottish dances which are now a living part of Scottish national life. In assessing the success of development, recognition must be given to the fact that Scottish dances have appealed to all ages. In looking to the future, we must ensure that our dances continue to be practised by the young. It is fortunate that our Founders impressed on our educators that Scotland should keep its distinctive and recognisable dance traditions and that such fundamental material should be used in Schools. As a result, it can be claimed that Scottish dancing has an important part in the programme of most Scottish Schools and this is, of course, very important for our Society.

We are perhaps not so fortunate in all our Branches in maintaining interest in the boys and girls who leave school at fifteen. Much has already been written about "the gap" between school and adult life, the period when for one reason or another, many young people lose interest in what they have practised and enjoyed at school.

For adolescents rhythm is the powerful incentive—the publicity given to the Twist with its explosive pulsation can provide an outlet and we have to recognise its appeal, but we also know that it lacks in communal expression what Scottish traditional dancing possesses.

If we are therefore to attract the young in large numbers to their heritage, we must be sensitive to their needs. To many of them, our dances may seem straight lines, four square and even straight laced.

We must convince them that these are only the frames within which the rhythm of lively steps can be satisfying and exciting. Without lowering our standards, which maintain our traditions, we must encourage the free and individual expression of rhythm.

We have seen young people at Festivals, National and International Camps and on television screens show their enjoyment of Scottish Country Dances. Through our publicity and our teaching we must ensure that we are continuing to attract a satisfactory percentage of the young population.

Annual General Meeting and Autumn School.—The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting was held in Edinburgh on 10th November 1962. The Edinburgh Branch are to be congratulated on their excellent arrangements and hospitality and the Executive Council takes this opportunity of recording its appreciation. As usual a Ball was held on Friday evening and an Informal Dance on Saturday night. Before the Annual General Meeting, the representatives of the Executive Council were entertained to lunch and afterwards to tea. Mrs Lesslie conducted a class on Saturday morning and after the Annual General Meeting, Miss Milligan's class was filled to capacity.

Membership.—The Society now has 91 Branches, 215 Affiliated Groups. During the year two new Branches have been formed, Winnipeg and Deep River, Ontario. The total membership of the Society is approximately 18,640.

Subscription Copy.—The subscription copy for 1963-64 is Book 22, a collection of twelve dances composed on traditional lines. The Publication Committee made the selection from over 140 dances submitted by members from different parts of the world. The initial work of collecting was done by Mr Cruickshank, Edinburgh Branch and the arrangements were completed by Miss Milligan who prepared and edited the music for publication.

The Executive Council thanks all those who in any way contributed to the new book. The copyright of all the dances and music arrangements has been given to the Society by the members concerned.

Examinations.—During the year examinations have been held in the following Branches: Aberdeen, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Forres, Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, London, Lorn (Argyll), Manchester, Newcastle, Renfrewshire West, Rochdale and Tees-side.

Examinations were also held in Kilmarnock (Ayrshire Education Authority), Craiglockhart R.C. Training College, Edinburgh; Dunfermline College of Physical Education, Aberdeen, Ilkley College of Housecraft; Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow; Moray House Training College, Edinburgh; Notre Dame R.C. Training College, Glasgow; Scottish School of Physical Education, Glasgow and the Summer School, St Andrews.

In the Preliminary Test, there were 365 passes and 36 failures. In the Teacher's Certificate there were 147 passes and 18 failures.

Summer School.—The Summer School at St Andrews from 29th July till 26th August was again fully booked. Members from the British Isles were joined by those from Aden, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Kenya, New Zealand, South Africa and the U.S.A.

The Executive Council thanks Miss Milligan most sincerely for her hard work during the month and the teachers and pianists who contributed to the success of the School.

Branch Reports

ABERDEEN. Secretary, Miss A. O. Cumming, 19 Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen.—Throughout the season 4 Adult and 4 Children's Classes met weekly. The Committee would like to thank all Teachers and Pianists who worked so hard to make a success of these classes.

At a class for Full Teachers' Certificate, very ably taught by Miss Yeats, 7 of the 8 candidates presented were successful.

A very pleasant Ball was held in Northern Hotel on Thursday, 1st November, and for the first time for several years it left a slight credit balance.

At the 1963 S.C.D. Festival in Aberdeen the Branch was represented by 9 Teams from the Childrens' R.S.C.D.S. Classes. At the Edinburgh Music Festival in May the Juniper Green Cup was once again won by a teen-age team from the Aberdeen Young People's Class of R.S.C.D.S.

As usual the Society has been asked to provide teams of dancers to perform in Union Terrace Gardens on Wednesdays, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June 1963.

The Scottish Country Dance Club completed its twelfth year. We were glad to have so many visitors who came back regularly throughout the session and hope that this trend continues.

Once again Miss Margaret Anderson adjudicated the S.C.D. Competition open to members of city Youth Clubs at which Middlefield Youth Club was the winner.

The Aberdeen Branch is eagerly looking forward to welcome members to the Autumn School in Aberdeen on 1st and 2nd November 1963.

AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs Catherine Hook, 42 McKenna Drive, Airdrie.—Despite concern, attendance at our Adult Class was beyond expectations last year and numbers were well maintained to the end of the session. Two Class Dances were held and proved very popular but our Annual Dance held in February was not so well attended for some unknown reason. The Juvenile Classes were reduced by one, leaving one in Airdrie and one in Coatbridge. These, however, were well supported, and a team acquitted themselves very successfully at the local Festival. The Children's Class Display was once again very successful and showed a profit.

ARBROATH. Secretary, Mr George G. Sinclair, 5 Waverley Terrace, Arbroath.—All the centres at Arbroath, Brechin, Montrose and Kirriemuir had most successful classes although the membership is slightly lower than last year.

Annual Balls were held by all centres, and many visitors from neighbouring branches and centres were made welcome. In October a Demonstration Team from the Arbroath Centre entertained a group of American students at "The Burn," Edzell. The students were very enthusiastic about Scottish Country Dancing and everyone agreed it was a most

enjoyable evening. Members from Arbroath and Montrose supported the Autumn School run by Dundee Branch in February. Miss Milligan was the adjudicator at the Arbroath Musical Festival in May 1963 and although the entries were lower than in former years the standard was good and all appreciated her advice and criticism.

AUCHTERARDER. Secretary, Mr Ian L. G. Garrie, Larchfield, Auchterarder, Perthshire.—The past session saw an increase in membership which now totals 6 Life Members and 35 Ordinary making a total of 41. Despite an unusually severe winter which might have been expected to restrict attendances the Classes were attended exceptionally well and a pleasant atmosphere prevailed.

On the opening night, a novel feature was provided in the showing of the film "Scotland Dances" before a good attendance of members and friends.

Miss C. R. Duff was again Class teacher and proved a keen and capable instructress while Mrs J. R. McFarlane and Mr Allan Kindness provided the music.

During the season two parties were held and much enjoyed. The Annual Dance held in the Aytoun Hall again proved a great success due in no small measure to Ian Powrie and his Band.

AYR. Secretary, Miss J. Galloway, Pearl Cottage, Monkton, Ayrshire.—Branch Membership now stands at 264, including 40 Life Members. The Branch had its usual busy and enjoyable season, offering its customary Adult and Children's Classes. A Certificate Class was also held under the auspices of the local Further Education Authority. In the Autumn our annual Weekend Course saw the welcome return to Ayr of Miss Milligan and to many of our members was an introduction to Miss Margaret Anderson of Aberdeen. The Branch is indebted to these two ladies for their clarity of instruction and diversity of dances taught. The Weekend Course was the occasion of a pleasant little ceremony when Miss Milligan, on behalf of the Branch, handed over a gift to Miss K. M. Wilson, our past President, as a token of our members' esteem. Socially, the Branch enjoyed dances in Ayr, Prestwick and Troon, our three main centres, and these were all well attended, the organisation being a tribute to our hard working Committee. At the Ayrshire Music Festival the Branch was well represented by the Ladies' Team and the Children's Teams. The Ladies' Team was again in demand for demonstrations and their activities culminated in a successful visit to the Edinburgh Music Festival in May. The year has seen some unexpected changes in the Branch. At the beginning of the season, the Branch Committee accepted with regret Miss Grace MacArthur's resignation as Team Coach. Then in May, owing to business commitments, Miss Jean Matheson intimated her resignation as Branch Secretary. At the Branch A.G.M., retiring Chairman, Mrs Margaret Parker, paid tribute to the outstanding service rendered by each of these ladies in the interests of the Branch.

AYRSHIRE, East. Secretary, Mrs M. R. Wood, 1 Elizabeth Crescent, Cumnock.—Our membership is still rather small, and we have recently lost one of our members to "foreign parts." Mrs Clanachan has gone to New Zealand, and although we miss her greatly, we wish her all happiness and success in her new home.

We have enjoyed our evenings once a month, our enthusiasm and enjoyment have not lessened with our numbers, but we are hopeful of an increase in our membership in the new session.

AYRSHIRE, North-West. Secretary, Mrs N. Dunlop, Bradda, Fairlie.—In spite of a drop in the membership and a slight reduction in the number of social functions, 1962-63 was, as far as enjoyment was concerned, a good year. The Christmas Ball was held again in the Marine Hotel, Largs and the Easter Dance in Castlecraigs, Ardrossan. At both, we were joined by dancers from other areas whom we were delighted to welcome. At the Easter Dance, we danced to the music of John Johnstone and his band—and we found the journey the band made from Tranent well worth while. "Our own" Newlands' Band played at the Christmas Ball and to the great regret of everyone Mr Newlands announced that he would shortly be handing over the leadership of the band as he was leaving the district. However we were lucky to have Mr Newlands on the platform at all our other dances including a dance in aid of the Ardrossan Old People's Welfare Fund in May at which we formally said "good-bye."

Our Adult Class, instructed by Mr Aitkenhead, had a most successful session and our Adult Teams, Mixed and Ladies, danced to the great credit of the Branch and their

instructors, Mr Aitkenhead and Mr Baillie, at the Renfrewshire, Ayrshire and Edinburgh Festivals.

Our Children's Classes carried on as usual and sent teams to the Ayrshire Festival. At Christmas time we ran a Children's Ball and a Teen-age Ball, both of which proved popular. The end-of-session displays showed the amount of hard work all the teachers had given to the Classes and the enthusiasm they had transmitted to their pupils.

At the end of the season we heard that Mr Aitkenhead had received the honour of being sent to Southern Rhodesia to train 250 dancers for a tour of South Africa. In N.W. Ayrshire we know how competent he is to undertake such a task but none the less we feel reflected pride that he was chosen.

BANFFSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs J. Anderson, Grant Street, Banff.—The usual Winter Classes were held in Banff, Buckie, Cullen, Macduff, Portessie and Portsoy but we regretfully report a slight decrease in the number of members.

Successful Children's Classes are being run in several centres.

The Banffshire Festival has stimulated interest in most of our country schools, an interest we hope our young competitors will retain after leaving school.

Social evenings have been run by the various Classes throughout the county, the highlight of these Social functions being our Annual Rally at Buckie.

BATH. Secretary, Mr R. C. Lidstone, Little Barn, Limpley, Stoke, Nr. Bath, Som.—The past year has unfortunately been most disappointing, particularly financially. The very severe weather experienced in the West Country hit both the Annual Ball and the Family Dance to such an extent that the latter had to be cancelled.

Three Classes were again held throughout the year and many members braved the elements to attend.

Thirteen members of the Bath Branch attended a most enjoyable Week-end Course at Dillington House under the auspices of the Somerset County Council and taken by Mr John Armstrong.

BELFAST. Secretary, Miss Kitty Lawlor, 14 Windsor Avenue, Belfast, 9.—The Branch has had a successful year, with membership maintained at about 350, with 12 Life Members. Four weekly and three fortnightly Classes, as well as Classes at Ballymena, Bangor and Helen's Bay, were held, and were all well supported. The Committee is at present making plans to include two additional Classes in the coming season.

The Week-end School at Portrush, in October, had an attendance of nearly forty, and Mr Bill Little as the Teacher did much towards making it a success. The Branch was invited on several occasions to send Teams to demonstrate at social and charitable functions, the highlight being at the Plaza Ballroom in January when Teams demonstrated to the music of Massed Pipe Bands of the Northern Ireland Pipe Bands Association. Class parties were, as usual, popular; larger Dances were well attended at Ballymena, Bangor, Helen's Bay and Downpatrick, and the Annual Ball at Conway House Hotel in January was attended by over two hundred members.

At the Annual General Meeting in April the resignations of the Chairman, Mr J. A. E. Hill, the Honorary Treasurer, Miss P. Copeland and the Honorary Secretary Mr P. I. M. Fergusson, were accepted with much regret. Mr Fergusson had held office and been a member of Committee for thirteen years, as well as being a teacher of the Branch. The new Chairman is Miss H. Hall, J.P., and the Honorary Treasurer Mr J. Strange. The Branch is fortunate that Miss L. Kane has again allowed her name to go forward as Branch Representative to the Executive Council of the Society.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED. Secretary, Miss F. D. Thomson, 25 Ord Drive, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—During the past session membership totalled 65 adults, 15 teenagers and 42 children. A new venture was a teen-ager's Class, which was a great success. The Classes were well attended until January, when Arctic conditions severely affected the attendances.

In November we were delighted to welcome Miss Milligan, and as on previous occasions it was a most enjoyable evening.

Our Annual Ball was held in February and we held our usual New Year Party. In spite of bad road conditions both functions were well attended. In April the Children's Class held an "Open Night" in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Our A.G.M. and Branch Party concluded our activities for the season.

BIRMINGHAM. Secretary, Mr Peter J. Smith, 34 Wroxall Road, Solihull, Warwicks.—Membership continues to increase steadily and now stands at 318 including 39 Life Members.

The year has followed its usual pattern with both Social functions and the newly established Classes being well attended. The Week-end School at Lilleshall arranged with the Wolverhampton Branch in November gave dancers in the area their first acquaintance with Mr Alastair Aitkenhead, but not we hope their last. The Fifth Annual Non-Competitive Festival gave a record number of dancers and spectators the opportunity of hearing and dancing to Andrew Rankine and his Band; an opportunity which was made the most of by all present.

On the more academic side four members of the Branch obtained the Society's Teaching Certificate and three the Preliminary Test during an evening when no fewer than twelve candidates, six for each part, were examined by Miss Milligan, whom we were most happy to welcome to our midst once more. One of the candidates travelled from South Wales and four others from Newcastle-under-Lyme, to join our own members for the examinations. A further success in the Teaching Certificate was achieved by another of our members at the Summer School at St Andrews.

Our thanks are due, as always, to our Teachers and pianists who give their time so willingly to their tasks, and if you doubt me you are always welcome to drop in on us any time you are around the area to see for yourself how much we enjoy our dancing here.

BOSTON. Secretary, Miss Peggy O'Connor, 70 Jamaica Road, Brookline, Mass., U.S.A.—Our membership is now 112, a slight decrease, as many out-of-town people now have their own branches and groups to join. Class attendance was up, however, with an average of more than 40 each Monday night. Special Classes for Beginners and Advanced Dancers were held every other Monday in a second hall; on remaining Mondays all danced together. Next year we will have the second hall each week to facilitate teaching. Mrs Marianne Taylor has been the principal teacher, with six other certificated teachers assisting with second hall Classes, among them Miss Julia Fraser, who was with us a year before returning to England. Miss Jeanetta McColl, a certificated Highland Dance teacher who recently came to the States, has been teaching basic Highland dance to some of the men as part of our programme.

Dance Circles and Parties have been held during the year. By vote of the membership, a long-due amendment was added to our Bye-Laws, making our Founder and Director, Miss Jeannie R. B. Carmichael, a permanent voting member of the Executive Committee of the Branch.

Our 1962 Pinewoods Camp Week-end was a great success, with a capacity attendance of almost 140, and teachers from Scotland, Canada and the States. Miss Carmichael was Director, Cornell Taylor the Chairman. We are now looking forward to our Tenth Annual Pinewoods Week-end, to be held 19-22 July, Mrs Julie Smith, Chairman. At least five similar Week-ends have sprung up in the States and in Canada since Miss Carmichael began this camp ten years ago, a good commentary on the growth of Scottish Country Dance on this continent.

Our Demonstration Group has met for extra practices at least once monthly, and we have averaged more than two demonstrations a month during the year. The climax of our season came at the Boston Arts Festival, when we presented a two-hour programme of Scottish music and dance, featuring guests Bobby Watson and the Clan Sutherland Highlanders Pipe Band. The programme was planned entirely by our Society, and was acclaimed as one of the finest of the four-week Festival.

BRISTOL. Secretary, Mr G. B. Bates, 75 Falcondale Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.—The first full year has been one of steady progress, membership having reached nearly 150. Three Graded Classes have been well supported throughout the year and a Children's Class was started. Indications are that even better support for Classes will be forthcoming next season and it is likely that a Demonstration Group will be formed.

A two Day Course with instruction by Mrs Wadsworth held in February was well attended. The first day was of a general nature and the second day designed for teachers and prospective teachers. A similar Course is planned for next season at the same time.

The proceeds from Jumble Sales, Bring and Buy Sales, dances and other activities assured the branch of a credit balance at the end of the season. Our thanks are due to the branch teachers and pianists, and all those who helped to achieve this result.

The highlight of the season was our first Anniversary Ball, which was held in April, when we were privileged to have Miss Milligan as our guest of honour. Other guests included the Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol, Mrs Wadsworth from Edinburgh and the chairmen and presidents of nearby branches and groups with their ladies. Music was provided by Jimmy Blair's band from Glasgow. The event was most successful and plans are well ahead for the second anniversary ball.

A most successful informal dance which attracted nearly 100 dancers concluded the season early in July.

CAPE TOWN. Secretary, Miss J. Martin, 17 Irene Court, Irene Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town.—The Branch has been very active during the year and we are pleased to report that we have been greatly encouraged by the record number of new members who have joined. This is largely due to the enthusiasm and energy of our teachers, to whom we are most grateful, and which enables us to run a Beginners' and a General Class each week.

A number of functions were held, one of which was a Ball run in conjunction with the Cape Town Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dance Section and the Bergvliet Scottish Country Dance Club in aid of the Cape Town Highlanders' Kilt Fund.

One of the most enthusiastic and rewarding events of the year was our Annual Children's Party, which was held in August and was attended by approximately 120 children, who wasted no time in getting on to the floor and obviously thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our Annual Ball was held in November and was well supported by members of the other clubs in the Peninsula.

We have been approached from time to time by the various Seniors' Clubs for teams to entertain their members at social evenings and on each occasion the demonstrations have been greatly appreciated by a most enthusiastic audience. A number of our members went along to a nearby school for deaf Coloured and Native children to entertain them with demonstrations of Scottish country dances, after which the children joined in some of the dances, and the expressions of delight on the faces of the young participants and their enthusiastic friends on the sidelines was adequate reward for an evening well spent. On another occasion we visited the Social Club of the Institute for the Deaf and, here again, after demonstrating various dances, invited our audience to join in with us.

CARLISLE and BORDER. Secretary, Miss Rosemary I. Lattimer, 211 Brampton Road, Carlisle.—During the 1962/63 season the membership of the Branch decreased slightly to 76 Members and 13 Life Members. Shortly after the commencement of the season our teacher was taken ill and we are extremely grateful to Mr Andrew Manwell who so nobly stepped into the breach and taught the General Class for us until the end of the season. We feel that it was thanks to his great enthusiasm and energy that teams from the Branch were so successful in the Carlisle and Castle Douglas Musical Festivals. Our thanks are due, too, to Miss Brander who took over the teaching of the Advanced Class, run this year for the first time through the Carlisle Education Committee, and to Miss K. Rooney whose teams from the Children's Class did extremely well in the Carlisle Musical Festival. Mention should be made also of our pianists, Mrs Dickson and Mrs Wilson, both of whom have added so much to our enjoyment of the classes and social dancing during the season. We are indeed fortunate to have two such excellent pianists.

Socially, this has been another very successful season. Both the Highland Ball and the Week-end School were particularly enjoyable and it gave us a great deal of pleasure to welcome once again our friends from other Branches and Societies, some of whom travelled quite a long distance to be with us. Mrs Wadsworth of Edinburgh was again the teacher at the Week-end School and her excellent tuition was greatly appreciated by all who attended it.

A new venture next season will be a Residential Week-end School at Dalston Hall, near Carlisle, from 17th to 19th April, 1964, to which we hope to welcome dancers from other places as well as our own members.

Once again we could have wished that the Branch Classes and social functions had been better supported by our own members during the season but we hope that there will be an improvement in this respect next season.

CARNOUSTIE. Secretary, Miss B. G. McCrae, 46 Burnside Street, Carnoustie, Angus.—The Branch has had a satisfactory year but membership remains the same. The Adult Class though small has been very enjoyable.

Our Annual Dance held in December was a happy occasion and we were glad to welcome members from branches in the district. Our Branch was represented at dances held by other branches and centres during the year.

We again held a Juvenile Class and the children attending were most enthusiastic.

CASTLE DOUGLAS. Secretary, Miss C. E. Greggan, 9 Greenhall Road, Bridge-of-Dee, Castle Douglas.—The membership of the Branch during the 1962/63 session was 81 Ordinary Members and 5 Life Members. The attendance throughout the session was fairly good, but it was evident that the very severe winter had its effect on Class meetings. Nevertheless, the teachers continued to stimulate interest and the Classes were much enjoyed. Branch Teams competed most successfully in the Galloway and the Dumfriesshire Festivals, and demonstrations were also given throughout the year.

Junior Link Classes were again conducted, with a membership of 36 at the commencement of the session.

Acknowledgement is again made to the Stewartry Education Authority for the free use of excellent accommodation in Castle Douglas Primary School for both the Adult and and Junior Link Classes.

CHELTHENHAM. Secretary, Mr W. B. Parker, 2 Lansdown Lodge Drive, Cheltenham.—This has been in many respects a most successful season. Although some of our old members did not renew their subscriptions we were pleased to welcome a number of new people. Our total membership stands at 174 Ordinary Members, giving a net gain of 5 over the previous year and added to this we have 13 Life Members. We started the season with four Senior Classes, Beginners, Elementary, Intermediate and Intermediate/Advanced and by way of an experiment we started a Steps and Technique Class. This proved to be most successful. The Children's Class was again very well attended.

We held five informal dances and one large dance which were all well attended. Our Week-end School with Mr Bill Ireland was again a most enjoyable and successful occasion.

The highlight of the season was without doubt the first visit to our Branch of Miss Milligan. Everyone was delighted to meet her and listen to her interesting and entertaining talk and we were all very pleased that she was able to do some teaching.

Our Demonstration Team has been out and about performing at eight different functions in and around the town.

We would like to end with expressing our thanks to all those of you from other Societies who came to Cheltenham to support our functions. We do hope we will see you again this year.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs J. O. Thomson, 25 Ann Street, Tillicoultry.—Classes were held as usual in Alloa, Dollar and Tillicoultry and the end-of-term parties held by each Class were greatly enjoyed. The Branch Dance was held in Devonvale Hall, Tillicoultry and the proceeds were handed over to the Association of Mentally Handicapped Children.

DEEP RIVER, Ontario. Secretary, Miss Mary Bridge, Staff Hotel, Deep River, Ontario, Canada.—A new Branch of the Society has been formed in Deep River.

DERBY. Secretary, Mrs Dorothy Dixon, Lindon House, 152 Shardlow Road, Alvaston, Derby.—In spite of the fall in membership last season, which we think was due to bad weather conditions and illness, our group is still very keen and enthusiastic, and we have a steady Children's Class. The Class is to have a new look this year for a trial period, with step practice during the first half of the evening followed by a social hour. Demonstration Teams are also to be trained.

As our last Ceilidh was such a success, we are holding another one on September 27th at the Central Hall, Derby.

We are arranging a series of dances on the outskirts of Derby to try to promote enthusiasm and interest.

Our annual Birthday and Christmas parties were a great success, and were attended by visitors from other branches.

DUMFRIES. Secretary, Mrs Margaret Dickson, 5 Franklin Place, Troqueer Road, Dumfries.—This year has been another very successful one. Membership 204 and Life Members 4. Although the membership has dropped very slightly the Classes have been very well attended.

Both Adult and Junior Link Teams excelled themselves in the various musical festivals and the Demonstration Teams have been kept busy this session.

In July a Team from the Branch will be travelling to Bocholt, Germany to demonstrate at the 50th Anniversary of the Bocholt Folk Dance Group.

DUNBARTONSHIRE, West. Secretary, Mr Thos. Savage, "White Lodge," Craigendoran, Helensburgh.—We again report a very successful year with our membership standing at 184 Members.

During the year we ran a Couples Class and a General Class. We could not hold a Certificate Class owing to lack of numbers, but we were pleased to note that 2 of our members gained their Full Certificate and one of our members her Preliminary Certificate at other Branch Classes.

Dances throughout the year were held at Cardross, Clynder, Jamestown, Helensburgh and Rhu. Our Annual Ball in November, 1962, was an outstanding success, the music being provided by Jimmy Blair and His Band.

This year we ran a Charity Dance in Aid of the Mentally Handicapped Children's Fund for the Building Fund at the Stewart House, Cove. We also held a Junior Dance, a Teen & Twenty Dance and a Couples Dance, all of which were greatly enjoyed by enthusiastic dancers.

DUNDEE. Secretary, Miss Dorothy H. Nicoll, 13 Crombie Terrace, Craigiebank, Dundee.—Membership now stands at 245 Ordinary Members and 150 Life Members—a further drop since last year. Only a General Class was held during the winter. This was well attended and much enjoyed—despite the weather. A Summer Term Class was also very successful.

Social Evenings in October, November and May were well attended and greatly enjoyed and at the Annual Ball in March we were happy to welcome members from neighbouring branches.

Two innovations—a Coffee Morning in November and a Week-end School in February were very well supported. Miss Milligan taught three Classes; Mr Clement a Class in Highland Steps for use in the ballroom and Mr Mechan a Class in Technique. The success of this venture is reflected in the fact that we hope to run another week-end in February, 1964.

Numerous demonstrations were given and an Adult Team, entered for Arbroath Festival, took first place in their Class.

DUNFERMLINE. Secretary, Miss I. Wright, 48 Buffie's Brae, Dunfermline.—The continuing drop in numbers has given the Branch grave cause for concern, the numbers having fallen to—12 Life Members and 148 Ordinary Members.

This has been partly attributed to the withdrawal of hall facilities in the centre of the town, the alternative premises obtained being too far from the town centre. Another matter for concern has been the increased charges for hall rents which has had an adverse effect on finances. We were unable to hold a Teenagers Class during the season and despite the combining of the Advanced and Demonstration Classes, after New Year we had to bring the Intermediate Class within this General Standard Class. The Beginners' and Children's Classes were held as usual. Despite continuing difficulties in regard to hall accommodation, it is hoped to continue the usual Classes next session and also to resume the Teenagers Class.

The Demonstration Group has been kept busy during the session, and a Concert held in December in aid of the Cancer Campaign realised a figure of £94 and kept the Group busy in rehearsal until December. Since New Year numerous demonstrations have been given and at the end of July a Team goes to Brittany to take part in a Festival of Folk-dancing, etc. under the direction of Mr J. Rennie, the Branch Piper.

Teams were entered at Perth, Edinburgh and Aberdeen Festivals. At Perth the Branch were again successful in gaining the premier awards and were also placed second at the other Festivals.

Whilst the Christmas Dance was not so well attended, the Closing Ball held in the Music Pavilion, Pittencrieff Park again attracted many dancers, including representatives from various branches—Balloch, Edinburgh, Perth and other districts.

DUNS and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss M. A. Rae, Penrhyl, St Abbs, Eyemouth, Berwickshire.—139 Ordinary Members and 14 Life Members.

The fall in this year's membership was no doubt due to the extremely bad weather conditions which caused the cancellation or postponement of so many of our social gatherings. The visit of a Team from Edinburgh to our Annual Ball in Duns was most welcome—our only regret being that fewer members than usual could share the enjoyment. A very happy dance in Earlston in late April made up for our winter losses.

Once again our May Week-end was very well attended. Having the dances in Duns proved quite welcome and the added attendance justified the change.

Classes during the winter went on more or less as usual although some nights the numbers were a bit scarce. In the more remote areas the enforced holidays were quite unwelcome. It is with regret we say farewell to Mrs Elder as a Class Teacher but we hope she will visit us often during the session 1963/64.

EAST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss J. J. Storie, "Altmont", 2 Station Road, Haddington.—The membership of the Branch has been well maintained.

Dances were held throughout the County and, despite very bad weather conditions, were well attended. The Annual Ball was a very successful function.

As usual, a Class and Dance was arranged for November. The Class was again taken by Mrs Lesslie and was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

EAST SURREY, WEST KENT. Secretary, Miss Joan M. Harmer, 20 Godstone Mount, Downs Court Road, Purley, Surrey.—The Branch membership has shown a considerable increase this year. Classes in connection with the Branch are held in Beckenham, Croydon, New Malden, Norwood, Reigate, Sanderstead and West Wickham. Three Branch Dances have been held this year at one of which we were very fortunate in having Andrew Rankine and His Band to play for us. The Hogmanay Dance was organised by the West Wickham Country Dance Club and in spite of the very severe weather was quite well attended.

Unfortunately the Non-competitive Festival that the Branch hoped to organise in Croydon at the end of June had to be abandoned through lack of support, possibly because the date was too late. Mixed and Ladies Teams were again entered for the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival, the Mixed Team winning the Rose Bowl and the Ladies Team coming second in their class.

EDINBURGH. Secretary, Mr Alex. Falconer, 11 Sydney Terrace, Edinburgh, 7.—Membership showed a slight improvement this year, and the usual range of graded Classes were well attended. Over eighty demonstrations were given during the year, and again pride of place must go to the Holyrood Forecourt show when our dancers had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh by the new Branch Chairman, Mr W. R. Brooks. At this demonstration the first public performance of the new dance "Holyrood House" was given in this most appropriate of settings. Six broadcasts of "The Kilt is My Delight" were given in which Branch Teams took part. The scope of the programme was widened by the use of two Teams in most of the shows.

A Branch Team took part in the International Folk Dance Festival in the Isle of Man, and another Team represented Scotland in "British Week" in Munich and also visited other parts of Bavaria.

"An Edinburgh Fancy—1962" was presented during the International Festival, and achieved a great success. Plans are well advanced for the tenth annual production during August.

The Branch Social functions were again successful and it is hoped to extend them still further in the coming year. The functions which gave all of us most pleasure were those held in November in connection with the Society's Annual General Meeting. It was a delight to be able to welcome so many friends from other branches. The two Classes were outstandingly successful with Miss Milligan and Mrs Lesslie teaching, as only they know how, to very large gatherings.

This year has seen several changes in the leadership of the Branch. Two of our most experienced and widely-known teachers have left our ranks. Mrs Florence Lesslie will be settling in New Zealand later this year, and Mrs Wadsworth (Winnie Richardson) will be taking up residence in Kircudbrightshire. Both of these ladies have made outstanding contributions to Branch life over a long period, and the Society also has benefited from their interest. They both carry with them the best wishes of the Branch in their new

spheres of interest. Mr J. B. C. Brown retired from the office of Branch Chairman at our A.G.M. in May, having completed his three-year term. Mr Brown has served with great distinction during this time, and has also represented Edinburgh on the Executive Council. The Branch are grateful to him for his devoted service.

ELGIN. Secretary, Mr Crawford Herald, Craigmhor, Mayne Road, Elgin.—It is somewhat disappointing to have to report that there has been a further decrease in the membership of the Branch for the year just ended which is partially accounted for by the prolonged severe winter experienced during the session. Despite this the year was very successful and the Branch finished in a strong position financially. The monthly social evenings were well supported by Branch members and by Branches and Classes from the surrounding districts. The session was concluded by an enjoyable dance held in the new Town Hall, Elgin, which was very well attended, the dance being the first Scottish Country Dance to be held there. The music at the dance was provided by Ian Powrie and his Band.

FORFAR. Secretary, Mrs D. W. Bruce, 125 Glenclova Terrace, Forfar.—Membership shows a slight decrease from last year, nevertheless the two Adult Classes have been well attended and greatly enjoyed. One Children's Class was held during the year.

Monthly Socials have proved popular throughout the year and we have been pleased to welcome visitors to these functions. The Annual Ball in February and a Summer Dance in September were successful. The Branch received a record number of invitations to functions run by neighbouring branches and clubs. Our members made every effort to have the Branch represented at these dances and repay the encouragement given so generously to us when a storm to end storms blocked all roads home from our Dance in February.

Miss Ina Nairn has completed 25 years of teaching in Forfar and she was presented with a small gift to mark the occasion at our A.G.M. in May.

FORRES. Secretary, Miss M. M. Ross, Morven, Castle Street, Forres.—The year 1962/63 was disappointing as regards membership, our numbers having dropped to 60 odd, including a few new members. In spite of this it was a successful year socially and a Rally held in September was very well attended by enthusiasts from the surrounding district, as were our Christmas and Closing Social functions.

This winter a Children's Class was started and was found to be a very successful venture. Over forty children joined the Class and in spite of the dreadful winter the attendance was never below 24.

This year, for the first time in the history of the Forres Branch, it is proposed to run a Teachers Class for the Preliminary Certificate during the Summer, and it is hoped that all our candidates will be successful.

FORT WILLIAM. Secretary, Miss Joan M. Henderson, 86 Kilmallie Road, Caol, Fort William.—Membership dropped so low that we were forced to discontinue Classes. Despite this disappointment the Branch continued to be very active. In March Miss Milligan kindly held an afternoon Class with a view to reviving interest in S.C.D. This Class was well attended both by Branch members from the surrounding district and also dancers from the classes who are not members of the Society and it proved so successful that we are looking forward with optimism to next session.

The Branch entered a Mixed Team and Ladies' Team at the Locherbie Festival of Music and Dancing at which Miss Milligan adjudicated.

A very enjoyable dance was held—mainly to entertain a member of the Hague-Delft S.C.D. Group but this was well supported by a group of English students holidaying in the town.

An enthusiastic group of Folk Dancers from America, very anxious to learn S.C.D., joined members at a very pleasant Social Evening, when they in turn demonstrated Norwegian Folk Dancing.

GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET. Secretary, Mrs Winifred V. Bryden, 7 Fleet Street, Gatehouse-of-Fleet.—Gatehouse has had a successful and happy session with the membership slightly increased. We are deeply grateful to our teachers and pianists. Our Christmas party and end of the season dance were both well attended. Teams were again entered for Castle Douglas and Dumfries Festivals.

GLASGOW. Secretary, Miss Margaret M. C. Prentice, 263 Churchill Drive, Glasgow.—Our Branch again suffered a severe loss by the death in November of Miss Margaret Maxwell, a Founder-member of the Society, who served on the staff of Summer School

for many years and who was one of the earliest Examiners and Adjudicators. Miss Maxwell was our Assistant Secretary, and our Members deeply appreciated the knowledge and wise counsel with which she promoted our interests.

We are glad to report an increased membership and a session of successful progress. Numbers attending the Autumn Classes increased. The severe weather caused a slight decrease in Second Term Classes, but numbers at the Spring Classes remained steady.

Branch Dances and the Spring Ball were very well attended, Our fluctuating fortunes to procure alternative accommodation following the disastrous fire in St Andrew's Halls resulted in a smaller attendance than usual at our Annual Ball held in the City Chambers. We were delighted to have Miss Milligan as our guest.

Both Certificate Classes showed excellent results. Each Class was attended by candidates from the surrounding counties.

Miss Milligan again headed a very happy and competent team of instructors at our Week-end School in the Palace of Art in December. We were joined by members from thirteen other Branches. A profitable and thoroughly enjoyable time was experienced by all attending.

At the request of the Further Education Department of the Corporation of Glasgow, we planned and staffed a Refresher Course in May for Scottish Country Dance Teachers in their employment.

During the winter we received an invitation from Bavaria to take part in an International Festival of Folk Costume and Dance to be held in Seigenburg in June. Wholehearted support of the Committee and Branch Members enabled our Team to travel to Bavaria, where, in addition to the Festival, the Team put on a show at two Refugee Camps run by the Tolstoy Foundation. The reception accorded the group at these Homes would in itself have made the journey worth while.

In spring the Team danced for the Red Army Ensemble on the stage of the Glasgow Empire Theatre after the evening performances. We were glad to have the honour of providing the Scottish item in the closing days of this theatre, now demolished.

HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE. Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road Hamilton, Lanarkshire.—There has been a very slight fall in the Branch membership which now stands at 528, including 31 Life Members.

The larger proportion of our members attend Classes run outwith the Society, and the lack of support at some functions, particularly the Annual Ball, makes it increasingly difficult to meet the costs of running the Branch. Our Couples Dinner Dance in December and our Spring Dance continue to attract visitors from a wide area, and we enjoy having them join us.

At the beginning of the session Mrs Rankin intimated that she wished to retire from teaching. The Branch is deeply indebted to her for her many years of service and we are fortunate that she has agreed to continue as our representative on the Executive Council. She can be assured of a warm welcome at any of the Classes, and at the functions which she feels able to attend.

HAMILTON, Canada. Secretary, Mrs J. Graham, 262 West 2nd Street, Hamilton, Canada.—A very successful season was concluded at Hamilton, Canada, with splendid attendance and a high degree of enthusiasm among the members. Excellent publicity resulted from the appearance on television of a Team from the Hamilton Group on C.B.C.s "Take Thirty" show. Children's Classes—from tots to teens—were a marked feature of the 1962-63 season. In our satellite group—Burlington—much progress took place, and membership grew steadily.

INVERNESS. Secretary, Mrs Marjorie J. Bennie, 79 Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.—Our hopes for a revival of enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing in Inverness were not fulfilled and Branch membership again showed a downward trend. We did however contrive to maintain the three Weekly Classes, which were reasonably well attended in spite of the extremely bad weather.

The monthly social evenings were very popular and many of the dancers from Country Classes travelled some considerable distances to attend.

The Annual Ball held in the Caledonian Hotel at the beginning of May was a most enjoyable function although the attendance was not as good as in past years. There were

a number of new friends as well as old ones, from outlying districts, whose presence is always appreciated.

A Coffee Morning, most capably organised by the Committee and Branch members, was held in February and proved to be an unqualified success.

KILMARNOCK. Secretary, Miss Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.—Numbers attending Classes were somewhat down on last year. The severe wintry weather was no doubt responsible for smaller attendances. The season however proved satisfactory both socially and financially. Two enjoyable Branch dances were held and were supported by members and Country Dancers from all over the district, tickets again having to be limited. Classes begin again in October and our first Dance has been arranged for 29th November, when we hope our friends will again support us.

KINLOCHLEVEN. Secretary, Mr James Smith, Lovat Road, Kinlochleven.—A quiet but successful year, although attendances tended to drop with the advent of TV. Several "late nights" were held, and those of neighbouring clubs were also enthusiastically supported.

KIRKCALDY. Secretary, Miss Nancy J. Arnott, 50 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.—There has been a slight increase in membership due mainly to members of outside Classes joining the Society through the Branch.

There was a good attendance of the 3 Classes during first half of session, but as generally happens, there was a falling off during the second half.

Requests for demonstrations have kept Team members in practice. During the visit of the Mayor of Ingolstadt to Kirkcaldy, a Mixed Team gave a demonstration during an evening's entertainment, which was greatly appreciated by the visitors. The Team also helped to raise funds for the Freedom from Hunger and British Empire Cancer Campaigns. The concert for the latter was compered by Ian Wallace, and taking part were Bobby Watson and his Deeside Dancers, Moira Anderson, the Brand Sisters, Jack Radcliffe and Jimmy Shand.

The Branch ran a Full Certificate Class from April to June and the six candidates gained their Certificate.

Already there is notice of winter work ahead. The Traders' Exhibition Committee wish to have a demonstration as part of the entertainments side of the Exhibition.

The Branch look forward to welcoming old friends and new members in October.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT. Secretary, Mr W. J. Thomson, The Stell, Kirkcudbright.—Membership has remained at the same level as in the previous year. The Annual Dance was a great success, music being supplied by Peter White's Scottish Dance Band.

The Classes in general were well attended considering the severe winter, and we are looking forward to a successful season.

LANARK. Secretary, Mrs M. P. Cuthill, Braeside, Hyndford Bridge, Lanark.—Despite a decrease in membership, there was no lack of enthusiasm and Classes were much enjoyed. Those attending greatly appreciated the efforts made by our teachers and pianists, who turned up in all weathers, and gave their usual worthy services.

Our Christmas Party and Annual Ball were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by members and friends from neighbouring Classes.

A Team from our Children's Class once again took part in the Lanimer Celebrations, and were thanked by the Town Council for their excellent display. For this we are indebted to their teacher, Mrs Andrew Jamieson.

LEAMINGTON SPA and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Nancy Allibon, 5 St Mary's Road, Leamington Spa.—Our second year as a Branch of the R.S.C.D.S. shows an increase in membership—6 Life Members and 83 Ordinary Members. General Classes have again been held monthly and, in addition, fortnightly Classes for Advanced Members and Beginners.

The Autumn and Spring Dances brought dancers from a wide area and members have visited other groups in the district.

Another Member's Evening was held in the spring when transparencies of Scotland and of St Andrews Summer School were shown.

Demonstrations have again been given at local charity and other functions, and two Teams entered the Leamington Music Festival.

The season finished with a members and friends Summer Dance.

Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

LEEDS. Secretary, Mr P. J. Clark, 3 Ridge Mount, Leeds, 6.—The first year of the Leeds Branch has been most successful. Our membership stands at 188 including some 40 Life Members.

The Classes have been well attended and we are encouraged to attempt a more ambitious programme next year. With a little more publicity our Childrens' Classes should be successful next season.

At our Day Course we were delighted to welcome Miss Milligan whose visit gave an opportunity for many dancers in Leeds to be taught by her for the first time. We look forward to her next visit in November when our first Teachers' Certificate candidates take their examination. Miss I. Fidler's visit, as a teacher, at the Day Course was very much enjoyed; also the pianists, Miss S. Gracey and Mrs R. W. Jones worked very hard to make the day a memorable occasion.

The Branch held two successful dances at which the bands of Jim MacLeod and Jim Nicholson provided the music. Since the New Year we have held monthly social dances which have been well attended.

The demonstrations given during the year have been well received.

All are saddened by the sudden deaths of two of our members; Mrs I. McFetridge who had played for our Classes and whose music has been enjoyed by many dancers, and Mr P. Markham a very young and enthusiastic dancer.

We look forward to our second year and we extend to any newcomers a cordial invitation to join in our activities.

LEVEN. Secretary, Miss M. Duncan, 8 Robertson Avenue, Leven, Fife.—In spite of a decreased membership the Branch has had an enjoyable session.

Our Dances were held in December and March. In December the music was provided by Jimmy Shand's band and in March we danced to David Findlay and the Olympians.

It was with regret we accepted the resignation of our Chairman Mr George Lawson, due to his leaving the district.

LIVERPOOL. Secretary, Mr K. Macaulay-Jones, 15 Eric Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.—Membership, in numbers anyway, showed a slight increase this year. Attendances, during a winter in which one's pipes could freeze solid in the time it takes to dance "Cold and Raw", were alas considerably reduced. As a result, attendances during the summer term were proportionately lower, and so, consequently, were our fiscal resources—to the tune of £70. We had two very successful social events—our Christmas and Summer Dances, which were excellently supported by our members and their friends. In November we had our annual Day Course, so well organised by our friends in the C.C.P.R., to which we welcomed Miss Milligan and Mrs Wadsworth. We not only learned much, but also enjoyed ourselves tremendously; we hope our teachers did. In these days of inveterate goggle-box viewing, individuals who participate in active interests, are considered rather more than slightly eccentric. We hope to welcome a few more of these rare birds to our Branch in the coming season.

LOCKERBIE. Secretary, Miss A. M. H. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie.—The membership of the Branch this session was 51 which includes two Junior Members. This is a slight decrease from last session.

A Weekly Class was carried on as usual and despite the extreme adverse weather conditions was always very well attended.

Two social evenings were held during the winter and these were much enjoyed by all present.

LONDON. Secretary, Mr H. G. Draper, 43 Rochester Road, Northwood, Middlesex.—The 1962/63 season proved to be another successful and active year for the Branch. Membership increased slightly and the usual range of thirteen Classes were organised in Central London. These were generally well attended while social functions were most successful. Examinations for the Society's Teaching Certificates were held by Miss Milligan.

Week-end Schools organised at Pulborough and at Bisham Abbey continued to be very popular and attracted dancers from a wide area.

LONDON, Ontario. Secretary, Miss Catherine P. Thom, 66 Thorncrest Crescent, London, Ontario, Canada.—The Branch enjoyed another successful year and now have a total membership of 104. At the Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Festival the Branch again

won the premier award and the two Children's Teams won first and second place in their respective Classes. One of our teachers organised a most successful Scottish Country Dance Fair which took the form of a day's instruction by invited teachers followed by a social dance in the evening.

During the year a total of five Classes were held weekly. A Basic Class, a General Class for more advanced dancers, a Children and Teenage Class; and two Classes, one for adults and one for children at Woodstock. An Advanced Technique Class was held for part of the year but was discontinued due to lack of support. The Demonstration Team was again active and performed on numerous occasions.

Regular monthly dances were held throughout the season and on 26th April the Annual Ball took place at the Hotel London, the success of which was in large measure due to the excellent music provided by Stan Hamilton and the Clansmen.

LORN, Argyll. Secretary, Miss Marie MacGillivray, 8 Hazeldean Terrace, Oban, Argyll.—The Branch has suffered a slight drop in membership this year there being now 104 Ordinary Members and 14 Life Members.

The winter season saw the General Class with a good attendance and the Children's Classes again proved popular including a Class for boys which was a new venture. Following last year's successes in the Preliminary Test Examinations, a Teacher's Certificate Class was held. At the examination in March, when we were pleased to have Miss Milligan with us again, six members were successful in gaining the Teacher's Certificate while one member was successful in the Preliminary Test Examination.

Two dances were held last summer at which we welcomed spectators together with a number of visiting dancers. As hotel accommodation was not available during the winter, our Annual Dance was on a much smaller scale than usual but, nevertheless, proved most enjoyable. Two other dances were held during the winter.

Six members attended the Society's Annual General Meeting and Autumn School in Edinburgh where the Classes and dances proved extremely enjoyable.

Once again, the Week-end School in March proved a success though we were rather hindered by the lack of hotel accommodation for the two dances. Fifty members from other Branches supported us and the Classes and Dances were all well attended and much enjoyed. Classes were taken by Mrs M. Corson, Miss E. Stewart and Mr W. Clement while the visiting accompanist was Miss M. Dalgleish. Colin Campbell's Band provided the music for both dances. Our next Week-end School will be held in Oban on 13th and 14th March, 1964 and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

In addition to taking part in the weekly open-air displays during the summer months, the Demonstration Teams have appeared on 13 other occasions.

MANCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs Helen Lee, 35 Lindum Avenue, Manchester, 16.—We have 220 Members and 19 Life Members this year, an increase on last season. We held five Classes, from Beginners to Advanced Grade, and they were all well attended, particularly at the beginning of the season. Our Teams danced at 37 demonstrations and we had many letters of thanks from old folks' clubs, Church clubs and young people, saying how much Scottish country dancing was growing in popularity. We attended festivals at Leeds, Southport and Stockport and would like to thank the organisers for giving us such enjoyable times at these festivals. Our parties and the Annual Ball were well attended and we held again what now seems to have developed into an annual event—our concert with the Manchester Prince Charles Edward Pipe Band. This is a very popular event and is eagerly asked for well in advance.

We were lucky in having Miss Milligan conduct another of our Teachers' Week-end Courses last autumn in Coniston; everyone enjoyed the course immensely and we look forward to seeing Miss Milligan again at our next course in November. In April we held our examinations for candidates taking their Full Certificate. A very high percentage passed and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Milligan for coming down to Manchester for this event.

One hundred workers from a Lancashire mill emigrated to South Africa this year, and we should like to hear from Dr McCabe in East London whether she really did find any Scottish country dancers among the emigrants! !

We send our best wishes to all our friends.

MOFFAT. Secretary, Miss E. N. A. Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—The Branch has had another successful season. Special mention must be made of the really excellent attendance

at the Weekly Classes throughout a winter of invariably stormy Monday evenings. At the opening meeting of the Moffat Rural, a Team of dancers demonstrated to a most appreciative audience and at Christmas and Easter, parties were held in Moffat House Hotel for members of the Branch and their friends.

MONTREAL. Secretary, Mr Douglas J. Smiley, 4055 Highland Avenue, Montreal.—We have had a very successful year with a substantial increase in membership, despite the departure of some of our long-standing members to such distant points as Vancouver and London.

Our sixth Annual Country Dance Week-end at Otereke Camp in the Laurentian Mountains turned out to be the first hot week-end of the year, in spite of a nine inch snowfall the previous week.

There were several innovations for our Annual Ball at the Mt. Royal Hotel, which made it one of the most successful to date. The most popular change was a buffet supper served mid-evening rather than the dinner which used to precede the Ball.

Our latest annual event is a Garden Party to which all members are invited and the dancing continues until night-fall.

The Branch Team of sixteen dancers has participated at many functions to further the interest in Scottish dancing.

NAIROBI. Secretary, Mrs J. H. Marshall, P.O. Box 245, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.—This year has seen the departure from Kenya of quite a number of our members but the Branch has been very fortunate in that though people have come and gone, the work of the Branch has carried on.

The highlight of this year was the first appearance of the Branch on Kenya's very new television. The programme was called "The Swing of the Kilt" and the Demonstration Team not only danced but provided several singing items on a pleasantly balanced programme. Despite the hard work which had gone in beforehand and the inevitable nervousness before the programme, when the red light flashed, the team were "on" and the half-hour passed so quickly that nerves were forgotten and the enjoyment experienced by the team in this effort came across to a wide viewing audience and the newspapers gave the Branch most heartening applause for the performance.

Four of our members attended a very enjoyable, if strenuous, St Andrew's Summer School and Miss Joan Lang gave a most amusing account of this at our film and discussion evening. Perhaps as a result of this account, we have several members attending this year's Summer School.

The attendance at classes has dropped, due to the number of Europeans leaving Kenya, but a Ladies' Highland Solo Class was held for the first time and provided a new interest.

The Annual Ball was as successful and colourful as usual and the demonstrations were warmly received.

Our Festival, though reduced in size, was a very happy event and several of our teachers adjudicated for the first time, successfully if audience reaction is any criterion.

The Branch continues to provide a welcome relief from the changes affecting so many of us and we look forward to a full programme of events during the coming year.

NETHER LOCHABER. Secretary, Mrs Joan Mackintosh, Nether Lochaber Hotel, Onich, Fort William.—Although membership remained steady, the weekly attendance at Classes was down. Despite this, the season was most enjoyable. A Women's Team danced at several local Ceilidhs.

The Annual New Year Party was enjoyed by everyone. A Late Night was held in February, when members attended from Banavie, Inverlochty, Spean Bridge and Kinlochleven. Our members also attended Late Nights organised by those branches.

NEWCASTLE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs M. F. Cooper, 16 Westfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3.—It is disappointing to have to report that for the second time our membership has decreased. We now have a membership of 344, 12 less than for 1961/62. We were pleased to enrol 53 New Members and 8 Life Members. The same number of Classes have been held but this season attendance has not been so good, and this year we are only having one Extension Class.

Four informal dances were held, and those who attended enjoyed them very much. The Highland Ball usually held in April had to be cancelled at short notice, the Band being marooned by severe weather in Argyllshire. The Ball was held in late April and was a

great success. Two dances were held at the Brighton Ballroom, and this year we admitted several old age pensioners as spectators. They really enjoyed their evening out.

Our new Demonstration Class has proved to be successful and certainly worth the financial cost to the Branch. We hope this Class will continue during the coming season. Several demonstrations have been given and all have been well received. During the summer we are sending a Team to tour Bavaria and we wish them every success in this new venture. For the third year in succession we entered a Team for the Carlisle Festival and I am very pleased to report that we were again successful in bringing back the Carlisle Highland Association Silver Cup for the best all round performance. The Ladies' Team did remarkably well and obtained 90 marks. Teams were also entered for the Darlington Festival and did well.

Due to the co-operation of the Headmaster of Heworth Modern School, we were able to hold our dancing festival at his school. Many Teams took part and the festival proved a great success. Our adjudicator was again Mrs Wadsworth, who gave us some good constructive criticism.

Our teachers at Otterburn Hall Week-end were Mr Aitkenhead and Miss Arnott. A good week-end was had by all who attended, and I am sure we all benefitted by the good instruction given us.

NEWTON STEWART. Secretary, Mrs J. C. R. Blain, 15 St Couan's Place, Newton Stewart.—Our membership was slightly down this year, but in spite of this we had a successful year.

The attendances on the whole were quite good throughout the year.

We had our usual Christmas Party to which we invited our friends.

Our Annual Ball was held on February 1st, 1963. As usual we had the Kelvin Scottish Country Dance Players. We were pleased to welcome members from neighbouring branches, and had a very enjoyable evening.

The Junior Classes (6-12 years) still prove very popular. They entered 3 Teams in the School Festival held at Newton Stewart, and they all did very well.

Our sincere thanks for the success of our Class is due to our teacher Mrs Nimmo and pianist Mrs Adams, who very kindly helped us out at the last minute, as Miss Agnew our usual pianist could not be with us this year owing to illness at home. We should also like to thank the teachers and helpers of our Junior Classes, for all their hard work.

NEW YORK. Secretary, Miss Eleanor Murray, 501 East 11 Street, New York 9, N.Y., U.S.A.—The season saw the inaugural of the Branch's first—and very successful—Spring Week-end at beautiful Holiday Hills, Pawling, N.Y., 24th to 26th May. Miss Mary Branigan of Hamilton, Ontario, Mrs Marianne Taylor of Boston, and Robert Gruskin and Alfred Hurd, both of New York, constituted the staff of Country Dance teachers. James Jamieson, consultant on Scottish dance to Agnes de Mille for the original Broadway production of "Brigadoon," taught Highland dancing and proved a highlight of the week-end. The music for the Highland Ball was provided by Stan Hamilton and the Clansmen of London, Ontario.

Classes for beginners, men's and women's separate Highland dance classes and demonstration team classes were instituted on a regular basis for the first time. The demonstration team did a number of programmes, some of which were employed in conjunction with helping to establish new S.C.D. units, e.g., Miss Jeannie Carmichael, Director, with the team's assistance, conducted a workshop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which directly led to the organising of classes there.

It was an active social year, and included were Fall, Burns' Night, spring and summer (rooftop) parties. A theatre party was held at a performance of the Royal Scots Greys and Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and, a few months after, a reception was held in their honour.

A Highland and Country Dance workshop with Bobby Watson at Folk Dance House, 13th to 14th July, was arranged, and Bobby delighted one and all.

Hiroyuki Ikema, a member now residing in Tokyo, has established classes there and arranged a Scottish Country Dance Syllabus in Japanese.

On 20th July, at the Pinewoods Week-end, the Branch presented a dance devised by two of its teachers, Robert Gruskin and Mrs Freddy Sverdlove, as a tribute to and entitled "Miss Jeannie Carmichael."

N.W. CRAVEN. Secretary, Mrs Winifred Nock, "Greensleeves," New Village, Ingleton, via Carnforth, Lancs.—Our membership is increasing gradually and we are working hard to get more, in spite of our large and very sparsely populated area. Our big dance with band is to be held on 26th October as usual and we are hoping it will be as great a success as previously. Our dance which we hold at the Ingleborough Hotel in March is becoming more and more popular. We have given several demonstrations which have been well received and more of our members are attending courses and days of dancing within reach.

NORWICH. Secretary, Mr Archibald Clark, 43 Eaton Road, Norwich, Norfolk.—We have had a good year with increased membership and only a small financial deficit. Apart from our again successful Annual Dance at Christmas, the next best attended evening was on the occasion of a visit in April from Miss Milligan when she put us through our paces in her usual thorough but irrefragable way.

We have pursued in the past season our revised policy of allowing a preponderance of social dancing and giving less time to actual tuition. This must be credited with moderate success in the light of the consequent greater enjoyment of members as a whole. But there was undeniably a marked drop in standard of technique which raises the rather critical issue of how far can such deterioration continue before it begins to obviously mitigate against real and rewarding enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing. So that whereas the emphasis should rightly be on overall enjoyment, this can only be achieved through the maintenance of a reasonable standard of technique and we in Norwich shall be continuing to seek the ideal allocation of time to be devoted to pure tuition or revision.

Excellent work was done, we feel, by the Branch in various demonstrations before large and appreciative audiences and this undoubtedly stemmed from the inauguration of an organised Demonstration Class with its liberal recruitment of young members under the charge of our Chief Instructor, Mr J. B. Johnston.

NOTTINGHAM. Secretary, Miss M. K. Dickson, 2 Marlborough Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.—Despite setbacks in the latter part of the session we have had a very successful year. Our membership has passed the 200 mark. Classes have been held weekly on Wednesday night:—3 grades, Basic, Instruction, a period of general dancing and Highland. Our idea of providing a cup of tea for all at 8 o'clock proved to be an undoubted success, this break gave members of all grades an opportunity to get together. As a new venture we formed a Demonstration Class. Admission to the Class was by invitation and a series of 5 dances were held before Christmas. Our usual Childrens' Classes were held on Saturday morning.

All our evenings of social dancing were well attended, particularly the President's Party on All Hallowe'en. Cleverly made turnip lanterns, witches on broomsticks and black cats dotted here and there helped to create a real All Hallowe'en atmosphere, and our Teams gave an excellent display during the evening.

The cancellation by the Education Authority of all bookings in the second hall we used each week necessitated a quick alteration in our time table for the spring term, and in spite of this last minute change new members continued to enrol and the attendances at Classes was well above normal.

In October many old friends registered for our Week-end Course and we were very pleased to welcome newcomers. The comment made by one of our faithful supporters, "It was the best Course ever held in Nottingham," was praise well earned by our tutors, Mrs M. E. Gudger and Mr and Mrs Andrew Grant and the team of workers behind the scenes.

Our Demonstration Teams have been out and about a great deal during the season, and delighted many differing types of audiences. At the 1962 Nuneaton Festival our Ladies Team were placed 1st and our Mixed Team 2nd in their respective groups.

A Branch News sheet, *Up in The Air*, was produced and edited by two of our enthusiastic members for the first time.

Our members have travelled far afield to Dances and Courses run by other Branches and Associations and new links have been forged in our chain of Scottish Country Dancing friends.

If you want to dance in Nottingham, do come along and join us any Wednesday evening at the Elms School, off Cranmer Street, during the winter months. Tea at 8 p.m.!!!

PEEBLES. Secretary, Miss J. C. Euman, 42 George Street, Peebles.—Membership of the Peebles Branch was slightly smaller than in previous years, but Classes were well

attended throughout the session. A Country Dance was held in the Minden Hotel before Christmas and was well attended by members and friends.

PERTHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Catherine McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—Membership, 226 Ordinary and 85 Life Members.

Due to the very bad weather conditions the year has been uneventful as it was impossible to plan functions. Childrens' Classes on Saturdays have been well attended, here the attendances were good despite the inclement weather. An effort is being made to resuscitate the Circle which used to meet monthly. The Country Dance Section of the Musical Festival was adjudicated by Mr Macleod, Miss McLaughlan acted as pianist. Members visited Kinfauns Castle to join in the Social Dancing with C.H.A. Dancers who were holding their Annual Week in Perth this year. They also supported the concert given by the Austrava Group who were visiting Fife. At a Fete in aid of the Old Peoples' Homes demonstrations were given. The "Queen's Bridge" continues to be sought after even by our friends overseas.

PETERHEAD. Secretary, Miss Isobel Chalmers, 13 Grange Gardens, Peterhead.—The Branch has had another very enjoyable season with the membership remaining the same—52 Life Members and 46 Ordinary Members.

Once again we were fortunate in having the services of Miss M. Collie as our teacher and Miss D. Kinghorn as pianist, to both we express our thanks.

During December a Team of dancers from our Class entertained members and their friends of the Rotary Club at one of their social evenings.

Most of our members travelled to Fraserburgh and enjoyed a very nice end-of-the-season party, we in turn welcomed their members to a similar function at Peterhead.

Successful Classes have been conducted by Branch members at Mintlaw, Maud and New Deer.

PORTRUSH. Secretary, Miss E. M. Faulkner, Kantara Hotel, Portrush.—The season which ended in May of this year was again a successful one for the Branch. Although attendances at Classes were not as good as former seasons, the Branch membership was increased.

We were pleased to enrol, as members of the Society, a number of dancers in Classes organised by various societies in the neighbouring towns. The teachers from Portrush Branch have encouraged members of these outside Classes to support the Society by becoming members of the Branch.

Another enjoyable Week-end Party was organised in May of this year. This time about 25 members assembled at Rosnowlagh, Co. Donegal and enjoyed the dancing, sightseeing and the food which is a most important necessity following these activities.

RENFREWSHIRE, West. Secretary, Miss M. E. Barron, 24 South Street, Greenock.—Once more there was a slight decrease in the membership but most of the Classes were well attended and the Children's Class was restarted. There was also a very successful Class held for the Preliminary Certificate. Several members of the Branch gained their Full Certificate during the season.

A Team of ladies entered for the Renfrewshire Festival and were successful in gaining first place in their Class.

The Annual Ball was enjoyed by all who attended.

RICHMOND. Secretary, Mr F. Rutherford, 25 Frenchgate, Richmond, Yorks.—A most enjoyable year was had. The monthly socials, Annual Dinner Dance and Annual Ball being outstanding.

ROCHDALE. Secretary, Mrs Olive Ashworth, 75 Deeplish Road, Rochdale, Lancs.—Last year our Branch celebrated its 21st Birthday and to mark the occasion we held two events.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Milligan to Rochdale for the first event which was a Half Day School (taken by Miss Milligan) followed by a social evening. At the Social Miss Milligan wore her beautiful red velvet dress (the one which she was wearing when she posed for the portrait which is now hanging at Headquarters) and we felt most honoured that we had had this opportunity of seeing it. A Birthday cake was very kindly donated at this occasion by our President Miss M. Ramsbottom.

The second event was our 21st Anniversary Ball which was a tremendous success. David Findlay and his Olympian Band provided the music and a display of Highland dancing was given by Charlie Mill.

Nine of our members, tutored by Mrs Gudger, were successful in gaining their Preliminary Certificates and we wish them luck when they take the examinations for their Second Certificates later this year.

We are very fortunate indeed in having Mrs Gudger for a teacher. As far as we know she is the only examiner and adjudicator this side of the Border and the Branch benefits greatly by her experience. She has been teaching the Branch ever since it was founded and we owe her our very sincere appreciation and thanks.

We are grateful too for the loyal services of our pianist Miss Brown who has also been with us since the beginning—having played for the original Course taken by Miss Milligan in 1942—and we express our thanks for her untiring efforts.

ROXBURGHSHIRE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss M. E. Grieve, Braefit, Newcastleton.—In spite of the severe winter weather, Classes and social dances have been enjoyed throughout the area. Membership shows a slight increase this season and we are pleased to welcome new members from Selkirkshire and Northumberland, an idea which we had in view when we added “and District” to the name of the Branch.

The Ball last autumn was held in Hawick, and although attendance was not as good as usual it proved a social and financial success.

SHEFFIELD. Secretary, Mrs E. W. Bagguley, 36 Northern Common, Dronfield, Woodhouse, Sheffield.—Despite a rise in membership to 117 this year, attendance at some of the Classes run by the Branch was disappointing.

The Annual Dance had a record attendance of 210, including members of local Societies. Several informal dances held were not well attended by members.

A successful Day School with tuition by Miss Milligan, who is always inspiring, was held in October and was greatly enjoyed by all. Many had travelled a long way to attend.

Demonstrations at various functions by Teams from the Branch were favourably received.

Teams from the Branch again danced at Nemass Festival and Stannington also had a Team there. The Under 21 Team again won the Caldwell Trophy and a Children's Team trained by another Branch teacher won the Leclere Trophy for under 12's.

A number of our members will be attending the Summer School this year, some for the first time, and we look forward to the coming season.

ST ANDREWS. Secretary, Mrs T. C. Lamb, Theaves Rigg, St Andrews.—Attendance during the really terrible winter showed the courage of members and the acceptance of Junior Associates proved a success to be continued. No Technique Class was held in 1962/63.

In spite of time taken up by his growing popularity on the B.B.C. and other fixtures, Mr Bobby Crowe continues to provide us with music for Classes and the “St Andrews Nicht” Dance.

SOUTHPORT. Secretary, Miss Betty M. Griffiths, 67 Hall Street, Southport, Lancs.—Again we can report a slight increase in membership, despite the fact that most of our “Daughter” Classes have had a change of teacher this season. It has been gratifying to find that Branch membership has been sustained and encouraged in all cases.

Our 5 entrants for the Preliminary Test at Summer School were all successful. Our congratulations to them—and our thanks for their hard work since!

We enjoyed a One Day School in the autumn under Mrs Gudger's able tuition, but a further Day School had to be postponed due to the severe weather. Winter over, we hoped for better luck with our Outdoor Midsummer Dance, but again rain drove us indoors. Maybe next year will be “third time lucky.” A new venture for our Branch was the formation in January of a Children's Class. Despite the bitter cold, the children attended regularly, and we hope the Class will continue to thrive.

Our Festival last November was the day when everything that could go wrong DID go wrong! We are most grateful to everyone concerned for their generous co-operation in very trying circumstances. The response of the dancers to our improvised band at night

revealed the true spirit of Scottish Dancing, and was most heartening. We have recovered from the shattering experience sufficiently to make more ambitious plans for this year's Festival.

All Classes have enjoyed the usual round of social events. Southport Intermediate Class had a discouraging start to the season through the appointment (not made by us!) of an inexperienced pianist, but this setback has been overcome, and all other pianists and teachers are thanked for their work and happy Classes.

STIRLINGSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs M. W. Maclaren, Coneybrae, Bridge of Allan.—The Branch had a very successful year socially and financially even though the membership was down slightly.

We were pleased to welcome visitors from Canada, Australia and Finland who took the advantage of joining our Classes while living and working in the district.

Individual Classes held social dances during the session and an enjoyable Branch Dance was held in March.

Mr James Proudfoot is our new Chairman, Mr Ian Adam having resigned after giving many years of service. Mr James Taylor is now Representative to Executive Council.

Our membership now stands at 231 of whom 22 are Life Members.

STIRLINGSHIRE, East. Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.—Membership was 228—Annual Members 214, Life Members 14.

Nine Classes were held during the session. Unfortunately the Beginners' Class in Falkirk was discontinued due to lack of numbers but the Grangemouth Class continued enthusiastically. Six Children's Classes were held in Falkirk, Grangemouth and Banknock respectively.

During the session five Class Dances were held in Mathieson's Rooms, Falkirk. This number reflects the decline in membership over the year. The Members' Dance in February was greatly enjoyed by all.

Teams gave demonstrations in Falkirk, Stirling, Kilsyth, Banknock and Linlithgow. It is good to report that fine weather favoured open-air dancing in Dollar Park in June.

Once again teams entered for the Central Counties Musical Festival acquitted themselves well. The "Under Nines" took 2nd place in their Class while the Young Adult Team gained an Honours Certificate.

STOCKPORT. Secretary, Arthur Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester, 19.—During the season we held our customary number of Classes—19 Junior, 24 General and 12 Advanced, with average attendances of 41, 28 and 22 respectively. With the exception of an increase from 25 to 28 in the General Class average, the figures coincide with last year's attendances. The pleasure and satisfaction of members was ensured by the efficiency and enthusiasm of our teachers and pianists, and we are duly grateful to be able to take advantage of their qualifications.

A first-class orchestra, a well-balanced programme, an excellent supper and congenial company combined to ensure the enjoyment of everyone at our Annual Ball on February 8th. During the evening Dr Skinner paid a fitting tribute to Mrs Mills for the long and valuable service she had rendered the Branch as a pianist; she was presented with a cheque as a tangible token of our appreciation.

Our three parties received adequate support and afforded much pleasure to all participants. It is intended to hold similar gatherings on October 19th and November 30th. Heaton Moor Reform Club has again been booked for our Annual Ball on February 7th.

Thirty-two junior members and the Ladies Demonstration Team reflected credit on their trainers on May 4th when they engaged in massed displays at the Festival of Scottish Dancing in Stockport Town Hall, organised by the Goyt Valley S.D.C. This event, the first of its kind held in the town, aroused widespread interest and proved a pronounced success.

The business of the A.G.M., to be held on October 7th, will be preceded by a film show and followed by Scottish dancing.

STONEHAVEN. Secretary, Miss Lilian E. Cameron, 3 Westfield Avenue, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire.—Membership fell alarmingly last winter, but a happy, family atmosphere was maintained throughout the session. Our Annual Ball was again a great success due to support from the surrounding districts.

STRANRAER. Secretary, Miss Betty Teunion, 2 Oxenfoord Terrace, Stranraer.—In retrospect the year 1962/63 has been an uneventful one. What does come to mind is the Arctic weather and the effect it had on class attendance after the New Year; but at least there was no appreciable drop in membership.

Although small our General Class was a happy one but little progress was made in the Advanced/Demonstration Class due to lack of numbers. Once again our Children's Class dwindled somewhat after Christmas.

Social activities followed the same pattern as last year and the gatherings were friendly and informal.

SYDNEY, N.S. Wales. Secretary, Miss M. Nicholls, 19 Merrenburn Avenue, Crows Nest, Sydney, N.S.W.—There has been a steady increase in membership and attendances at Classes have improved greatly, necessitating obtaining a larger hall.

Classes are held weekly under the able direction of Mr J. McKenzie, and include all age groups.

The Sydney Branch has "adopted" one of the hospitals for Crippled Children and has been working steadily throughout the year to raise funds for this charity. Functions have included film evenings, a revue "Highland Fare," theatre parties and social evenings. The interest shown by the members in these activities has been very gratifying.

Our first Country Dance Week-end was planned for the season just concluded and our Christmas Party, "Step We Gaily" enabled us to return the hospitality shown to us by other Societies during the year. Many demonstrations have been given and Scottish Country Dance Evenings arranged in conjunction with Evening Guilds and Young People's Church Organisations. Many enjoyable evenings have also been spent, entertaining Senior Citizen Groups in the Sydney Area.

We have been happy to have the opportunity of welcoming dancers from some of the groups in Scotland and look forward to meeting a great many more.

TEES-SIDE. Secretary, Mr L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees.—With membership of the Branch standing at 331 plus 45 Associate Members we have again managed to show an increase over last year thereby maintaining the upward trend of which we are so proud. We hope to be able to attract a few more next year. However, numbers bring attendant problems and we found a solution to the vast numbers which have gained the "top end" by offering the 4th Year and Over Class at either 7.15 or 8.45 p.m. the same dances being taught at both sessions. The outlet for all the classwork has again been monthly Social Dances and two of a more formal nature. Andrew Rankine provided the music for the New Year Ball and this most surely will go down as our most enjoyable big dance ever. Jim MacLeod played for the End-of-Season Dance and we had also two visits from the Gie Gordons of Dundee at Super Socials. During the season a Preliminary Test Class was held culminating in examination by Miss Milligan, 11 candidates were successful. On the night following the exams Miss Milligan stayed over to talk to the Branch in her inimitable manner. With the bitter winter we suffered we anticipated a sharp decline in Class attendance but this was not so, attendance was much the same as the previous season. May we again repeat our offer of hospitality to any dancer who may be passing our way on pleasure or business to give us a call, we may just have something on to make it worthwhile.

TORONTO. Secretary, Miss E. Joan Williams, 183 Glenview Avenue, Toronto, 12, Ontario.—As indicated by an increase in membership of 79 persons, Toronto Branch continues to flourish. There are a total of ten Adult Groups in Toronto which meet regularly during the season. Instructional Classes were attended by about 106 persons. The Rosedale Presbyterian Church Children's Group continues to thrive.

Seven monthly dances were held at Deer Park School and were greatly enjoyed by all. Our Annual Ball at the Lord Simcoe Hotel in November was a happy event with 162 persons attending. Another Week-end was held at Collingwood over the Thanksgiving holiday.

This fall we are looking forward to a visit from Miss Milligan. Miss Milligan plans to attend our Week-end at Geneva Park, before which she will hold an examination for our Candidate Teachers. This should be the beginning of a most happy year of dancing.

We extend to any newcomers a cordial invitation to join in our activities.

WEST LOTHIAN. Secretary, M. Y. K. Cunningham, 81 Douglas Drive, Bo'ness.—While it is disappointing to report a decrease in our membership, we have welcomed many new members and have had a successful year socially and financially.

Classes were held in Bathgate, Blackburn, Greenrigg and Linlithgow Informal dances in Bathgate and Bo'ness were highly successful.

At a supper party on January 11th, founder-members and committee were present when a presentation was made to Miss Miller in appreciation of her many years as Branch secretary.

WHITEHEAD. Secretary, Miss Gertrude A. Streight, Ardnaree, 20 Cable Road, Whitehead.—Our Branch has had a very successful season. We have an increased membership and have had very good attendances at the Classes all winter, even in the worst weather we have had for many years.

Miss Kane's teaching has been much appreciated and the music provided by Mr Bailie has enhanced our enjoyment.

The season opened on September 21st with a party for members and friends.

We paid visits to Greyabbey, Larne Friendship Circle—this was a Burns night, and the refreshments included Scotch Broth, Haggis, etc., served to the skirl of the Pipes—Beechfield School, Killead, etc.

The monthly dances during the summer were very successful and we had many visitors from other classes.

WINCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs E. C. Lane, 2 The Willows, Brambridge, Eastleigh.—Although our membership has decreased slightly, the season has been a happy one. We were pleased to welcome among our dancers visitors from the Argentine and Kenya. We were much indebted to Miss Harding and Miss Taylor for sharing the burden of the teaching of the Class when Miss Bell had to go to hospital unexpectedly. Fortunately Miss Bell is now fully recovered and both teaching and dancing again.

Our June Ball with which we finished the season was again a tremendous success, with dancers travelling great distances to be with us on that evening.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba. Secretary, Mrs Marjorie Krip, Suite 205, 81 Roslyn Road, Winnipeg, 13, Manitoba, Canada.—Thanks to interest shown by H.R.H. Prince Philip, the former Winnipeg Scottish Country Dance Society has now grown into a full blooded Branch of the R.S.C.D.S. The tremendous interest shown in the revival of dancing in Winnipeg has been brought about by the endeavours of a keen committee supported by equally enthusiastic Class members.

Our Demonstration Team has had more requests for engagements than can be filled; an average of seven a month since January; and so a second Team is under training. Research into the life and social customs of the early Scottish settlers in Manitoba is being carried out with assistance from many interested outside organisations. Our "Red River Settlers" programme, commissioned especially by the Canadian Librarians' Association, and based on initial research findings, proved so popular it was kept in production for ten weeks, and it included several appearances in traditional costume.

Classes are well attended and indications for next season show that we shall require help for our two teachers, David Williams and Archie Nixon. Three examination candidates are being prepared for Miss Milligan's eagerly awaited visit in September. We are also contemplating a Week-end Workshop, further research, special functions to support our development and scholarship fund and possibly films (sound and colour) on Manitoba's early settlers as our contribution to Canada's centennial in 1967.

Grateful thanks are due to other branches and groups in Canada for all their support and encouragement whilst we went through our growing pains. Although somewhat isolated geographically, we are nonetheless in close harmony with other dancers elsewhere.

On the social side, our members meet during the summer for Beach Week-ends; the New Year Party and End-of-Season Banquet are always well attended. By way of successes our two Branch Teams took first and second places in the 1963 Winnipeg Highland Games (being separated by a narrow margin of two points); David Williams taught at Hamilton (Ont.) Week-end School in October 1962, and has been invited back again for 1963.

We may be the youngest Branch of the Society. What we lack in years is more than compensated for by a group of keen, happy members forming a robust and vigorous Branch. Visitors and settlers here can be assured of a warm Western welcome at any time.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Secretary, Miss H. G. Jones, The Flat, Penn Vicarage, Wolverhampton.—While our membership remains static, Classes have not been so well attended this year, but we are hoping that with better accommodation next winter, our meetings will exert their former spell again.

Our members have had a great deal of social dancing with other groups while we have provided a Beginners' Day in the Autumn, and taken part with the Birmingham Branch in a very enjoyable week-end of dancing at Lilleshall Hall. The biggest event of our year has again been our Day School held on 16th February, which was full up long before the closing date for applications. We are indeed grateful to Mrs Gudger and Mr McLeod for the delightful day that they provided packed with instruction and gaiety.

Affiliated Groups—Great Britain and Ireland

PLEASE INFORM THE SECRETARY, 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, 3, OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF SECRETARY OR OF GROUP.

- Altrincham Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—Miss J. D. CRAIG, Sunny Bank, Sandiway Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.
- Amersham and District Scottish Association.**—H. GORDON KEITH, "Chantry," Weedon Lane, Amersham.
- Beckenham St Mary's Dancers.**—J. M. FIRTH, 52 Clock House Road, Beckenham, Kent.
- Bedford Scots Society of St Andrew.**—Mrs M. HARVEY, Balnagown, Putnoe Lane, Bedford.
- Berkhamsted Strathspey and Reel Club.**—M. Y. CRAWFORD, "Hawthorns," Montague Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.
- Bexleyheath, Bostall Park Scottish Dancing Group.**—Mr J. A. MATSON, 2 Marley Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent.
- Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society.**—Mr D. G. YOUNG, 10 Fininstall Close, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.
- Boston and District Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs J. E. LORIMER, Kintyre, 33 Sunningdale Drive, Boston, Lincolnshire.
- Bournemouth Caledonian Society.**—F. M. McMURRAY, Flat 4, 2 Beaufort Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth.
- Bournemouth Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss Patricia Smee, 4 Cecil Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.
- Bracknell and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs J. GOODISON, 4 The Green, Easthampstead, Bracknell, Berks.
- Bradford, Atholl Dancers of.**—Dr RUTH BROGDEN, 130 Skipton Road, Keighley, Yorks.
- Bradford, St Andrew's Society of Bradford Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—IAN R. LAMBIE, 6 Chatsworth Road, Pudsey, Yorkshire.
- Bramhall Scottish Country Dance Club.**—JESSIE G. NORRIS, "Inglenook," 14 Regent Close, Bramhall, Cheshire.
- Bridgend Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Miss J. HILBORNE, 25 Tanyraltt Avenue, Litchard, Bridgend, Glam.
- Bridlington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. PENROSE, 201 Sewerby Road, Bridlington.
- Brighton, Hove and District Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr D. C. SINCLAIR, 45 Carlyle Avenue, Brighton, Sussex.
- Broadstone Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss E. M. LONG, Rosemary Cottage, Broadstone, Dorset.
- Buxton and District Caledonian Association.**—Mr H. PHILLIPS, 97 Dovedale Crescent, Green Park, Buxton, Derbyshire.
- Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Caledonian Society.**—Mr WM. BROWN, Neuadd Reichel, University College of N. Wales, Bangor, Caernarvonshire.
- Camberley Reel Club.**—Miss B. Aust, 97 College Road, College Town, Camberley, Surrey.
- Cambridge Scottish Society.**—Miss A. SYME, 36 Shelford Road, Cambridge.
- Cambridge University Strathspey and Reel Club.**—The Secretary, c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., Trinity Street, Cambridge.
- Cardiff Caledonian Society.**—Mr ROBERT FOWLER, 117 Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

- Charing Eight Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr R. W. D. ANDERSON, "Eastcote," The Hill, Charing, Ashford, Kent.
- Cheadle Scottish Dance Group.**—Miss J. McLACHLAN, 3 Brookfield Crescent, Cheadle, Cheshire.
- Chelmsford and District Scottish Society.**—Mr R. PARSONS, 22 Shrublands Close, Chelmsford, Essex.
- Chester Caledonian Association.**—Mr G. LITTLE, Woodville, Parkgate Road, Great Mollington, Nr. Chester.
- Chester St Andrew Society.**—R. I. WOOD, "Rumah Kayn." Heath Road, Upton Heath, Chester.
- Chesterfield and District Caledonian Association Dance Class.**—DENNIS E. B. BRADBURY, 4 Newbold Avenue, Chesterfield.
- Chesterton (Staffs.) Scottish Dance Society.**—Dr J. A. W. BROWN, The Mount, Chesterton, Newcastle, Staffs.
- Chichester Scottish Country Dancing Class.**—Mrs C. E. CRAIGIE, Broom Cottage, West Wittering, Sussex.
- Crosby Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. H. C. LEWIS, 11 Kingsway, Great Crosby, Liverpool, 22.
- Crowborough Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss C. SARGEANT, 27 Dynevor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Sussex.
- Darlington Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs E. CHATER, 26 Longdale Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.
- Darlington, Paton & Baldwin's Reel Club.**—Mr JOHN C. MARTIN, Paton & Baldwin's Ltd., Darlington.
- Derbyshire, Heanor Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Mr WM. MUIR, 3 Church View, Loscoe, Derbyshire.
- Derwent Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss MARGARET HENDERSON, 11 Cromwell Terrace, Fitz Road, Cockermouth.
- Dunster and West Somerset Scottish Dance Group.**—Mr J. R. CAMERON, "The Nutshell," Mill Lane, Dunster, Somerset.
- Eastbourne Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr A. TORRANCE, Kelvinside, 29 Baldwon Avenue, Eastbourne.
- Eastleigh Scottish and Northern Counties Association.**—Mr W. WILSON, Oaklands, Church Lane, Brambridge, Eastleigh.
- Edinburgh University New Scotland Country Dance Society.**—Mr R. V. PARKINSON, c/o Captain Elder, Old Quad, University, Edinburgh.
- Epsom and District Caledonian Association.**—Mr IAN DICKSON, 27 Shelveys Way, Tadworth, Surrey.
- Exeter and Mid-Devon S.C.D. Club.**—Mr W. E. H. DAVEY, Craven House, 16 The Mede, Whipton, Exeter.
- Farnham Scottish Dancing Club.**—Mr C. LOWSON, Tamarisk, 78 Lynch Road, Farnham, Surrey.
- Frodsham and District St Andrew Society.**—Mrs M. COLQUHOUN, 10 Hillsbord, Frodsham, via Warrington.
- Gainsborough Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss K. L. SIMPSON, 164 Lea Road, Gainsborough, Lincs.
- Gossops Green Scottish Country Dance Club.**—M. ZERMANI, 13 Tangmere Road, Ifield, Crawley, Sussex.
- Goyt Valley Scottish Country Dance Club (Cheshire).**—R. S. WOODHEAD, 94 Pennine Road, Woodley, Stockport, Cheshire.
- Harrogate Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. J. BARHAM, 5 Harlow Avenue, Harrogate.
- Hartlepool Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. GORDON, 62 Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool.
- Harwell, A.E.R.E. and District Caledonian Society.**—The HON. SECRETARY, A.E.R. & District Caledonian Society, c/o The Recreation Association, Building 161, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Berkshire.
- Hastings and St Leonards Reel Club.**—Miss AUDREY C. BARBER, 78 St Helen's Road, Hastings, Sussex.
- Henlow, R.A.F. Henlow Scottish Country Dancing Society.**—Sq. Ldr. H. GRAHAM FLEGG, M.A., D.C.Ae., Officer's Mess, Royal Air Force, Henlow, Bedfordshire.

- Hereford Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr R. B. BODDINGTON, "Westwyn," Walney Lane, Aylestone Hill, Hereford.
- Hertfordshire Highland Games Society.**—Mr A. H. M. MACRAE, A.C.A., 2 Elmhurst Gardens, Willow Lea, Towbridge, Kent.
- North Herts. Reel Club.**—Mr DAVID U. WARBURTON, Windrush, Broadway, Letchworth, Herts.
- Horsham High School Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs E. M. ROBERTS, 49 Guildford Road, Horsham, Sussex.
- Huddersfield St Andrew's Society.**—Mrs J. R. HORSFALL, 10 Goldington Drive, Oakes, Huddersfield.
- Ilkley College of Housecraft Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs M. YARKER, Ilkley College of Housecraft, Wells Road, Ilkley, Yorks.
- Isle of Man Caledonian Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr W. J. CRENNELL, Odeon Private Hotel, Broadway, Douglas.
- Isle of Man Ramseian Scottish Dance Group.**—c/o Mrs C. D. SHIMMIN, "Sea Haven," Vollan Crescent, Lazayre, Isle of Man.
- Isle of Man, The Manx Folk Dance Society.**—Miss D. DEVEREAN, 7 Belgravia Road, Onchan, Isle of Man.
- Jersey, The Caledonian Country Dance Party.**—Mrs E. O. BADDELEY, 3 Westbourne Terrace, St Saviour, Jersey, C.I.
- Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. BULMER, 86 Exley Road, Keighley, Yorks.
- Kings Lynn Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr JOHN V. SMYTH, King Edward VIII School, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
- Leeds, Moor Allerton Memorial Hall Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr W. S. CROCKETT, 12 Moorland Crescent, Leeds, 17.
- Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr T. HAMMOND JACK, 36 Parkland Crescent, Leeds, 6.
- Leeds University Union Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Leeds University Union S.C.D.S., University Union, University Road, Leeds, 2.
- Leicester Caledonian Society.**—Mr W. A. CAMPBELL, 106 Colchester Road, Leicester.
- Lillington (Community Centre) Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs G. E. GOODE, 91 Wathen Road, Leamington Spa, Warwicks.
- Lincoln Caledonian Society.**—Mr P. MACQUAT, 37 St. Margaret's Gardens, Lincoln.
- Lincoln Scottish Association.**—Mr R. W. DODDS, The Little Grange, Heighington, Lincoln.
- Little Hampton St Andrews Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs S. FLEGG, 50 St Floras Road, Little Hampton, Sussex.
- Loyne Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr H. F. EVANS, Hest Bank Farm, Hest Bank, Lancaster.
- Luton Scottish Reel Club.**—Mr H. CLUNIE, 42 Bramtwood Road, Luton, Beds.
- Lymm Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. W. BUCHANAN, 64 Briony Avenue, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.
- Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Class.**—R. ROSSINGTON, 44 Bannard Road, Maidenhead, Berks.
- Malvern Scots Club.**—Mrs D. CROSS, The Hoo, Brockhill Road, West Malvern.
- Manchester, The Scottish Dance Party.**—Mrs M. ROBERTS, 22 Holmfield Avenue, Manchester, 9.
- Mansfield District Caledonian Society.**—J. E. INGLIS, Glentress, 13 Halloughton Road, Southwell, Notts.
- Market Harborough Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr M. J. COLTMAN, 98 Northampton Road, Market Harborough, Leics.
- Neville's Cross College Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss S. V. RUSSELL, Neville's Cross College, Durham.
- Newbury and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs J. LAPWORTH, 7A Donnington Square, Newbury.
- North Staffordshire Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss Jane Baxter, 583 Etruria Road, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
- Northampton Town and County Scottish Association Dancers.**—Mr J. C. RODHOUSE, 17 Edinburgh Road, Northampton.

- North Devon, Caledonian Society of North Devon.**—Mr J. A. SIMPSON, 4 Taw Vale, Barnstaple, North Devon.
- Northwich and District Scots' Society.**—Miss L. DAVENPORT, 60 Moreton Street, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire.
- Norwich Scots' Society of St Andrew.**—Mr A. M. SWAN, 41 Catton Grove Road, Norwich.
- Nuneaton and District Scottish Society.**—D. W. HENDRY, Greenacres, 307 Lutterworth Road, Nuneaton, Warks.
- Philiphugh Scottish Country Dance Club.**—MRS OLIVE J. BATEMAN, 51 Cannon Street, Selkirk.
- Plymouth, Caledonian Society of Plymouth & District.**—Rev. W. J. E. TREGENNA-PIGGOTT, O.B.E., R.N., 1 Greenbank Villas, Plymouth, Devon.
- Portadown Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs D. M. MACCALLUM, 2 Roslyn Terrace, Portadown, N. Ireland.
- Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs VERA HILL, 10 Pitreavie Road, Cosham, Hants.
- Poynton Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Miss JEAN M. SPEAKE, Atholdene, 77 Cavendish Road, Hazel Grove, Nr. Stockport, Cheshire.
- Preston and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr T. SMITH, 64 Tulketh Road, Ashton, Preston.
- Preston, The Douglas Dancers.**—JOHN H. EDMONDSON, 145 Station Road, Hesketh Bank, Preston.
- Richmond Caledonian Society.**—Mr I. WINNING, 2 James Cottages, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.
- Romford Scottish Association.**—Mr R. A. MACDONALD, 88 Parkside Avenue, Romford, Essex.
- Rugby Scottish Society.**—Mrs R. W. T. COLEMAN, 18 Vicarage Road, Rugby.
- Rye Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr A. F. WHITE, The Grammar School, Rye.
- St Annes-on-Sea Balgownie Dancers.**—Miss M. SINCLAIR, 22 Cavendish Road, St Annes-on-Sea, Lancs.
- Sandbach and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr BERNARD J. ONGLEY, Station Road, Coostry, Crewe, Cheshire.
- Scarborough Caledonian Society.**—Mr S. MCINTOSH, Moyhouse, 79 Cross Lane, Scarborough, Yorks.
- South Devon, Salcombe Scottish Dance Club.**—Mrs A. PETRIE, Victoria Cottage, Buckley Street, Salcombe, S. Devon.
- South East Essex Scottish Reel Club.**—Mrs R. W. SMITH, "Cromarty," 3 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
- South East Herts. Scottish Country Dancing Society.**—Mr P. R. DIXON, Greenacre, Much Hadham, Herts.
- South Dorset Caledonian Society.**—Mrs MCCRIRICK, 19 Stavordale Road, Weymouth.
- Southend-on-Sea, The Allan Dancers.**—Mrs JUDKINS, 62 Avenue Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.
- Southampton Scottish Association.**—Mr W. L. THOMAS, 127 Shirley Road, Southampton.
- Southampton University Scottish Dancing Association.**—A. WILKINSON, Scottish Old Time Dance Society, c/o Junior Treasurer Students' Union, The University, Southampton.
- Southsea Reel Club.**—Mr S. A. COTTRELL, 4 Hereford Road, Southsea, Hants.
- Stafford and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr IAN McDONALD, 32 Fonthill Road, Stafford.
- Stone Scottish Dancing Group.**—Mr D. QUARMBY, 66 Mount Road, Stone, Staffs.
- Stourbridge and District Scottish Society.**—Mr G. PRINCE, 46 Quarry Road, Cradley Heath, Staffs.
- Stratford-on-Avon Caledonian Association.**—Mrs N. A. WOODMAN, 4 Warwick Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.
- Sutton Coldfield Country Dance Society.**—Mrs A. C. D. MALCOLM, 67 Frederick Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.
- Swansea, St Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr R. ALAN KERR, A.C.A., 20 Le Breos Avenue, Uplands, Swansea.
- Tarporley Reel Club.**—Mrs M. J. ALLAN, Countryside, Bowmere Road, Tarporley, Cheshire.
- Taunton Caledonian Society.**—D. ROCHFORD, Tonevale Farm, Norton, Fitzwarren, Taunton, Somerset.

- Teddington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. G. RAE, O.B.E., B.L., 11 Preston Close, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex.
- Tees-side Caledonian Society.**—Mr I. W. L. BAILLIE, 2 Honister Grove, Acklam, Middlesbrough.
- Tynedale Country Dance Club.**—Mrs R. PLENDERLEITH, 27 Dukes Road, Hexham.
- Wakefield Caledonian Society.**—Mrs MARGT. BANGHEN, 113 Station Road, Ossett, Wakefield.
- Wallington, Scottish Association for Wallington, Carshalton and District.**—Mrs M. M. MILLEDGE, 74 Gordon Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.
- Walthamstow, Scottish Country Dance Section of the Walthamstow Folk Dance Club.**—Mr A. GEDDES, 117 Forest Road, Walthamstow.
- Wellington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. WILSON, "Strathyre," Golf Links Lane, Wellington, Shropshire.
- Westbury Scottish Club.**—Mr F. W. PLUCKNETT, 32 Cote Lea Park, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.
- Weston-super-Mare Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr D. ROBERTSON, 75 Church Road, Worle, Weston-super-Mare.
- West Somerset Yeomanry Reels Club.**—Mr S. C. MILNE, Thornton House, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
- West Suffolk Scottish Dance Club.**—Mrs S. LAST, 28 Sicklesmere Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
- Whitehaven Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr JOHN DREWRY, 14 Foxhouses Road, Whitehaven, Cumberland.
- Wigan Caledonian Society.**—Mr C. GAMBLES, 13 Lindsay Terrace, Aspull, Nr. Wigan.
- Wilmslow Guild Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. A. POOLE, Ippelen, 36 The Broadway, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- Woodford Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Mr A. WASSON, 13 Hillcrest Road, Bramhall, Cheshire.
- Workington, St Andrew's Country Dancing Society.**—Mr JAMES GRAY, 15 Monkhouse Road, Workington, Cumberland.
- Worthing Caledonian Society.**—Miss L. J. PARKER, "Ardlui," 9 Harrison Road, Worthing.
- Yelverton Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs D. CREWE, Glenhaven, Beechfield, Yelverton, S. Devon.
- York Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss G. M. COWLES, 25 Gillygate, York.

Affiliated Groups—Overseas

CENTRAL, EAST and SOUTH AFRICA

- Benoni Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr W. HILL, 7 Griffiths Court, Railway Avenue, Benoni, S. Transvaal.
- Entebbe Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr K. S. PERKINS, P.O. Box 77, Entebbe, Uganda.
- East London Caledonian Society.**—Mrs M. BRYANT, 5 King Edward Road, Cambridge, East London.
- Khartoum, Scottish Country Dancing Club of Khartoum Caledonian Society.**—Mr I. F. ANDERSON, P.O. Box 1008, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Nakuru Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Miss M. HARDAKER, P.O. Box 591, Nakuru, Kenya Colony, E.A.
- Johannesburg Northern Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—Mr J. DRIVER, 40 Fifth Avenue, Parktown, North Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society.**—Mrs M. NEASHAM, 2 Jesmond Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

- Livingstone Scottish Country Dance Club, N. Rhodesia.**—Mr B. L. MITCHELL, P.O. Box 444, Livingstone, N. Rhodesia.
- Lusaka Scottish Country Dance Club.**—The SECRETARY, P.O. Box 8037, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

Ndola Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs E. K. M. JACKSON, B.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., P.O. Box 2080, Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

Nkana/Kitwe Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss MARGT. BARNETT, P.O. Box 1839, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Townsend School S.C.D. Club.—Miss D. E. GIBSON, Townsend School, P.O. Box 2196, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia.

WEST AFRICA

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

ASIA

Bahrain, The Scottish Country Dance Group of the Bapco Club.—CAROL D. DAVISON, Box 91, Awali, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.

Calcutta, St Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.—St Andrews Church, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, West Bengal, India.

Ceylon Scottish Country Dance Association.—SECRETARY, P.O. Box 223, Colombo, Ceylon.

Madras Caledonian Society.—HON. SECRETARY, P.O. Box 351, Madras, 2, India.

AUSTRALIA

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

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

Melbourne, Yarrabrae Scottish Country Dance Class.—Miss C. COULL, 56A Eskdale Road, Caulfield, S.E.7, Victoria, Australia.

Monaro Caledonian Society.—Mr H. G. WHEELER, Keeper of the Rolls, P.O. Box 339, Cooma North, New South Wales.

Newcastle Colleges Strathspey and Reel Club.—Dr H. DUEWELL, Newcastle University College, Tighe's Hill, 2.N., New South Wales, Australia.

Newcastle Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr J. WATERS, 49 Henry Street, Merrewether, New South Wales, Australia.

Victoria Celtic Dance Group.—Mrs HEATHER COOPER, 19 Majdal Street, South Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia.

Perth Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss L. IRVINE, 31 Fairway, Nedlands, Perth, Western Australia.

Toronto Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs DOREEN COULTER, 3 Excelsior Parade, Toronto, Lake Macquarrie, New South Wales, Australia.

CANADA

British Columbia Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss MARY SCHOOLBRAID, 3223 West Avenue, 3rd, Vancouver, 8, B.C.

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

Victoria, B.C., The Victoria Scottish Country Dance Society.—ELIZABETH LAIDLAW, 919 Vancouver Street, Victoria, B.C.

Breadalbane S.C.D. Club.—Mrs M. FRICK, Site 29, Rural Route 2, Sunnyside Road, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss B. ROCKLIFFE, Box 1202, Calgary G.P.O., Alberta, Canada.

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

Kitchener Waterloo S.C.D. Group.—Mrs F. B. RELYEA, 83 The Boulevard, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

New Glasgow Scottish Country Dance Group.—J. R. H. SUTHERLAND, c/o The Evening News, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia, Dartmouth S.C.D. Group.—Mrs E. R. WHYNACT, 32 Ellenvale Avenue, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia Scottish Country Dance Society.—GEORGE C. DALZELL, P.O. Box 387, Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia.

- Ontario, The Oakville Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs R. M. CAMPBELL, 231 Gloucester Avenue, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.
- Ottawa, Carleton University Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss H. GIFFORD, 998 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, Canada.
- Ottawa Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr V. E. HENDERSON, 93 Glen Avenue, Ottawa, 1, Canada.
- Saskatoon Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss L. CARR, 707 6th Avenue, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.
- St Catharine's S.C.D. Group.**—Mrs R. PATERSON, 87 Louisa Street, St Catherine's, Ontario.

EUROPE

- Belgium, Caledonian Society of Brussels.**—Mrs M. C. FOSTER, 38 Avenue Albert, Wezembeek, Oppen, Belgium.
- Finland, Helsinki, Scottish Country Dance Society of Helsinki.**—Mr M. C. GILVEAR, British Embassy, Helsinki, Finland.
- Holland, Hague Delft Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr H. VAN ZON, Exlostraat, 73, The Hague, Holland.
- The Hague S.C.D. Class.**—Miss LAMBLEY, Danskerstraat 60, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Switzerland, Basle, Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr C. ROBERTSON, 26 Steinentorstrasse, Basle, Switzerland.
- Stockholm Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr D. G. GILLAN, c/o B.I.S.P.E., Tulegatan 10A, Stockholm, Va.

MALAYA

- Selangor Scottish Reel and Country Dancing Society.**—Mr H. V. STROUD, P.O. Box 452, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

NEW ZEALAND

- Braeburn Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. LANE, 125 Thorp Street, Noturha, New Zealand.
- Cambridge Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs F. N. THOMSON, Campbell Street, Leamington, New Zealand.
- Christchurch Scottish Society Country Dance Club.**—Miss P. GALE, 30 Puriri Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Dunedin, Andersons Bay S.C.D. Club.**—Mrs O. N. BRIGHTING, 27 Kamura Street, Andersons Bay, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Hamilton Caledonian Society.**—Mrs W. G. MORRIS, P.O. Box 493, Hamilton, New Zealand.
- Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss M. O'DONNELL, 28 Slim Street, Hamilton, North Island New Zealand.
- Hastings Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr A. E. MORRIS, 202 Beresford Street, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.
- Hastings, St Andrews Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss E. MCNAUGHT, 800 Victoria Street, Hastings, New Zealand.
- Herne Bay Scottish Country Dance Society (Knox Scottish Country Dancing Club).**—Mrs VIOLET M. SHANNON, 15 Gavin Street, Ellerslie, Auckland, S.E.6.
- Lower Hutt Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs E. DOUGLAS, 1 Thorneycroft Avenue, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.
- Manawatu Scottish Society of New Zealand.**—Mr F. G. M. PARKINSON, Manawatu Scottish Centre, 52 Princes Street, Palmerston, New Zealand.
- Marlborough S.C.D. Club.**—Miss LYNETTE MORTIMER, 3 Lybster Street, Blenheim, Marlborough, New Zealand.
- Napier Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss C. JACKSON, P.O.B. 296, Napier New Zealand.
- Nelson Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs ALICE PATTERSON, 244 Waimea Road, Nelson, New Zealand.
- New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs M. M. CLANCEY, 15 Surrey Crescent, Palmerston North, New Zealand.
- Owairaka Reel and Strathspey Club.**—Mrs F. I. McCRAE, 303 Gt. South Road, Otahuhu, Auckland, N.Z.
- Spreydon Reel and Strathspey Club.**—Mr W. G. ROWLANDS, 214 Lyttleton Street, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Taradale Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs M. FRAME, P.O. Box 33, Taradale, Hawkes Bay N.Z.

Toronto S.C.D. Club.—Mrs DOREEN COULTER, 3 Excelsior Parade, Toronto, N.S. Wales.
Waipukura Reel Class Club, New Zealand.—Mrs M. M. LOGAN, Lindsay Road, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

Wanganui, The Athol S.C.D. Club.—Mrs J. MACGEE, 19 Kapa Street, Wanganui East, New Zealand.

Wellington Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss M. BROWN, Box 702, Wellington, New Zealand.

NORTH BORNEO

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cleveland Scottish Country Dance Group.—THOMAS G. EASTON, 18501 Forestwood Avenue, Cleveland, 35, Ohio, U.S.A.

Cincinnati, The Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss DORIS ADAMS, 1527 Ambrose Street, Cincinnati, 24, Ohio, U.S.A.

Concord Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr ALAN A. SMITH, Revolutionary Road, Concord, Mass., U.S.A.

Evanston S.C. Dancers, Illinois.—Mr A. B. GILLAN, 1615 Washington Street, Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.

Los Angeles Cal. S.C.D. Group.—Miss E. STEVENSON, 1626 West Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles 44, California.

New Hampshire Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mrs C. BLANCHARD, R.F.D., Antrim, New Hampshire, U.S.A.

San Francisco Reel and Strathspey Club.—Miss H. DEAKIN, 2283 Jackson Street, San Francisco 15, California.

Seattle, The Seattle and District Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr JOHN M. MUNRO, 1514 36th Avenue, Seattle 22, Washington, U.S.A.

Swarthmore Scottish Country Dance Group.—ROBERT E. MCNAIR, 32 Dartmouth Circle, Swarthmore, Penna, U.S.A.

St Andrews Society of Washington, D.C.—J. A. MCCARTNEY, 5112 Dalecarlia Drive, Washington, 16, D.C., U.S.A.

West Virginia S.C.D. Society.—Atty. DONALD C. HOLT, Law Building, Keyser.

WEST INDIES

Jamaica Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr ROGER CRICHTON, (Trustee Dept.), King Street, Kingston, Jamaica.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 10th November 1962

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 10th November 1962, at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Edinburgh.

Present.—The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, Miss J. C. Milligan, Vice-President, and an approximate attendance of 500 members of whom 106 were delegates.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from the Duke of Atholl, the Countess of Galloway, Major-General Lord Thurlow and Miss Gray-Buchanan, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.

Chairman's Remarks.—In expressing a warm welcome to those present, the Countess of Elgin added that it was a special pleasure for her to welcome visitors to our beautiful capital city and to note that Miss Milligan, the co-founder of the Society nearly forty years ago, was present and continuing to inspire enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing both at home and overseas. Lady Elgin pointed out that although there were 90 Branches and approximately 190 affiliated groups, Prince Philip had remarked during the royal visit to Headquarters, on the absence of any Scottish Country Dance group in Central Canada. However, Miss Milligan had remedied this situation by visiting Canada very shortly afterwards, and as a result had inspired a group in Winnipeg to form a Branch of the Society. The President remarked that Scottish Country Dancing had now such a strong influence throughout the world, that it could certainly be considered as a most

important Scottish export. Its influence was so strong that in San Francisco, where dancing in public houses was not permissible by law, a special licence was granted to "The Edinburgh Castle" enabling "the graceful Scottish Country Dances" to be enjoyed on the premises. Scottish Country Dancing had also a great influence over the young and was taught in practically every school throughout this country, and even in many Canadian schools. The President doubted whether government officials and the public were aware of these remarkable achievements and suggested the Society should "blow its own trumpet" a little louder. Lady Elgin ended her remarks by thanking Edinburgh Branch for the excellent arrangements that had been made to make the Autumn School week-end such a success, and by thanking all Branch officials and committee members for their work during the year.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th October 1961, having been circulated in the *Bulletin* were approved and signed.

Confirmation of Appointment of President and Honorary Vice-Presidents.—Mr Sharpe (Chairman of the Executive Council) proposed the appointment of the President, the Countess of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Atholl, the Countess of Galloway, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich, Miss Gray-Buchanan and Major-General Lord Thurlow. This was seconded by Mrs Lesslie (Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council) and unanimously approved by the meeting.

Mr Sharpe pointed out to the meeting that as the office of Vice-President was created for Miss Milligan and was only open to a co-founder of the Society, it would not be necessary to confirm the appointment of Miss Milligan as Vice-President.

Election of Office-Bearers.—*Chairman:* Mr G. Sharpe being the sole nominee for this office was elected. *Vice-Chairman:* Mrs F. D. Lesslie being the sole nominee for this office was elected. *Six Elected Members:* The following were elected by vote: Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow), Mrs N. Dunn (West Dunbartonshire), Dr C. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire), Miss J. Matheson (Ayr), Mr G. J. Mechan (Dundee), Mrs W. Wadsworth (Edinburgh).

Adoption of Annual Report.—The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Miss Milligan (Vice-President), seconded by Miss Matheson (Ayr) and approved by the meeting.

Adoption of Annual Accounts.—The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1962, circulated with the *Bulletin*, were presented by Mr Hardie, Convener of the Finance Committee.

In the Revenue Account, income from subscriptions and royalties had fallen, but income from investments, the Summer School and Book Sales had increased.

On the expenditure side, administration expenses showed an increase while the *Bulletin* had cost £133 more owing to the increase in printers' wages. Depreciation of £51 on Furniture and Equipment and £150 on Property had been charged against Revenue. The balance on Revenue Account was £964 and after making appropriations to Reserves totalling £800, the net surplus for the year amounted to £164.

The Balance Sheet showed total assets at 30th June 1962 of £37,567 but excluding Summer School fees and the investments held for the Pension Fund, the net assets at 30th June 1962, belonging to the Society amounted to £26,513, an increase of £860 over the previous year.

Mr Hardie then presented the estimates for 1962/63 and pointed out the differences with the previous year.

Mr Brown (Edinburgh) proposed the adoption of the accounts and Mr Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire) seconded, and this was approved by the Meeting.

Appointment of Auditors.—The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr Norman MacKinnon C.A., of Messrs Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr Cross (Glasgow), seconded by Mr Lochhead (East Lothian) and approved by the meeting.

Resolution.—*From Dundee Branch:* "That a larger portion of the subscription be retained by Branches and that the present allowance of 6d. be increased to 1s." This resolution was proposed by Mr Mechan, and seconded by Miss Davidson (both of Dundee Branch).

Mr Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire) proposed that the *status quo* be maintained and was seconded by Mr Brown (Edinburgh). On a vote by a show of hands the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained and the *status quo* was maintained.

1963 Annual General Meeting.—The President announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen on 3rd November 1963.

Vote of Thanks.—Dr Robertson Wilson (Southport) on behalf of those attending the meeting thanked Lady Elgin for the gracious and able way in which she had presided over the Annual General Meeting this year. He also asked members to join with him in a very warm vote of thanks to the Edinburgh Branch, both the committee and members, for the excellent arrangements made for the entertainment of those attending the Autumn School week-end.

Summer School, 1963

I have often thought that the First World War must have been, at least, as much of a shock to the Scottish nation as was Flodden. Few families were not bereaved as a consequence of either; but whereas Flodden denied Scotland the rich and mature harvest of that artistic growth which blossomed so profusely in the court of James IV, World War I arrested a period of decay. The shock of the carnage and horror of the trenches, and the economic depression of its aftermath led, in most parts of the Western World, to Charlestons, unwaisted dresses and the cocktail-splashing medley of life in the '20s; part of a pattern of escape from memories and fear of the future. On the Clyde, the skeleton shipyards stood rusting, and the same sun which occasionally warmed the emerald bays of the Hebrides, cast jagged hag-fingers through the back court railings of Glasgow's slums.

But—"shades o' the sun king no yet risen are lyan in a corner in the straw"—a lone hand wrote the words, the hand of a poet who would, as he tells us, have Scotland to his eye until he saw a "timeless flame tak Auchtermuchty for a name." The same flame, indeed, which smouldered within two women meeting in a room in Glasgow about this same time. One a gentlewoman with an idea, and another, the one person in Scotland uniquely fitted to carry it to fruition. The one, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch, and the other, Miss Jean C. Milligan. The idea?—nothing less than the restoration of the Scottish Country Dance and its re-introduction to the social life of Scotland! A prodigious task.

How well this task has been accomplished must have occupied the thoughts of many who, exactly forty years later, attended the banquet and dance which was held at the 1963 St Andrews Summer School to honour the occasion. And many must have pondered over the significance of the presence of so many people from all over the world.

The University of St Andrews expressed its esteem by donating, as a birthday gift, a dinner in the large dining room of the new Lumsden Hall Residence, delightfully decorated in motifs of the blue and white of Scotland's flag. Mr Robert Watson acted as toastmaster, and flowers were presented to Miss Milligan, Miss Ross and Miss Hadden. I have, by the way, sometimes amused myself by reflecting on how these august and much admired ladies would have mixed with those notable Scotswomen, of nearly two centuries ago, who diffused an influence which may well have decided the fate of nations. We see some of them in Raeburn's portraits—Mrs James Campbell and Anne Gordon, for instance—and "Suphy" Johnston, and Lady Don, and Lady Blair, and Mrs Murray of Henderland. Cockburn writes about them, all country dancers in their time.

Yes, it is easy to imagine Miss Milligan as Miss Nicky Murray—the most celebrated of the directresses of the Edinburgh Assembly—ruling imperiously over the fate of many an aspirant and holding up her finger for the band to cease on the stroke of eleven; or Miss Hadden, gorgeous in velvet and rustling silk, descending from her coach as a nautilus from her shell, like Mrs Rothead of Inverleith who shone as a lady of ceremonies at the Buccleugh Place Assembly; or Miss Ross looking up from her knitting—as "Suphy" Johnston did from her book—"That is great nonsense sir!"

After dinner, the company retired to the Younger Hall, placed at their disposal as another birthday gift by the ancient University of St Andrews, where Jim Nicholson and his band provided music worthy of the occasion in an evening of dancing.

While on the subject of dances in the Younger Hall, I wonder how many realise what a thrill and luxury this is for many dancers from abroad who rarely, if ever, have the

opportunity to dance to "live" music, or indeed to dance with others of commensurate ability. There are other regions abroad, of course, where the dancing is at least as good and indeed, in Ontario, we are fortunate in having at least one band of a class to match the best in Scotland, but this more the exception than the rule.

It must now be obvious that I do not write as a "hardy annual" of the Summer School who can delight in comparing one year's activities with another, or note the innumerable details of people and things which must interest those who are; but as one of that body of exiles for whom, throughout the year—or years—Scotland is the centre of imagination, and St Andrews the fountainhead of precept and standard in the art they love, to be visited only on rare occasions. Who but the exile can understand the experience behind the lines:

O I've seen the sun spout flame o'er Fingal's isles
 And quench his crimson shout beyond Kintyre
 And learned the vesper secrets of the Kyles
 That calm the strife of time's consuming fire.
 But I'd forgot, yes I'd forgot until
 Where maples grow, we danced a royal strathspey
 And then we swirled the "Cadgers" reel,
 Skipped down the spangled night, trod up the day.

There are no sluggards at St Andrews. The morning classes are eagerly attended and for those who are not preparing for the Teaching Certificate exams, there is a wide range to choose from. These are followed by afternoons of recuperation, or relaxation at the beach—if the weather is fair—interrupted, perhaps, by sampling something of the dances of the visitors from Switzerland, or Greece or France, or a class on the subject of "Old Tyme" dances.

This spartan programme explains what, to one accustomed to the conception of conducting a week-end of dance "cramming" in North America, is a novelty—people go to bed! The doors of the residences are actually locked at midnight and rarely is anyone still about to see its being done, except, perhaps, on the last Saturday night, when the tone is set at the evening dance by the traditional march and entry of the pipers under the direction of the resident piper Bill Clement. There are a number of little customs or traditions of this sort at the school. The Friday night ceilidh is another, and the standard of entertainment usually a compliment to the tastes of the company.

It was at one of these that Miss Milligan was awarded her Teaching Certificate. Its having come to the attention of a number of the members that Miss Milligan had been teaching for forty years without a certificate, a special scroll was magnificently, if hastily, drawn up, suitably inscribed and presented to her. In expressing her deep appreciation, the great lady observed that the award of this parchment had been made at a very auspicious time, almost on the eve of her departure to Nova Scotia and another tour of America. She felt sure, she said, that this would greatly strengthen her hand in that forthcoming mission!

But it is not only the memory of busy classes, enthusiastic teachers and the fruit of instruction which is carried away. There are the memories of friendships made and renewed and the stimulus of contact with like minds. There is the example of Bobby Watson dancing a Sailor's Hornpipe—an outstanding performance to remember (I have seen him dance while playing the pipes before!)—and the demonstration team which gave me much food for thought. Nor is this all, there are some further memories to ease long Winter's nights far from home—the fresh North Sea air, the deep blue-green colouring of the distant hills, the grey-stone ports and memorials of ancestry, and the busy shops heedless of the past, and the walk, after the evening social dance, where Beaton was slain, where, harking for the voices calling for "My Lord Cardinal—What have you done with my Lord Cardinal," the cloud clustered moon reaches over the restless, waves and the night air answers "I am a priest, I am a priest, fye, fye, all is lost." The cobbles ring from the cathedral walls and the air of that last strathspey, a never-ending refrain in the mind all the way back to the residence where awaits a well-earned rest until the bell startles another day into action.

GEORGE S. EMMERSON.

Tour of Southern Rhodesian Schools

By A. S. AITKENHEAD

When the Gwelo Rotary Club asked Headquarters to send a teacher to help with the dancing of 200 Rhodesian boys and girls who were to tour South Africa, I was fortunate to be chosen to represent the Society.

I arrived in Salisbury on 1st July at midday and was met by the Tour Organiser David Couper. At 7 o'clock that evening I met my first class of Rhodesians—46 keen dancers from 5 schools in the Salisbury Area. We had 2 hours together and then set off by car to Gwelo—nearly 200 miles south. This disregard for distance and the desire to have the Society's representative in as many places as possible—as often as possible—was my first indication of what this tour was to be like.

The enthusiasm of the teachers and of the Rhodesian schoolchildren to learn more about our dancing made all the journeying worthwhile.

The generous hospitality shown to me by all of my hosts and friends made me feel very welcome.

Some of the following statistics may help to show the extent of the tour:—

In 42 days in Rhodesia I travelled over 1,800 miles mostly by car to take school classes and interested groups in 12 different schools.

I met about 500 schoolchildren and over 100 adults as well as speaking in 3 different areas of Caledonian interest and 2 Rotary Clubs.

During this time I took 30 Instructional Classes and 10 Social Dance Classes.

In getting to these classes in the different centres, I was given hospitality overnight in 10 different homes and invited to share meals in about twice as many others.

Between classes and during a short school holiday I travelled 2,250 miles to view the wonderful sights in this fine country and amongst many other places visited I saw Victoria Falls in the south and Kariba Dam in the north. It was not "all work and no play."

Although the children going on the South African Tour are from all over the Federation, the main centres of interest are Ndola, Salisbury, Gwelo and Bulawayo.

This was a worthwhile Tour and the Scottish Country Dance Society has now a new area of interest, which I am sure will grow into adult participation, and someday we may be asked to allow them to form a Branch of our Society.

I am indebted to all the organisers and their very willing helpers, for making this instructional tour of mine so rewarding. I wish them every success in the future and on their tour of South Africa with these 200 Rhodesian schoolchildren.

Extracts from Correspondence

From an English headmaster of a school in Pakistan: "Although I get very few Pakistani adults you will be interested to hear that I have been quite successful with a class of little Pakistani girls (between 9 and 11 years old). They are perfectly sweet to watch and some of them are very accomplished. This being a strictly Muslim country, it's out of the question to get boys and girls dancing together."

From the President of an Affiliated Group in Khartoum: "From time to time the British Community are asked to send representatives to various functions at which other nationalities are performing their national dances. It therefore falls to the Scots to represent the British Community and our Club has often been asked to take part on their behalf, although it consists of more Sassenachs than Scots. As far back as 1958, we performed a 16-some reel in the big stadium at Omdurman to celebrate the return to health of Sayed Abdel Rahman El Mahdi. We were fortunate then to have our own piper, who has since left the Sudan. Many dances were performed by Egyptians, Greeks, Syrians, etc., and also the Zande tribesmen, wearing cows' horn head dresses, who were sitting next to us. I might mention that Sayed Abdel Rahman El Mahdi died six months later.

"We were asked in 1961 to perform for half an hour at the opening of the new British Council Institute in Omdurman. The other half hour was given over to a popular Sudanese singer. However, we were again asked to give a complete programme a year later, and for your information I enclose a copy of the programme.

“Should any of your representatives be going through Khartoum on their way further south, we should always be glad to look after them if they will care to break their journey, which has to be done in the early hours of the morning.”

From an Affiliated Group in Ndola: “Throughout the year the group holds children’s classes every Thursday and a Social every Wednesday evening. Despite the fact that the control of the government has passed into African hands, the participants are still mainly European, although African girls have attended the Socials and our Instructor has coached African student teachers. During the year the club danced on the Lowenthal Theatre’s stage at the St Andrew’s Night Concert, and gave several other demonstrations. At present numbers are short and new members badly required. . . . Visitors please note, and come prepared to dance!”

Extract from “The Queen, The Lady’s Newspaper,” 10th February, 1872.

“ . . . One feature of the ball was a set of fancy quadrilles, composed of Lady Cardross’s party, consisting of eight couples—four gentlemen being in Highland dress, and four officers in uniform, placed alternately. The dresses of the eight ladies were exceedingly pretty, consisting of white tarlatan, with tartan scarf, fastened on the shoulder with a cairngorm brooch, and a bunch of golden wheat ears and heather; the skirts being looped up here and there with the same. Each Highlander wore a cairngorm brooch set in a bunch of wheat ears and heather; while the four officers wore sprigs of the same, prettily tied up with blue ribbon on the shoulder. The whole effect was most pleasing. . . .”

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Errata—'The Lads of Saltcoats' page 58, Bars 9-16, 2nd line: substitute "2nd man" for "2nd lady."

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