

12th May 1945

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, 12th May 1945, in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh at 11.30 a.m.

Present.

Miss Anderson, Miss Browne, Miss Doss, Miss Milligan & Mrs Brown (Hon. Secretary).

In the absence of Mrs Hamilton-Meckle, Miss Milligan acted as Chairman.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Hamilton-Meckle and Mrs Stewart.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th February 1945 were read, approved & signed.

Business arising

— Books 6-12. Miss Milligan told the Committee that she had called at Cuthbertsons where information about the books had been gratefully received & as a result a large order given. This suggested that members of Committee could inform music shops about the books whenever they had the opportunity & so act as liavellers for the Society.

Summer School

Owing to the large number of applications received for the Summer School and at the request of University Hall that if possible rooms should be taken for the whole course, it was decided that only those actively engaged in teaching Scottish Country dancing or wishing to take their certificates & able to come for the

full time, should have first claim. It was suggested that non-successful applicants should receive a notice explaining the reason for their non-acceptance.

Financial Statement.

~~It was~~ The financial statement submitted by Miss Melhellan was read and the Committee expressed their satisfaction that the position was such a good one — arising out of this & because of the Society's improved financial position the Committee unanimously decided to restore the salary of the Secretary to its pre war level of £3-3/- per week and this sum to be retrospective from 1st January 1945. It was also agreed to bring up the matter of ^{an} honorarium to the Treasurer at the next meeting.

Paterson's Publications

The letter sent to Mr Diack since the last meeting was read — it was intimated that no acknowledgment had been received. Miss Milligan was given authority to make an appointment with Mr Diack to see if some solution could be found to clear up the matter of controversy.

New Dances.

The dances chosen for the new book were carefully gone over and danced to the tunes which were chosen from Neil Gow's collection. It was decided to ask Mr Briseman to arrange the tunes as quickly as possible so that the printers could get on with the work.

This ended the business of the meeting.
Miss Hamilton-Meckle

2nd August 1945. A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Thursday, 2nd August 1945 at 2 p.m. at University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present: Mrs Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Brown, Miss Dow, Miss Milligan, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Brown (Hon Sec).

Apology An apology was received from Mr Duthie.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday, 12th May were read, approved and signed.

Paterson's Publication Miss Milligan reported on the latest development regarding the disagreement between the Society and Paterson's Publications & asked the Committee to consider the points in the new agreement drawn up by Paterson's Publications. The Committee expressed approval of agreement but left any decision regarding it to the Executive Council of the Society.

Annual Report. The Annual Report was passed for presentation to the Executive Council.

Leaflet Dances. The Committee decided subject to the approval of the Executive not to issue any leaflet dances this year owing to the continued shortage of paper.

Financial Report. Miss McHellan, Treasurer, reported on the Financial Statement and the Committee expressed satisfaction that the finances of the Society were in a sound condition.

Miss Milligan raised the question of salary increase and the Committee unanimously agreed to bring forward the following proposals for the consideration of the Executive.

(1) That the salary of the Secretary be raised from £3.3/- per week to £4.4/- per week.

(2) That the salary of the Treasurer be raised from £1 per week to £1.10/- per week.

(3) That the Secretary and the Treasurer should each receive an honorarium of £20 clear (free of Income Tax).

(4) That the salary increase date from 1st Aug. 1945.

Examination fee. Mrs Brown raised the question of examination fees and proposed that examination candidates as well as being members of the Society should pay an examination fee of 5/- . The Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal and decided to submit it for the consideration of the Executive Council.

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, on behalf of the Committee thanked Miss Milligan for all the work that she had carried through on behalf of the Society, with Paterson's Publications.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Janet Brown Meikle

3rd November 1945 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on 3rd November 1945 at 11 a.m. in the Boys High School Glasgow.

Present Mrs Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman), Miss Browne, Miss Milligan, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Brown (Hon. Secy.)

Apologies Apologies were received from Miss Anderson, Miss Dow and Mrs Stewart.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd August 1945 were read, approved & signed.

Business arising The Chairman read a letter of thanks from the Secretary for message of sympathy & for increase in salary.

Financial Statement Mrs Brown reported on the financial statement and the Committee expressed their satisfaction. It was pointed out that expenses in connection with book reprints would be heavy during 1945-46.

Book Reprints The Committee passed the estimate £64.16.6 submitted by Aird & Coghill for reprinting 3000 copies of Book 12. As it was necessary to reprint Books 3, 7 and pocket edition 4, 5 & 6, the Secretary was instructed to write to members of the Publications Committee who were not present, asking them to make essential corrections from the latest editions of Books 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12.

Panel of Teachers The Committee decided that it would be useful in view of requests at present being received, to have at Headquarters

a list of teachers of Scottish Country dancing. The Secretary was asked to write to Branch Secretaries for a list of teachers at present being used by the Branch and names of teachers capable & willing to teach Scottish Country dancing.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jean Milligan

6th April 1946 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, April 6th, 1946 at 11.30 a.m. in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Browne, Miss Dow, Mr Duthie, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, Lord James, Mrs Robertson & Miss McHellan.

Apologies Apologies were received from Miss Anderson, Mrs Brown & Mrs Stewart.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.

Business arising It was reported that Books 1-5, 7 & 12 had been corrected and were being reprinted. The Committee were asked to correct Book 8 as supplies were low. Miss Milligan reported that the Pocket edition 4, 5 & 6 would be ready soon.

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Summer School.

Arrangements for the Summer Schools to be held in two Courses from 29th July - 17th August, were discussed. It was agreed to charge at the rate of 12/6 per day plus 10/6 tuition and that certain members, teachers members of Committee etc. might be allowed to stay for the whole time if desired. It was also agreed that Branches should suggest names of teachers & pianists to be asked and who, after teaching for one Course should be invited to stay for the other as guests of the Society. It was suggested that except for Miss Mulligan's class, numbers in classes should be limited to 40.

The Committee decided that Pianists should be paid £3-3/- per Course with accommodation & travelling expenses.

Financial Report. Miss Wchellan submitted the Financial Statement for the last 6 months which shows a profit of £138. 7. 8. It was agreed to ask for the repayment of the £250 lent to the Government free of interest so that it could be re-invested in Defence Bonds.

Miss Mulligan congratulated Miss Wchellan on her report.

Mechanical Copyright Protection Society.

A letter was read from the M.C.P.S. stating

that they were entering in to an agreement with the Performing Rights Society and asking that the S.C.D.S. should sign a new agreement with them.

Paterson's Publications had suggested previously that they should collect the Copyright fees for the Society so it was decided to get in to touch with them and to find out how the Society stood as regards the M.C.P.S.

Wembley.

Miss Mulligan reported that at an International Youth Festival organised by the Central Council of Physical Recreation at Wembley on July 6th. a team of 60 dancers from Scotland would demonstrate the 3-some reel.

Affiliation Fee.

It was suggested that the Subscription for affiliated members should be raised from 5/- to £1-1/- and the Committee agreed to this suggestion.

B.B.C. - S.C. Music.

A letter was read from Mr Herbert Wiseman asking co-operation from the Society in finding good bands who would play S.C. dance music to which people could dance. The Committee agreed to give any help they could.

Miss Hamilton-Meikle speaking as a member of the Executive Council of the Girl Guides ^{Association} told the Committee that the movement wished to bring out a

typically Scottish book for its members and many foreign visitors and would like to include in it a dance, song, picture, etc. from each County in Scotland. She asked if it would be possible to use the S.C.D.S. publications without a copyright fee being paid. This was provisionally agreed by the Committee.

Manchester Branch. A letter was read from the Manchester Branch but the matter was held over until the next meeting.

Ayr Branch. It was reported that no subscriptions had been received from Ayr Branch for some years. The Secretary should write to ask what the membership was, if any.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jan. C. Mulligan

6th August 1946

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Tuesday, 6th August 1946 at 2 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present:

Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Browne, Mrs Brown, Miss Dow, Mrs Stewart & the Secretary.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Duthie, Mrs Hamilton-Mickle, Mrs Robertson & Miss Whellan.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.

Business arising

Reprints of Books. It was reported that Books 7 & 12 and the pocket edition of 4,506 were not yet ready but had been promised soon by the printers.

Mechanical Copyright Protection Society

The Secretary told the Committee that the M.C.P.S. had agreed to terminate the agreement with the Society which ended on July 1st. It was decided to ask Paterson's Publications to undertake the collection of royalties & copyright fees for the S.C.D.S. Wembley International Festival of Youth

Miss Milligan told the Committee of the success of the team of 66 dancers from Scotland who danced the 3rd Reel before an audience of

40,000 at Wembley in July.
English Branches. After some discussion of the correspondence about the position of the London and Manchester Branches it was decided to recommend to the Executive Council that the matter be left as it is at present regarding the financial arrangements & that the Branches be advised to try to enlist the help of Educational Authorities so that schools might be available for classes. The Committee agreed that at a future date the matter could again be brought up for discussion.

Arge Branch It was reported that no reply had been received from letters sent to the Treasurer of the Arge Branch and the Committee recommended that a letter should be sent from the Executive Council asking that the whole matter should be looked into.

Financial Statement. Mrs Brown read the Financial Statement submitted by the Treasurer. The Committee expressed their satisfaction at the large increase in sales of books & in members subscriptions. It was decided to recommend to the Executive Council that £250 which had been repaid by

the Government, along with £250 which is invested in Lanark County Council & could be withdrawn, be re-invested in 2½% Defence Bonds.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend that the Affiliation fee for Clubs, Societies etc. should be increased from 5/- to £1-1/-.

Annual Report. The Secretary read the Annual Report for 1945-46. Correction of Books. It was reported that all the corrections had not been received and members of the Committee were asked to prepare these so that the book could be re-printed.

International Festival of Music & Drama.

Correspondence was read from the Assistant Secretary of the International Festival of Music & Drama asking for co-operation in an International Festival to be held in Edinburgh in 1947 - the Committee agreed to help by sending teams & lending any interesting manuscripts of old music.

Anthropological & Folk Lore Society.

A letter was read from the Anthropological & Folk Lore Society asking for co-operation in a Folk Lore Congress to be held in Edinburgh during the Summer of 1948. It was agreed to give all possible help.

Management & Publication Committee. The matter of nominating a new Management & Publications Committee was brought up and it was agreed to ask the Executive Council to appoint the members of Committee at their meeting.

Bulletin leaflet. The Committee decided that if paper could be procured the dance ~~at~~ - 51st Div. Reel should be published in leaflet form and given to members with the Autumn Bulletin.

New Book It was decided to publish Book 14 in 1947.

Miss Milligan told the meeting that the Princess Elizabeth had accepted three copies of the Victory book sent to her by the Society.

S.P.A.S. Orchestra The Chairman told the meeting of a suggestion by a member that an orchestra should be formed, associated with the Society & available to play for the Society when required. The suggestion was discussed but no decision was made.

Annual General Meeting. It was reported that the date of the A.G.M. was fixed for 9th November & that arrangements were being made for the Autumn School there.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jan Milligan
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8th February 1947 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on 8th February 1947 at 11.30 a.m. in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present Miss Milligan, (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Mrs Brown, Miss Browne, Mr Drummond, Miss Keay, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, Miss McHellan, (Treasurer) & the Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr Duthie, Miss Kirk & Mrs Stewart.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.

Business arising Miss Milligan reported on the difficulty of getting reprints of Books 7 & 12 but hoped these would be ready soon.

Ayr Branch Miss McHellan told the Committee that Ayr Branch had sent a donation of £5 to the Society & that everything was now in order in the Branch.

Summer School Arrangements were made for the Summer School as follows:

- (1) Two Courses of 1 fortnight & 1 week
- (2) Dates 28th July - 11th August & 11th - 18th August.
- (3) Cost. £5-5/- per week including tuition.
- (4) Candidates for examination to be advised to come for 1st Course.

(5) Selection of applicants to be left to Chairman & Secretary also the details of the application form.

Financial Report. Miss McHellan read a short financial report which showed a profit of £40 in 4 months working. The Chairman, while expressing satisfaction at the income in hand

3 reminded the Committee that there would be large printing accounts this year. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to make a profit on Summer & Autumn Schools & it was decided that the Branch which was entertaining the Society should send in an estimate of cost of halls etc. before making final arrangements. It was decided that in future the Branch who invited the Society for the Autumn School & Annual General Meeting should pay for the dance & any entertaining of Committee while the Society paid for hire of halls, teachers & pianists for classes.

7 Correspondence. A letter was read from The Lady Mary Shackley saying that H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth was very pleased to be Patron of the Society.

1 Manchester Branch A letter was read from Mrs Liddell, Hon. Secretary of Manchester Branch asking for help in teaching staff & a guarantee of money in case of loss for a proposed Easter Course to be held in Manchester. After some discussion it was decided that the Society could not guarantee financial help but suggestions were made as to staff, a good teacher who was in Manchester High School & the Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs Liddell to this effect.

International Festival The Secretary read a letter from the Assistant of Music & Drama Director of the Festival stating that as the programme for 1947 was already too full the only outdoor event was to be Highland regimental dancing and that he hoped to include Scottish Country dancing another year. In connection with demonstrations, Mrs Leslie stated that at a meeting of Edinburgh Education Committee a member had suggested that at future demonstrations such as at Holyrood house children & not adults should be used. The Secretary was asked to write to the Committee pointing out that Scottish Country dancing was essentially for adults & although it might be taught in schools, it was not primarily for children as it was dancing of the ball room.

~~Correspondence~~ A letter was read from the Under Secretary of State for New Zealand asking for a history of the origin of Scottish Country dances. Miss Milligan said that there was very little known of the origin of these dances & that no manuscript earlier than ^{beginning of 18th Century} 1750 had been found.

Central Council of Physical Recreation Correspondence was read from the C.C.P.R. asking for the co-operation of the Society in a proposed Festival of Youth to be held in 1948. The Committee agreed to give all possible help.

145 Many other Correspondent Inquiries The Secretary reported on a letter from Mr Dunbar

Suggesting alteration to the dance 'Barley Bore' in the Victory Book. It was decided to recommend to the Publications Committee that the necessary alteration should be made and an errata slip inserted in the book.

It was reported that a Branch had been formed at Netter Lochaber with a membership of 32.

The Treasurer spoke on the Insurance Accident Policy held by the Society & said that a return of expenses for pianists & teachers was required from each Branch annually. The Secretary was asked to write to the Branch Secretaries for this information.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jean Milligan
8.8.47

8th August 1947

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Friday, 8th August 1947 in University Hall, St. Andrews at 2 p.m.

Present

Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Mrs Brown, Miss Brown, Mr Drummond, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie ^{Mrs Stewart} and the Secretary.

Apology

An apology was intimated from Mrs Hamilton-Mercle.

~~Business arising~~

Arising

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising

Arising out of the Minutes, Miss Milligan reported on the book situation - the printers were concentrating on the new Book & held out no immediate prospect of re-prints of Books 4, 5, 7 & 8. It was reported that Book 14 was being engraved so that it would be easier to get future re-prints.

Insurance It was decided to increase the premium paid for Accident Insurance for teachers & pianists to £8. 16. 3 as recommended by the Treasurer.

International Festival of Folk Dance & Drama.

Mrs Leslie reported that teams from the Edinburgh Branch hopes to demonstrate during the Festival in the Music Hall and the Assembly Rooms.

Gift to Princess Elizabeth. The Committee unanimously decided to recommend to the Executive Council that a bound copy of 14 Books should be prepared and sent to H. R. H. The Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her marriage. It was suggested that the book be in white with gold Sumatra to the one given to Queen Mary & that Robert Maclehose & Co. should be asked to bind the books. With the approval of the Executive Council the Chairman & Secretary were empowered to proceed in ordering the book regardless of the cost.

Gramophone records. The position regarding the making of new gramophone records was reviewed & it was reported by Miss Milligan that both His Master's Voice & Decca Co. were anxious to make S.C.D. records. There was no contract with Decca but if H.M.V. made the records they would reserve the right to put the wording "Official record of the S.C.D.S." on all dances recorded by them. After much discussion it was decided to ask for terms from both companies with the possibility of working with both. A sub-committee to hear suitable orchestras & to come to an agreement with the Gramophone Companies was formed as follows - Miss Milligan, Miss Leslie, Mr Roseman, Lord James Stewart Murray, The Duchess of Atholl & the Secretary - the Committee

having powers to co-opt members of unusual opinion & ability. It was suggested that auditions might be given to the following orchestras - Scottish Country Dance Players, Tim Wright's Band, Angus Occasionals, Miss Shand Scott's Orchestra and any other good orchestra which might be recommended.

Financial Report. Mrs Brown read the Financial Report for the Treasurer. It was noted with satisfaction that there was a very large increase in subscriptions but with regret that the book sales were considerably down owing to lack of re-prints.

Correspondence. A letter was read from the International Folk Dance Council asking the Society to send a representative to a Conference to be held in London from 22nd - 27th September. Mrs Brown moved that Miss Leslie should be asked to go and Mr Drummond seconding this suggested that Miss Hadden should accompany her if the Executive Council approved. This ended the business of the meeting.

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Miss Milligan

15th November
1947

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, 15th November, 1947 at 10.45 a.m. in Wellington Rooms, Tollcross, Edinburgh.

Present Miss Milligan (Chairman), Mrs Brown, Miss Brown, Mr Drummond, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Hamilton-Mickle, Miss McWhellan (Treasurer) & the Secretary.

Apologies Apologies were received from Lord James Stewart Murray and Mrs Stewart.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising It was reported that the books bound by Mackintosh & Co. had been sent to H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth, and a letter of thanks signed by the Princess was read. An invitation had been sent to the Society to send two representatives to an afternoon party at St. James's Palace to see the Royal wedding presents and Miss Milligan and the Secretary hoped to attend.

The Secretary told the Committee that neither the Duchess of Atholl nor Mr Wiseman had been able to accept the invitation to be on the sub-committee to hear auditions of orchestras for making gramophone records. Mr Drummond proposed that Mrs Hamilton-Mickle should be on the sub-committee. Mrs Brown seconded

Gramophone Records.

this proposal and the meeting agreed. After some discussion it was decided that the Secretary should write to H.M.V. Co. and Decca Co. asking for terms of agreement and that both companies should be asked to make 12" records. It was pointed out that recordings made by H.M.V. could be done by any orchestra but that those made by Decca would have to be by an orchestra prepared to go to London.

Festival Adjudicators.

The matter of compiling a list of Festival Adjudicators & a scale of fees to be charged was referred from a previous Executive Council meeting. The matter was discussed, but it was decided that a small sub-committee should be formed consisting of Miss Milligan, Mrs Brown & Mrs Leslie to prepare a list of Adjudicators and to get information about fees in various parts of the country. It was also agreed that the Society should help small Festivals wherever possible.

New Branches.

Miss Milligan told the Committee that since October, Branches had been formed in Blair Atholl, Dumerara, Dumfriesshire, Leven & Peterhead.

Financial Report.

Miss McWhellan read a short financial report which was to be submitted to the Executive Council

meeting.

International Folk Music Council. Mrs Leslie gave an interesting report of the Conference attended by the Secretary and herself in London in September. A special appeal was made for money to cover the first year's expenses and the Committee decided that they would recommend the Executive Council to donate £100 for this purpose to the International Folk Music Council.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jean Chellian
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21st February 1948

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, 21st February, 1948 at 12 o'clock in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Duthie and Mrs Hamilton-Merrick.

Present

Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Mrs Brown, Miss Browne, Mr Drummond, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mrs Stewart and the Secretary.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business Arising

A letter of thanks for a donation of £50 sent to the International Folk Music Council in London was read from the Secretary. Miss Milligan reported on the visit which she and the Secretary had made to London to see the Royal wedding presents, also her own visit to the afternoon party given by H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth.

Mrs Brown reported that the Sub-Committee had drawn up a list of Adjudicators for Musical Festivals and the Committee accepted the list. - The Secretary was asked to send it to Secretaries of Festivals. The list is as follows: -

Miss A. Anderson, 16 Warriston Crescent, Edinburgh.

Miss B. Anderson, 111 Duthie Terrace, Aberdeen

Mrs M.K. Brown, Thornhill, Cairnmuir Rd. Edinburgh. 52

Miss L. Brown, 58 Mile-End Avenue, Aberdeen

Miss M. Collier, 31 Landale Rd, Peterhead

Mr J. Drummond, 83 Craigcrook Avenue, Edinburgh

Miss J. Jarvis, College of Hygiene & P.E., Pilgrim St. Dunfermline

Miss Kenny, 93 Herries Road, Glasgow S.2.

Mrs R.A. Leslie, 5 McDowell Road, Edinburgh 9

Miss Maxwell, 71 Barrow Street, Clydebank

Miss J.L. Milligan, 22 Roxburgh St. Glasgow W.2

Miss W. Richardson, 17 Drummond Place, Edinburgh

Mrs G.S. Robertson, 34 Viewfield Road, Ayr

Miss M.L. Ross, 17 Overdale Gardens, Glasgow S.

Miss C.M. Webster, Anshay P.T. College, Birmingham.

The Sub-Committee also suggested that Adjudicators should charge £3-3/- per session at a Festival when there were several sessions, and £4-4/- for a single session along with travelling and subsistence expenses.

The ~~sub~~ Committee agreed to this recommendation from the Sub-Committee.

The Committee appointed Miss Milligan to represent the Society on the International Folk Music Council in London and suggested that if she could not attend herself, Mrs Leslie might be able to take her place.

It was reported that both Decca and H.M.V. Companies had agreed to make 12 double sided records under certain conditions. The dances were chosen by the Committee but final arrangements were left to the Sub-Committee consisting of Miss Milligan, Mrs Brown & Mrs Leslie.

Summer

School arrangements was the only hostel available this year so it was decided to have three courses of one week each from August 2nd - 23rd. The University Com- having raised the cost per day to 14/- it was considered necessary to increase the fees this year to 5½ guineas per week. It was decided that teachers should be allowed to stay for two weeks also examination candidates. Further details were left to Miss Milligan & the Secretary.

The Secretary reported that the stocks of Books 6, 9, 10, 11, Pocket edition 10, 11 & 12 and the

Victims Book were very low and it was decided that orders should be sent for reprints of them all.

A letter was read from Mrs Harris Hunter (Puth) Branch, asking permission to print instruction leaflets of some of the dances for the classes in her Branch. The Committee decided that they could not give permission to reprint any of the dances as this would infringe copyright.

Folk Dance Festival.

It was decided that the Society should pay for a block of a photograph to be used in the souvenir programme for the Folk Dance Festival to be held in Edinburgh. It was suggested that teams from the larger towns might be invited to help with the demonstrations during the Folk Dance Festival in June and Mrs Leslie agreed to take Miss Milligan's place on the Committee and to undertake the necessary arrangements.

The Committee agreed to pay the expenses in connection with the demonstrations.

Miss Milligan told the Committee that the ^{date of the} Annual General Meeting would be 30th October and that Glasgow Corporation were giving a The Dancauth to the

Society.

This ended the business of the Meeting.

Jane Milligan
12.6.48

12 June 1948 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday 12th June 1948 at 11.15 a.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh

Apologies Apologies were received from Mr. Drummond & Mr. Stewart

Present Miss Milligan (Chairman) Miss Anderson, Mr. Braugh, Miss Browne, Mr. Duthie, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kirk, Mr. Leslie Mr. Hamilton-Maitle the Secretary

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were approved and signed

Business Arising It was reported that arrangements were well in hand for the Demonstrations to be given at the Folk Dance Festival. It was suggested that if possible teams might be found to demonstrate in Princes St. Gardens during two afternoons. Miss Milligan reported on the book situation and said that Book 8 was almost ready

but shortage of paper was causing the delay in re-printing the other books. The Secretary said that she had applied to the Paper Control for an allocation of 3 tons of paper but had so far received no reply.

Financial Report Mr. Brown read the Financial Statement prepared by Miss McLellan. The accounts showed a large increase in subscriptions - £302 - and the increase in sale of books was £138 compared to last year. The Chairman asked Miss Hadden to write a letter to the Treasurer thanking her for her work & expressing satisfaction with the finances of the Society.

Gramophone Records Miss Milligan told the Committee that Decca Company had made the 12 double-sided records chosen by the Committee and that these were very good indeed. It was made clear that the dances chosen from Books 1-5 were not made under the auspices of the Society but by Tim Wright for Decca Company.

Girl Guide Book Mr. Hamilton-Meikle told the meeting that the publishers of the Girl Guide Book wished to have a written authority from Copyright owners for permission to publish dances etc. It was agreed that this permission should be given for dances taken from Books 6-14 & the Secretary was authorized to write to the Girl Guides

Association stating that they might publish in their book the dances chosen. It was also agreed that permission to publish dances from Books 1-5 for this purpose must be mutually agreed upon by Patersons Publications Ltd & the Society. The Society was quite willing to give their consent for the purpose of this book.

Any other Competent Business } New Dances

A dance composed by D. Atholl Roberts on was submitted to the Committee having been sent as a gift. This brought a suggestion from the Chairman that as so many people were composing new dances or traditional lines which were being danced all over the country might it not be a good thing for the Society to make a selection of these & after careful selection of possible alteration as regards phraseology etc, publish a book of twelve, clearly stating that these dances were not traditional altho' following traditional lines. The meeting was asked to consider this & the matter was to be raised at the next meeting.

ii Jalashiel's Festival

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Jalashiel's

Festival asking for particulars as to grants which might be given to Festivals which were being revised after some years. Mr. Duthie told the Committee that this particular Festival was having difficulty as regards finance & that they would be encouraged and helped by a grant from the Society. The Committee agreed to send a grant of £10 on the promise that for next year the expenses of the Adjudicator at the Festival would be paid by the Society. Mr. Duthie as a member of the Galashiels Festival Committee expressed his appreciation.

iii It was reported that Stockport which had formerly been affiliated to Manchester Branch had become a Branch, also that a Branch had been formed in Bath.

iv Corrections in Books

Miss Kirk read a letter from a member of Dundee Branch regarding difficulties found in the instructions for some of the dances & suggesting that errata slips might be sent out to members where corrections & alterations had been made in reprints of books. The Committee agreed that it would be better to include any corrections in the

Bulletin as every member got a copy of this. Miss Kirk also spoke of an article in the Journal of Physical Education written by Mr. Wilson on Scottish Country Dancing. The Committee while agreeing that the idea was good regretted that Mr. Wilson had not verified some of his statements regarding the origin of certain dances especially where this could be done. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Wilson to this effect.

This ended the business of the meeting

Wm C. Sullivan
6.8.48

6th August 1948 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Friday, 6th August, 1948 in University Hall, St. Andrews at 2 P.M.

Apologies Present: An apology was intimated from Mr Drummond. Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Brown, Mrs Brown, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, Mrs Stewart, Miss McHellan, (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising Mrs Hamilton-Meikle reported on the Guide Gift Book and said that it was well in hand & would be most attractive - three of the twelve Scottish Country dances were taken from Books 6-14.

The Secretary reported that she had not yet written to Mr Wilson regarding the article he had written in a Journal of Physical Education. After some discussion the Chairman suggested that Mr Wilson should be spoken to personally about the matter.

Gramophone Records. Miss Milligan reported on the records made by Decca and said that they would soon be in the shops. She also told the meeting that H.M.V. were making twelve records, Mr John Robertson of Scottish Country Players orchestrating the music - the Society

was paying Mr Robertson for his arrangements - approximately £100 so that it would own the Copyright.

Financial Report. A very satisfactory report was submitted by Miss McHellan - an increase in sale of books was reported also in Royalties, the profit on the ten months up to 31st July being £468.4/- and the funds at the Society's credit being £2415.15.5.

Dances Composed After some discussion it was decided not to adopt the suggestion made at a previous meeting to publish dances composed by members of the Society, but to maintain the present policy of collecting & publishing old dances.

The Chairman told the Committee that Mrs MacNab of Vancouver, who had attended the Summer School, had given the Society several dances which she had been given by an old lady in Vancouver - Mrs Bain - who had danced them in Scotland in her youth. The dances were very interesting & attractive and it was decided to recommend that four of them should be published in a booklet and if possible for the Autumn.

This ended the business of the meeting.

per C. Milligan
30.8.48

30th October 1948 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, 30th October, 1948 at 10. a.m. in the North British Station Hotel, Glasgow.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Drummond, Mr Duthie, Miss Kirk and Lord James Stewart Murray.

Present:

Miss Kulligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Browne, Mrs Brown, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, Miss McHellen (Treasurer) & Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising

A letter was read from Mr John Robertson enclosing the account for the arrangements & copying of 24 tunes for gramophone records - £140.16/-. The Committee passed this account for payment. It was reported that the recording by H.M.V. was to be made during the first week of November.

The Secretary reported & read correspondence from the Decca Co. regarding a communication they had received from Paterson's Publications about records having been issued without a

facsimile stamp. The Secretary had also had a telephone conversation with Mr Diack on this subject and had asked him to send a letter but so far none had been received so it was decided to leave the matter at present.

Examination Dances It was decided to recommend to the Executive Council that six more dances be added to the Certificate I list so that Teachers could choose any twelve. The additional dances chosen were:- The Punch Bowl, Merry Dancers, The Machine without Horses, The Rock & the wee Pickle Toss, Light's Army and Teviot Brig. It was agreed that meantime Certificate 2 list should not be increased.

Any competent business. A letter was read from Mrs Rankin (Hamilton), suggesting that the Society might allow members to send in dances they had composed, for criticism & so that these could be kept to traditional lines. The Committee felt that this was already done in many cases and that except for special occasions should not be encouraged.

A letter was read from a member suggesting that membership cards should be issued but after a

good deal of discussion it was agreed that although the idea was good in theory the practical difficulties were too great and it was decided not to adopt the suggestion.

A letter was read from Mrs Siddell, (Manchester), asking for advice on the payment of Branch teachers and pianists - those with Full Certificate and those with Cert. T.

The Chairman pointed out that the Society did not lay down definite rules to Branches regarding fees but suggested that these should be kept in line with those paid by local Education Authorities where possible.

The usual payment for a fully qualified teacher was not less than 10/6 an hour rising by 1/- an hour each year to 15/6 or more as decided by the Branch & for pianists 5/- to 7/6 an hour according to experience & local conditions. It was agreed that teachers without their Certificates should not be paid as much but no fee was suggested as this was a matter for the Branch.

It was agreed that owing to the increase of work the salaries of the Secretary

and Treasurer should be raised to the maximum decided at Dundee in 1946 - Secretary's salary to be £6 per week from 1st November 1948 and Treasurer's salary to be £2-17/- per week from the same date.

The Committee also gave permission for the purchase of filing cabinets for both the Secretary & Treasurer and that £12 per annum should be paid to the Secretary for heating & lighting and that Clerical help should be employed when necessary.

The Chairman spoke of her visit to Basle as representative of the Society to the International Folk Music Council's Conference - it was hoped that the Society would send a team to Rome in September 1949 when the next Conference would be held.

The Committee agreed to recommend the following payments - A donation of £20 to the International Folk Music Council, a donation of £25 to the Saltire Society towards the publication of an interesting collection of old Scottish music & song by Mrs Campbell of Cairn, a donation of £20 to the Central Council of Physical Recreation for the special appeal towards its work in Scotland & a gift of £25 to Mrs Jackson who had helped the Secretary for some time with her work.

This ended the business of the meeting.
Allie Curdson.

15 Jan: 1949 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday 15th January 1949 at 11.15 a.m. in the North Bristol State Hotel
Dunlough

Apologies Apologies were received from Mr. Duthie, Miss Kirk, Mr. Hamilton-Meikle, Miss Melligan & Mr. Stewart

Present Miss Anderson (in the Chair) Mr. Brown, Miss Brown, Mr. Drummond, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Leslie & the Secretary

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read approved & signed.

Business } Arrangements for sending a team to Italy for
Arising } the International Folk Music & Dance Conference in September were fully discussed. It was agreed that a sum of £500 approximately would be required to send a team of ten dancers with possibly a pianist or violinist & it was decided that Branches should be asked to contribute towards this sum in proportion to their size - the larger Branches being asked, if possible, to raise £50.

Mr. Drummond proposed & Miss Kenyon seconded the proposal that a Publicity Fund should be started so that any surplus money raised could

be kept towards the expenses of future demonstrations - the Committee agreed.

In order to make the team as representative as possible it was suggested that Branches should be asked to send in names given & women of good dancing ability who would be free to go to Italy in September and who could supply the necessary dress for the purpose. A Selection Committee consisting of the following was elected: - Miss Melligan, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Drummond & Miss Kenyon.

It was decided that members whose names were submitted from the Branches should come before the Committee so that a choice could be made, also that travelling expenses to this meeting might be met by the Branches. The Secretary was asked to write to Branch Secretaries as soon as she knew the date of the Conference.

It was agreed that owing to the difficulties involved it would not be possible to arrange for the exchange of dance teams between the Society & Holland this summer.

Gramophone Records } It was reported that gramophone records made by Decca were now on sale & that those made by H.M.V. would be on sale by the end of March

The Committee ratified the decision of the Chairman & the Vice-Chairman in telling Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications that the exclusive right to make gramophone records from Books 1-5 could not be given to H.M.V. Co.

Summer School } It was reported that University Hall & Wardlaw Hall St. Andrews had been booked for 1st to 29th August on the same terms as last year - 14/- per day. The fees per week were fixed for £6 including maintenance, tuition & gratuities & it was agreed that fees should be paid in advance, including a registration fee of 5/- It was also decided that there should be two Courses of a fortnight each with exception made for members unable to spare more than one week

Various suggestions were made as follows:-
i That candidates should not be accepted for examination at St. Andrews unless they could prove that they had been unable to attend examination

classes in their own centres

2 That a class for advanced but non-certificated people should be offered at the same time as Miss Milligan's class.

3 That a tutorial class for certificated Teachers should be held at the same time as the class in technique so that help could be given both with regard to teaching methods & the preparation of candidates entering for the Teacher's Certificate

4 That the class from 5-6 p.m. might be taken by a certificated Teacher of Old Time Dancing.

It was pointed out that as Edinburgh and Aberdeen schools returned from holiday earlier than schools in the West members from these districts might be given preference in booking for the first Course

Correction of Proofs.

It was reported that the Pocket Editions 4-6 and 7-9 required to be re-printed & the Secretary was asked to send the books to the members of the Publications Committee so that they could be ready for the next meeting. Unanimous approval was given to Miss Anderson's recommendation that all final proofs should be

submitted to the Publications Committee before being printed.

Competent Business

Arising from Press notices stating that the "Dancers of Don" were going to America to demonstrate Scottish Country Dancing with a team composed entirely of women, the women taking the part of men & dressed as men. The Management Committee after some discussion instructed the Secretary to write to Mr. Forbes-Sempell who is in charge of the team stressing the following points

- 1 That the Society was at present doing everything in its power to encourage more men to take part in the dancing & that as there were now men available in Scotland for demonstration purposes it was felt that it was desirable to use mixed teams especially when demonstrating in countries overseas
- 2 If it proved impossible to include men in the "Dancers of Don" team would Mr. Forbes-Sempell be good enough to explain to audiences that it is incorrect for women to take the part of men in this way

The Secretary reported that she had been asked to send a set of dance books to the B.B.C. in

Glasgow for their use in compiling programmes and that Mr. Herbert Wiseman had acknowledged the books sent.

Miss Brouse (Aberdeen) reported that she was hoping to arrange accommodation for the Annual General Meeting on 12th November. This ended the business of the meeting.

John Stewart Mackay

1949
11 August. A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Thursday 11th August 1949 at 1.15 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

Apologies Apologies were received from Mr. Brown, Mr. Drummond & Miss Kirk

Present Mr. Hamelton - Depute (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Brown, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Leslie, Miss Milligan, Mr. Stewart
Miss McFellau (Treasurer) & the Secretary

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated were taken as read, approved and signed

Business Arising Summer School. It was reported that the arrangements made for the Summer School were proving satisfactory

Dancers of Don. A letter was read from D. Forbes-Sempill in reply to one sent to her after the last meeting of the Committee. D. Forbes-Sempill stated that her team which had accepted an invitation to go to America would be dancing Highland Reels etc. that they would do their best to foster an interest in the Scottish Country Dance Society. She also stated that she had received notice of the contents of the letter from a Branch member - before it arrived. The Committee stressed that matters discussed at the Management

Committee must be treated as confidential and must not be communicated to any one.

Venice Team. Miss Milligan told the meeting of the arrangements which had been made for the team going to Venice. Miss McFellau indicated that donations of £384.2 had so far been received from the Branches. After discussing the cost of travel etc. Miss Milligan proposed that an annual sum of £50 be set aside from the year's profit for the Publicity Fund. - This proposal was seconded by Mr. Leslie & the Committee agreed.

Financial Report } Miss McFellau in submitting the financial report stated that the total income of the Society for the present financial year amounted to £3003.5.6. Subscriptions showed a substantial increase, also sales of books

On the expenditure side the heaviest items were printing & stationery bills & cost of Books 1-5. The profit on the ten months working to July 31st amounted to £317.18.3. The Chairman congratulated the Treasurer on her very excellent report

Paterson's Publications } Correspondence was read from Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications regarding the collection of the Copyright fees for the S.C.D.S. from the Performing Rights Society. Dissatisfaction was expressed by the Committee on hearing that no fees had been received

Pakison's
Publications, etc.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Diack pointing this out stating that if no satisfaction was obtained the Society would feel compelled to terminate the arrangement with Pakison's to collect fees & to become members of the Performing Rights Society.

A letter was read from Mr. Diack stating that he disapproved of the leaflets which were published for examination purposes from Books 1-5 & asking that the words "For examination purposes only not to be sold to the public" should be printed on them. After considerable discussion the Committee decided to re-arrange the list of dances chosen for examination using only dances from Book 6 upwards. With the approval of the Executive Council this change would take place when the present stock of leaflets was finished.

- Miss Milligan & Miss Anderson were deputed to draw up a list of dances for the examinations. The Committee decided not to agree to Mr. Diack's proposal that the cost of the Books should be increased from 3/- to 3/6 and for Pocket Editions from 2/- to 2/6.

In this connection it was decided that members should not be given Books 1-5 in payment?

Films

annual subscription but might choose any book from 6 upwards.

A letter was read from the Edinburgh Director of Education regarding a proposed visual unit to be made by the Scottish Education Department in co-operation with the S.C.D.S. in which he asked what financial help could be given. The Committee approved of the project which would help to publicize Scottish Country dancing at home and overseas and recommended that a sum of £500 should be offered in the meantime with a promise to increase if necessary.

Hamilton
Branch Motion

A motion was submitted from Hamilton Branch that "application for an examiner should be made in future through the Branch Secretary".

The Committee agreed to the motion.

This ended the business of the meeting.

J. M. Milligan
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19th Nov. 1949 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, 19th November, 1949 in the Music Hall, Aberdeen, at 10 a.m.

Present. Miss Mulligan, (in the Chair), Miss Anderson, Miss Brown, Mrs Leslie, Miss Kenyon, Miss McNeillan (Treasurer) and the Secretary.

Apologies Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs Hamilton-Mickle (Chairman), Mrs Brown, Mr Diamond, Miss Kirk and Mrs Stewart.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business Performing Rights Society. Correspondence was read from Paterson's Publications Ltd. in which it was stated that an arrangement had been made to collect copyright fees on behalf of the Society from the Performing Rights Society.

New Examination Dances. The list of dances chosen for examination purposes and drawn up by Miss Mulligan and Miss Anderson was read and is as follows:-

Certificate I General Stewart's Reel, The New Rigger Ship, Mrs McLeod of Raasay, The River Cree, The Gates of Edinburgh, The Deil among the Tailors, The Machine without Horses, Montgomery's Rant, Miss Mary Douglas, My Mother's Coming in, Miss Nancy Frowns, Lamb Skinnet.

Certificate II Monymusk, There's nae duck about the Horse, Tulloch Goun, Dalkeith's Shattoppy, Earl of Home.

The Thacker Horse, Jimmy's Fancy, Shattoglass House, Inch of Perth, Madge Wildfire's Shattoppy, I'll gang nae man lae ye toon, Mrs Stewart's Shattoppy.

It was decided that when the stock of any one leaflet on the present list was finished, a supply of leaflets could be substituted from those on the new list.

Film Unit The Secretary read two letters from Mr Frizell, Director of Education, Edinburgh regarding the proposed visual unit and acknowledging with appreciation the Society's promise of financial and technical help. The Secretary was asked to make arrangements for three members of the Management Committee to meet the Production Committee so that preliminary plans could be made.

Financial Report Miss McNeillan spoke on the Balance Sheet which had been published in the Bulletin dealing with several items as follows:- The increase in subscriptions during the last year - £651. 2. 2, increase in books sold - £530. 2. 2 and a new item - royalties on gramophone records amounting to £31. 11. 8. It was pointed out that the increase in Summer School surplus

was mainly due to the large number of non-residents and to registration fees.

It was decided to recommend that the end of the financial year should be on June 30th instead of September. The Chairman congratulated Miss Atherton on the excellent financial report and spoke of the possible increase in the Society's commitments if official headquarters had to be procured. She suggested that now that the work had increased so much the Secretary and Treasurer should have an increase of salary - the Committee agreed and a maximum of £500 was suggested - the increase to begin from 1st November 1949 - £375 per annum rising by £25 to the maximum and the Treasurer to be raised to £3.3/- per week from the same date.

This recommendation was proposed by Miss Brown and seconded by Miss A. Anderson.

Examination Fees The question of an increase in the fee charged to an examination candidate was raised and after discussion it was decided to recommend that the present fee of 5/- should be increased to 10/-.

This was proposed by Miss Leslie and seconded by Miss Kempson. As the Constitution & Rules would have to be altered it was proposed that this be done at the

next Annual General meeting. ~~After~~

Examiners Fees After discussion on the matter of examiners fees it was agreed to recommend that examiners should be paid 15/- an hour from this date. The recommendation was proposed by Miss Leslie and seconded by Miss Kempson.

This ended the business of the meeting.

John L. H. H. H.

14.1.50.

14 Jan. 1950 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday 14 January 1950 in the Park British States Hotel Edinburgh at 12 o'clock

Present Mr. Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman) Miss Anderson Miss Brune, Mr. Brown Mr. Drummond Mrs. Kenyon, Miss Milligan, Mr. Leslie & the Secretary

Apologies Apologies were received from Miss Kirk, who also intimated her resignation from the Committee, & from Mr. Stewart

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) were approved & signed after the Secretary had asked that the last paragraph be deleted as it had been inserted in error.

Visual Film Unit } The Secretary reported on the meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to meet the Film Production Committee. It was agreed 1) that Miss Anderson should be responsible for the illustrated handbook required for the Visual Film Unit
(2) that the expenses of the teams who would probably be from either Glasgow, Edinburgh or both should be paid from Society funds

Remits from Executive Council M^{rs} } (1) An extract from the last meeting of the Executive Council was read "S. Forbes-Sempell asked if the Society would not consider the issuing

of a Certificate of Merit or Diploma to Scottish Country Dance Bands who reached the standard of performance approved by the Society. This, he thought, would lead to the formation of many orchestras all over the country who would, with the help of the Society adequately supply music where at present the large orchestras could not go. It would also give an opportunity to the Society to correct technical errors such as incorrect titles and the use of tunes belonging to a special dance as second or alternative tunes to other dances. The Chairman asked that this matter be referred to the next Management Committee meeting." After discussion the Committee decided not to take action in this matter. The suggestion was considered a good one but it seemed unpolitic to proceed considering the practical difficulties.
(2) An extract from the last meeting of the Executive Council was read "Mr. Murray (Glasgow) asked if it were possible to arrange more frequent meetings of the Executive Council. It was decided to refer this matter to the next meeting of the Management Committee." Following discussion it was decided not to hold more frequent meetings of

the Executive Council but that the Management Committee should co-opt the four members who had been elected to the Executive Council and who were not already serving on the Management Committee.

It was decided to recommend for consideration of the Executive Council (1) that in future the six elected members to the Executive Council should automatically become members of the Management Committee (2) that no member of the Management Committee should remain on it for longer than three years without being re-elected. (3) that nominations for the Executive Council should come to the Secretary through the Branch Secretaries & that all Branches should be asked not to nominate more than two members from each Branch.

The Management Committee decided therefore to recommend to the Executive Council that the composition of the Management Committee should consist of the Officers bearers, the six elected members to the Executive Council and any co-opted members whom the Committee might wish to appoint.

Correspondence "The Scottish Sunday Express". A letter was read from Mr. Stephen, Manager of the Scottish Sunday Express in which he outlined

various points regarding Sunday Express publicity for Scottish Country Dancing. The main point was that the Sunday Express wished to publish a weekly feature including a dance taken from the Society's books. After consideration the Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Stephen asking for a specimen article stating that owing to previous inaccuracies appearing in the press regarding the Society it would be necessary to emphasize that the articles were factual. In the event of the specimen article being passed by the Committee there would probably be no difficulty regarding the use of copyright being given for the purpose intended.

Austria

Exchange Visit A letter was read from the Secretary of the Educational Interchange Council in Austria asking if the S.C.D.S. could arrange to send a team of 25 dancers to Austria during July, August or September, while a team from Austria could come to Scotland. The arrangements for performances, travelling, hospitality etc. to be in the hands of the host country. After discussion the Committee decided that it would not be

possible for the Society to undertake such an exchange owing to the difficulties of providing hospitality during the summer months. The Secretary was asked to get in touch with the British Council to see if that body could undertake to make the arrangements. If the reply from the British Council was in the negative the Secretary was asked to reply to the Education Interchange Council explaining the circumstances & regretfully declining the invitation for that particular period of the year.

Team for
Nice

A letter was read from M. Pinglier, Nice saying that Commandant Mayot would be writing to the Society regarding the visit of a team probably during July.

Miss Mulligan also told the Committee that invitations had been received to send a team to the Welsh Eisteddfod & to a big demonstration in Birmingham arranged by Cadburys. Arising out of these invitations the Chairman suggested that the Selection Committee appointed last year should select dancers nominated by Branches on 18th February if possible. The Secretary was asked to write to the Branches in the same

terms as last year

Reel Class at Summer School. Book on Reel Steps

A letter was read from Mr. Purdon asking if it would be possible to have a class in reel steps taken by a man & for men at the Summer School. It was agreed that this should be arranged.

Mr. Purdon also asked if the Society could publish a simple book of steps (reels & strathspeys) suitable for Scottish Country dancers and outlined his suggestions for such a book. The Committee thought the idea was a good one & agreed to put the matter to the next meeting of the Publications Committee.

Smith and Ritchie

The Secretary read

a letter from an Edinburgh firm of printers with a quotation for printing pocket editions offering to print 8000 copies to be delivered in six weeks.

There was discussion on the matter of the delay in getting reprints from the present printers & Miss Hadden was asked to write to Lord and Coghill telling them that the Committee had had a quotation from an Edinburgh firm stating that reprints of pocket editions could be printed in six weeks & asking how long Lord & Coghill would take to print a new pocket edition - Victory, 14/15

pointing out that the Committee had been dissatisfied with recent delays

Summer School The Secretary read a letter from Miss Murray University Hall, St. Andrews stating that the S.C.D. had been granted accommodation here for the Summer School from July 24 to August 21

Mr. Fuzell A letter was read from Mr. J. B. Fuzell, Director of Education in Edinburgh asking if the Society would consider paying the travelling expenses of a pianist to accompany a team of boys & girls who were being sent by the Education Authority to demonstrate Scottish Country Dances at a Conference in Paris in April. It was unanimously decided to agree to this request.

Collins A letter was read from Mr. Fraser & Collins, Publishers asking if the Society would consider the publication of an illustrated handbook of 200 dances in a size 6" x 4". After due consideration it was unanimously decided not to proceed further in this matter

C.C.P.R. Course An invitation to send a delegate to an Industrial Conference in North Berwick on 4th March was received from the Central Council of Physical Recreation. Miss Milligan was appointed & agreed to accept the invitation

Competent Business

A letter was read regarding co-operation with the United Kingdom Professional Teachers' Alliance. Miss Milligan told the meeting that she & the Secretary had had two meetings with representatives of this body. A list of technical questions & answers on Scottish Country Dancing had been submitted. Miss Milligan had drawn up a list of questions & these were being used as a basis for the Associate Examination

It was reported that a meeting of all interested in Highland Dancing was being held on Sunday 15th January & the Society had received an invitation to send four delegates. Mr. Brown & the Secretary were appointed to attend this meeting

At this point Mr. Hamilton-Beikle left the meeting & Miss Milligan took her place

Teachers' Certificate

Mr. Brown raised the subject of the number of people who took the S.C.D. certificate & who had apparently no intention of using it by teaching classes. This gave a false impression of the number of teachers & was a waste of both teachers' & examiners' time. There was a good deal of discussion & the Committee unanimously agreed that Branches should be asked to insert the following notice when sending out lists of examination classes:-

"These classes are held for people who have had at least one year's experience of general dancing & who are taking the class with the intention of teaching & who will be willing to give their services in the Branch"

It was also decided that forms for examination classes should be printed & sent out to Branches by the Secretary - the form to be as follows: -

Branch - - - - -

Name - - - - -

Address - - - - -

State what experience you have had of Scottish Country Dancing - - - - -

I am willing to teach a class if asked - - - - -

Signature

Edinburgh Branch Teams Visit to London

Mrs Jessie reported on the visit of a team to London to attend the English Folk Dance & Song Society's Festival in January. Several members of the Committee spoke of the glowing accounts they had received of the team's dancing. The expenses of sending the team had been met by the Edinburgh Branch.

Mrs Bran proposed & Miss Milligan seconded that

the Society should send £50 to the Edinburgh Branch to help towards the expenses. The Committee agreed.

This ended the business.

John James Meikle.

29th April 1950

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, 29th April 1950 at 2.15 p.m. in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman), Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson (Co-opted), Mr Murray (Co-opted), Miss Browne, Mr Drummond, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Jessie, Miss Milligan, Miss McKeenan (Co-opted), Mrs Stewart, Lord James Stewart Murray & the Secretary.

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Mrs Brown, Mr Duthie and Dr Forbes-Sempill.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on January 14th 1950, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising

(1) Summer School. The Secretary reported that teachers and pianists had been booked and that there was a large number of applications. Mrs Hamilton-Meikle suggested that something should be done to discourage the large number of spectators & visitors during the evening dancing. It was decided that visitors should only be allowed during one evening each week and only by ticket and that a notice should be put in the local paper to this effect - also that only members of the School should

be allowed to join the evening's dancing and that no-one under 16 should be allowed to take part.

(2) Children's team for Paris. A letter was read from Miss Inglis pianist thanking the Society for paying her expenses to Paris. Miss Allie Anderson gave an interesting account of the visit and said how much the dancing of the children had been appreciated.

(3) Sunday Express. Miss Milligan told the Committee that she had written specimen articles for the Sunday Express which had been approved and which would be published in the Autumn.

(4) Austrian team's visit. The Secretary reported that acting on the advice of the British Council whom she had consulted, she had refused the invitation for an exchange visit to Austria on the grounds that it would not be possible to arrange for hospitality in Scotland during the summer months.

(5) Team for Nice. Correspondence was read from Commandant Mayot, President of the Commission des Fêtes de la Fédération des Associations Régionales, inviting the Society to send a team to take part in the Festival on July 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th and offering 60,000 francs towards expenses. The Committee decided to accept this invitation and it was agreed that the travelling expenses of 10 dancers and a piper should be paid out of the Society's funds. It was unanimously agreed

that Miss Milligan should accompany the team to Nice. Mr Drummond suggested that a notice might be put in the Bulletin advising Branches of the Publicity Fund and asking them to send any surplus money to Headquarters for this purpose.

(6) Book on Reel Steps. It was reported that the time was inopportune for such a publication by the Society, owing to the formation of a Board of Control of Highland dancing and the Chairman suggested that the matter might be left in abeyance for a year to which the Committee agreed.

(7) Pocket edition - Victory, 14 & 15. The Secretary reported that Mr Harper of Aird & Loghill had declined to give a definite time for the printing of the pocket edition. Mr Drummond proposed and Miss Kenyon seconded that the work be offered to Aird & Loghill on condition that they did it in a stipulated time otherwise it would have to be done elsewhere.

(8) Central Council of Physical Recreation. Miss Milligan reported on the Industrial Conference held at North Berwick in March which she had attended as a representative of the S.C.D.S. The Conference had been very profitable and was of good propaganda value to the Society as much interest had been aroused in the various discussion groups.

(9) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing
The Secretary gave a résumé of the origin of this new body

set up to Control Highland dancing. The Society was represented on the interim Committee by Mrs Brown and Miss Milligan but Miss Milligan had felt obliged to resign. Lord James agreed to serve on the Committee and Mr Drummond said he would represent the Society if Lord James could not attend.

It was agreed that the Society should pay the annual subscription decided by the "Official Board" but this had not yet been fixed.

(10) Teacher's Certificate Application Form. The proof of a suggested form was altered & passed by the Committee.

(11) Selection Committee meeting. A brief report was given of the meeting held on 22nd April to select teams for demonstration purposes and it was announced that the following people had been chosen: -

Miss D. Grant	Mr J. Dunbar
Miss M. Howall	Mr H. Glen
Miss J. Craig	Mr W. Murray
Mrs MacFarlane	Mr T. McClure
Miss S. Robertson	Mr J. Robertson
Miss M. Luthie	Mr Primrose
Miss F. Gilchrist	Mr J. Johnston
Miss D. Robertson	Mr J. Campbell
Miss N. Eadie	Mr W. McKell
Miss M. Mori	Mr A. Patterson

Report from

Publications Committee. The Secretary reported that at a meeting of the Publications Committee held in the forenoon, the following books had been revised and corrected for re-printing: - Book 7 - proofs corrected, Book 12 - Border Reel omitted and "Laird of Drumbridye's Favourite Reel" substituted, Victoria, 14 & 15 - corrected & prepared for pocket edition, Pocket edition 1-3 - proofs corrected. Book on reel steps - decision to postpone preparation of this book until further discussion by the Management Committee.

Lord James suggested that a book of popular dances should be published and Miss Kenyon proposed that a book of simple dances from Book 6 upwards might be published for use in Youth Clubs etc. The Chairman asked that both these suggestions might be remitted to the next meeting of the Publications Committee and this was agreed.

Correspondence. (1) Festival of Britain 1951. It was decided to accept an invitation from the English Folk Dance & Song Society to send a team to take part in an Albert Hall performance.

(2) Crieff Highland Gathering. The Committee agreed to send a team from the Summer School to give demonstrations on August 19th. It was also decided to send a team to the Arberfeldy Games on the same day.

(3) North British Ballroom Association. A letter was read from Mr Fairley, President, asking the co-operation of the

Society in a suggested Scottish Country dancing session at the International Festival of Ballroom dancing to be held in September. After discussion, the Committee unanimously decided to decline the invitation to take part in the Festival in a competitive way, but the Secretary was asked to say that the Society would be pleased to send teams to demonstrate the dances & to recommend an adjudicator.

(4) Scottish Girls' Training Corps. Mrs Hamilton-Meikle offered to represent the Society at the Annual General Meeting of the S.G.T.C. to be held on June 9th.

(5) Highland Show. Miss Mullen told the Committee that the Committee of the Royal Highland & Agricultural Show had offered the Society a stand at this year's show to be held in Paisley in June.

(6) Carlisle Branch. A letter was read from a member in Carlisle stating that obstacles had been put in the way when it was suggested that an S.C.D.S. Branch should be formed. The Highland Society who were affiliated to the S.C.D.S. had stated that they were the sole representatives of the S.C.D.S. & that no Branch could be formed. It was pointed out that this situation was impossible and that there was no reason why a Branch could not be formed & that it would be welcomed by the Committee.

Any competent. Miss Anderson (Edinburgh) asked what the ruling was business. about subscription copies of books - after discussion, it was agreed that this matter should be left to Branches to decide but that, where possible, members should be encouraged to take the publication of the current year.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jet. Smith-Meikle 10.8.50.

10 Aug. 1950 A Meeting of the Management Committee was held on Thursday 10th August 1950 at 1.45 p.m. at University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present Mr. Hamilton Macle (Chairman) Miss A. Anderson, Mrs. M. K. Brown, Miss L. Brown, Mrs. J. Drummond, Mrs. Jessie, Miss Milligan, Miss McFellan, Mrs. Murray, Dr. Forbes-Searfield the Secretary

Apologies were indicated from Miss B. Anderson, Mrs. Duthie, Miss Kenyon, Miss McFellan, & Mrs. Stewart

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th April 1950 having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business } (i) Team for Nice Miss Milligan reported that the Festival
Arising } had been a very great success.

(ii) North British Ballrooms Association The Secretary stated that she had written to Mrs. Fairley, President, declining the invitation to the Society to take part in a competitive way in the suggested Scottish Country Dancing session at the International Festival of Ballroom Dancing to be held in September in reply had received a letter asking for a list of Branch Secretaries. The Branch Secretaries had been notified by the North British Ballrooms Association asking them to enter for the competition but, so far, there had been no indication of any Branches having entered. A further letter received from Mrs. Fairley was read

asking if the Society could provide five adjudicators for the Scottish Country Dance competition to be held on 18th September & stating that the Edinburgh Corporation had donated a trophy for this competition which was to be competed for annually. Members of the winning team would receive souvenir medals. It was decided that five adjudicators should be sent to the competition & the following five were elected:-

Miss Anderson

Miss Milligan

Mrs. M. K. Brown

Mrs. Murray

Mrs. Jessie

Miss Hadden read a letter from the Secretary of the East Stirlingshire Branch drawing attention to a newspaper cutting stating that a party of 24 members of Scottish Country Dancing Classes which had been held under the Adult Education Scheme at Evening School proceeded to Edinburgh to endeavour to qualify for the Bronze Medal for Scottish Country Dancing of the United Kingdom Professional Dance Teachers Association that all candidates had been successful. The Committee were distressed at the number of references to awards having recognition by the S.C. D.S. which had recently come to their notice, & were unanimous in their decision that a letter be sent to this Association

stating that the S.C.D.S. did not recognize any of these examinations, & at the same time the Secretary was instructed to write to the East Shropshire Branch Secretary informing her that the Society deprecated any of their members entering for competitions

(iii) Highland Show Mr. Hamble - Henkle stated that the Society did not have a stall at the Highland Show as it would have to have been staffed for the whole period of the Show & the expense of bringing members to staff the stall did not justify it

Financial) The Financial Statement was submitted by Miss Repat McFellan, Treasurer, showing that the amount received in subscriptions - £2,340-4-4 was an increase of £436-5-8 over the previous year. The total income amounted to £3,925-4-6 and expenditure was £2,882-15-2 making the surplus £1,042-6-5 for nine months to 30th June.

New Branches The Chairman stated that new Branches of the Society have been formed at Carlisle, Newcastle & District, Peebles, Boston (Mass.) & Elgin

Visual Film Unit) The Secretary read a letter from Mr Elliott of the Scottish Film Council stating that good progress was being made with the Scottish Country Dance films. There was to be a preliminary showing of the films in September

and no difficulty was anticipated in having copies of the film available for the Annual General Meeting. Miss Hadden stated that Mr. Elliott had called at the Summer School to say that he was negotiating for the copyright of the two films of which Mr. Kerr of Glasgow held certain rights, as the films could not be shown publicly until this was settled. Mr. Elliott had also said that he would endeavour to have all details in time for the October Bulletin.

Autumn) Miss Anderson told the meeting of the arrangements made for the Annual General Meeting week-end in Edinburgh & suggested that if the Executive Council approved there would be no classes this year. After discussion it was agreed to recommend that the next meeting of the Executive should be held two to three months after the Annual General Meeting so that the newly-elected members might be able to take part

Index to S.C. Dances) It was reported that a member from the Perth Branch had produced an alphabetical index of dances for the approval of the Society. A proof copy of the booklet was shown to the Committee and it was unanimously decided to recommend to the Executive Council that it be printed in Perth on behalf of the S.C.D.S.

sold at 6d. per copy.

St. Andrew's } The Secretary read a letter which she had received from
Society of R. Plate } the St. Andrew's Society of the River Plate, Buenos Aires,
in regard to obtaining the Society's permission to use
material from S.C. Dance books for an instructional
book which that Society was preparing. From the
dances quoted in the letter it would appear that
they had been taken from Books I-V. The Society
has no power to give permission for the use of this
material. The Secretary was instructed to write to
the St. Andrew's Society stating that permission could
not be given for the reproduction of this material &
at the same time informing them that there were
now fifteen S.C.D. books available.

Reviser } Miss Hamilton-Meikle stated that a letter
of Examinations } had been received from the Lady Brand making
& Certificate } suggestions for changes in the examinations.
She said that as the letter was too long it was
not proposed to discuss it at this meeting but
that copies would be circulated to members of the
Management Committee and Executive Council for
their consideration. Mr. Drummond suggested that
this question might be considered by a sub-committee
appointed for this purpose and at the same time

The whole question of examinations might be discussed.
Mr. Drummond's proposal was approved & the following
Examination Sub-Committee was appointed to go
into the matter & report back to the next Executive Council.

Miss A. Anderson

Mr. F. Leslie

Mr. M. K. Brown

Miss J. Milligan

Pocket Editions } The Secretary reported that this edition had been
Books XI, XII } reprinted less than a year ago but that it was
now ready for a reprint. She stated that the printer
required to know at once of any alterations to be
made to the diagrams & Miss Anderson undertook
to do this.

Salary of } Mr. Hamilton-Meikle mentioned the question of the
Secretary } Secretary's salary & proposed that an increase in
salary be given. After discussion it was agreed
that an annual bonus be granted to the Secretary,
dependent on the state of the Society's funds from
year to year. Mr. Forbes-Sempill proposed that
Drummond seconded that for the year 1950 the
Secretary should receive a bonus of £100. The
Committee unanimously agreed to this.

In conclusion Mr. Hamilton-Meikle said that
she would like to record the Society's thanks to Miss
Hadden for all the work she has done & continues

to do as Secretary of the Society.
There being no more business the meeting
adjourned at 3 p.m.

John Lorne McKelvey

19th Sept. 1950. A meeting of the Management Committee was held on
Tuesday, 19th September, 1950 in the North British Hotel,
Edinburgh at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman), Miss A. Anderson, Mrs M.K. Brown,
Miss Keayn, Mrs Leslie, Miss Milligan, Mr Murray & the Secretary.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated from Miss B. Anderson, Miss L. Brown,
Mr Duthie, Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss A. MacLennan,
Dr. Forbes-Sempill and Mrs Stewart.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th August 1950
having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business: Index Booklet An estimate from the printers, R.K. Sait, 14

Arising: Perth, was submitted as follows - 4000 copies at £23.15/-
and £4.15/- for each additional 1000 copies. The Secretary was
instructed to accept the estimate and it was agreed that the
selling price should be 3d. per copy and not 6d. as previously
stated.

Royal Charter: Mrs Leslie (Edinburgh Branch) told the meeting that one
of the Edinburgh Branch members had suggested that the
Society should apply for a Royal Charter which would carry

certain advantages, an increase in status and possible control
in granting teaching Certificates etc. The Secretary read a
letter from a firm of lawyers outlining the procedure to be
adopted in applying for a Royal Charter, also an estimate
of various costs. The Committee unanimously agreed to
put forward such an application and the Secretary was
instructed to send to the lawyers all the necessary information.

Correspondence: A letter was read from the Secretary of Stirlingshire Branch
enclosing an excerpt from the Annual Meeting as follows:-

"In discussing the suggested qualifications presently before
the Society for the award of Teachers Certificates, the
Stirlingshire Branch decided to represent to the Society that there
should be no conditions attaching to the award requiring
the applicant to 'undertake' to teach. The Branch is influenced
by the feeling that as the certificate is an incentive to proficiency
in Country Dancing, no barrier of any sort should be introduced.

After discussion, the Committee decided that a reply should be
sent to Stirlingshire Branch stating that the Management
Committee upheld their previous decision to ask applicants
entering for Certificate 2 to be willing, if necessary to teach
a class on gaining the Certificate. It was pointed out
that the Society did not hold classes for people who did
not intend to teach and that the Certificate given was
a Teachers one.

Competent Business Miss Milligan told the Committee that the Scottish Sunday Express were publishing the articles she had written on Scottish Country Dancing authorized by the Management Committee. A letter was read from the Sunday Express asking permission to send a letter to all Society members drawing attention to the articles - a draft copy was submitted and after some alterations had been made, it was agreed that the Secretary should sign it and that the Sunday Express should have the use of the Society's notepaper heading block for this purpose.

Life Membership Miss Kenyon (Glasgow) raised the question of life Membership pertaining to men who had been on war service and whose membership subscription had been waived during that period. It was decided that men who had been on war service and who had paid annual subscription of 5/- for five years before the war should be allowed to become life Members on payment of £1-10/-.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Drummond

11th November 1950 A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday, 11th November, 1950 at 11.30 a.m. in the Royal British Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present. Miss Milligan (in the Chair), Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Browne, Mrs Brown, Mr Drummond, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Jessie, Miss A. Mackenzie, Mr Murray, Miss McChellan (Treasurer), and the Secretary.

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Mrs Hamilton - Meikle, Mr Duthie and Mrs Stewart.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th September 1950, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Business Index to Pocket editions. The index booklet which had been authorized at a previous meeting was shown to the members.

Financial Report. Miss McChellan gave a summary of the present financial position and an explanation of various points on the published Balance Sheet. The Chairman thanked Miss McChellan for her work and asked for questions. Miss A. Anderson stated that she had heard criticisms regarding the cost of the Bulletin issued to members annually. There was discussion on the expense of the Bulletin related to its value to members and the fact that it was the only publication for members apart

from technical books. Miss A. Anderson proposed and Mrs Leslie seconded the proposal that the following questions should be sent to all Branches:-

1. Do you consider that the subscription of 5/- should be increased?
2. Do you think that the subscription should remain at 5/- and no book be given free of charge?
3. Do you consider that the Bulletin should be issued to members?
4. What does your Branch consider should be the proportion of the subscription fee retained for Branch uses and how much sent to Headquarters?
5. How far would a donation towards postage relieve the financial situation of your Branch?

Mr Drummond proposed that a Finance Committee should be elected at the next Executive Council meeting with powers to co-opt members and that the questionnaire should be sent from the newly formed Committee.

The Chairman put this proposal to the meeting and it was unanimously adopted.

Films. The Chairman gave the report from the Sub-Committee regarding the films which had been made by the Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council and the S.C.D.S. The main points of the report were:-

1. Shiathopen Film - "The Rakes of Glasgow". This film was considered to be satisfactory pending one or two adjustments.

2. Reel Film - "The River Cree". It had been agreed that this film would require to be re-made owing to the fact that the synchronisation of the music and dancing was not satisfactory.

3. Loops. There were a sufficient number for a selection. Some of the movements, however, were too fast and some too slow. This might be capable of correction when using a silent projector. It was suggested that further loops should be shot at sound speed. Mr Russell (Producer) had said that when the Reel Film was being re-made it would be advisable to make further films as the cost would be the same. Various practical suggestions had been made regarding the re-making of the film.

The Committee approved the Report and recommended that the necessary steps should be taken to re-make the film and to make others as suggested by the Sub-Committee.

Any other Grant to International Folk Music Council.

Business. It was proposed by Mr Murray and seconded by Miss A. Anderson that the annual grant of £20 be paid to the International Folk Music Council.

The meeting agreed.

New Branches - It was reported that Branches had

been formed since the last meeting at Airdrie, Coatbridge and District, Cape Town, Castle Douglas, Forres, Nairn and Moffat, bringing the total number of Branches up to 53. Book 15. The Chairman told the meeting that it was necessary to reprint Book 15 and as this book had been recently corrected for the new pocket edition no further corrections were required. The Secretary had ordered 10,000 copies. The meeting approved the action taken.

Correspondence. A letter was read by Miss Mulligan from the Scottish Dance Teachers Alliance asking her to write an article on Scottish Country dancing for inclusion in a book which it was proposed to bring out in 1951 for Festival of Britain visitors. Miss Mulligan asked the Committee's advice on the matter as she was not at all inclined to write the article. Following discussion it was agreed that Miss Mulligan should not accept the invitation.

Permission was given to the Royal Academy of Dances to use in their Teachers Syllabus, several dances contained in the Society's books.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Border Musical Festival Association asking if the Society intended to pay the Adjudication fee for next year's

Festival as they had done in 1949. The Secretary was instructed to reply stating that the previous donation had been given for one year in order to help in the re-start of the Country Dancing section of the Festival.

Miss B. Anderson drew attention to conflicting instructions for the dance "The Menzies Rant" in two editions of Book 7. It was decided to refer this matter to the next meeting of the Publications Committee. This ended the business of the meeting.

John W. Prebble
10-2-51.

10 Feb. 1951

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on Saturday 10th Feb. 1951 at 10.30 a.m. in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh

Present Mr. Hamilton - Chair (Chairman) Miss Anderson, Mr. H.K. Brown, Miss Braine, Miss Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Leslie, Miss Milligan, Dr. McFellau, Miss A. MacLennan, Lord James Stewart-Murray, Mr. W. Murray
The Secretary

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday 11th November 1950 having been circulated to the members were approved & signed

Business) A letter was read from the International Folk Dance Council thanking the Society for their donation of £20 and giving information about the Annual Conference to be held at Zagreb, Yugoslavia from 8-14 Sep. 1951

Financially) Before asking the Sec. to read the Financial Report submitted by the Treasurer the Chairman told the meeting of Miss McFellau's recent illness. It was agreed that a letter should be sent from the Committee to Miss McFellau wishing her a speedy recovery

Miss Wadden stated that the amount received in subscriptions £1008.18.4 was about half the amount received last year but that many branches had still

to send in subscriptions. The total income for 1st July 1950 was £2039.6.5 while expenditure for the same period amounted to £2171.19.3.

The Committee after discussion decided to recommend to the Executive Council that, until the new Constitution had been accepted an interim Finance Committee should be formed principally to be responsible for the investment of some of the money at present in the bank. The Committee suggested that the Finance Committee should consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer two members of the Executive Council & an independent member who was a financial expert. Mr. Brown suggested that Miss Vaughan might be willing to act on this Committee. Miss Vaughan who was a Chartered Accountant had acted for a number of societies including the Central Council of Physical Recreation & the English Folk Dance Society. The Committee agreed that Miss Vaughan's name should be put forward to the Executive Council

Correspondence a) Apologies Apologies were intimated from Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie, Miss K. Logan & Miss McFellau
b) Demonstrations Five invitations had been received for Society teams & each was discussed by the Committee

1. From Le Tournai Belgium 13th & 14th May or at the end of June. Third class return expenses to be paid also hospitality given.

The Committee decided not to accept this invitation

2 From The Netherlands Folk Dance Society 8th-15th July. Hospitality in Rotterdam to be given, also small excursions paid but not travelling

It was decided to accept this invitation & to send ten dancers

3 From English Folk Dance & Song Society (Festival of Britain - Royal Albert Hall - 21st - 24th June

It had been decided at the last meeting to accept this invitation, but the question of sending a few musicians from Tim Wright's band was raised. The English Folk Dance & Song Society had promised to pay their expenses & it was intimated that the Society would be required to pay a modified fee of approximately £60. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that this should be done

4 From Clan Gathering - Festival of Britain - Highland Games 15th August at Murrayfield 8-10 teams required. It was decided to accept this invitation provided the Edinburgh Branch could supply a sufficient number of teams. Miss Thelgen suggested that

several teams might come from the Summer School which would be taking place at St. Andrews

5 From Hondegate, Le Berry France 18th - 28th August. Demonstration of Conference. Reduction of 75% of the price of the journey in French territory and a small charge for accommodation

This invitation had been sent in the first place to Mr. Iain Robertson (a member of the Society) who had immediately submitted it to the Secretary to put before the appropriate Committee. It was decided not to accept the invitation but to suggest that if Mr. Robertson chose to take a good team of dancers to take part in the Conference he could do so with the approval of the Committee but without any financial assistance

Elgin Branch. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Elgin Branch drawing attention to a newspaper cutting in which advertisements appeared presuming classes by a) the Elgin Branch of the S.C.D.S. and b) the Elgin S.C.D. Club affiliated to the Society & organized by Mr. Alec Hay. The objection to Mr. Hay's advertisement was that it stated that his Club was in no way connected with the Elgin S.C.D. Branch class, but was affiliated to the main S.C.D. Society

Elgin, c^d. Following discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr. Hay stating that the Management Committee took exception to such advertisements & asking for his reasons for wording which implied an antagonism to the Elgin Branch. Arising from this the question of affiliated groups was discussed & it was decided that all applications for Affiliation must be carefully considered that no opposition to a local Branch should be allowed & that the affiliated group must be in line with the principles and aims of the S.C.D.S. & if possible have a qualified S.C.D. Teacher.

Application to use S.C.D.S. dance book instructions

A letter was read from Lancashire & Cheshire Federation of Scottish Societies asking permission to publish in a monthly News Sheet instructions for dance taken from one of the Society's books. It was decided that this request could not be granted & the Secretary was instructed to reply accordingly.

R. Smith Printer Perth The Secretary reported that she had been approached by Mr. Smith who suggested that the Society might adopt a magazine which he had prepared a specimen copy. Mr. Smith had been asked to send in a letter on the subject but, so far, none had

been received. The Committee did not approve of the specimen magazine sent, and decided to do nothing further in the matter. Arising out of this Mr. Brown proposed that a few suitable advertisements might be published in the Society's Bulletin to help to reduce printing costs. Mr. Murray seconded the proposal, which the Committee agreed.

Increase in Printing Costs.

A letter was read from Messrs. Aird & Ogilvie the printers of the Society's books intimating that the cost of printing would be increased from 1st Feb. by 12½% which would make an increase of from 60% - 65% above the earlier 1950 prices.

Pateron's Publications. A letter was read from Pateron's Publications, who publish Books 1-5, in which it was suggested that owing to the large increase in printing costs the price of the books should now be raised from 3/- - 3/6 + for pocket editions from 2/- - 2/6. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that this should be done.

Arising out of this it was agreed to recommend that the annual subscription should be increased from 5/- - 7/6, members continuing to receive a free ~~book~~ copy of a book on payment of subscription.

This was proposed by D. McFellau & decided by this Kenya. The Committee agreed.

New Book It was decided to publish a new book of dances. Miss Milligan reported that she had already collected a number of interesting dances.

Summer School } A letter was read from the Warden of University Hall P. Andrews intimating that the cost of residence would be increased from 14/- - 15/- per day. The Committee decided to recommend that the fees for residents should be increased from £6.0.0 - £6.6.0 per week retaining as usual a registration fee of 5/-. It was decided to make no change in the fees for non-residents.

Various points were raised regarding Summer School arrangements including the suggestion of a syllabus a class for teachers who were training examination candidates in their Branches & it was decided that to avoid the setting up of another Committee - the small Committee appointed to deal with examinations might meet to discuss these points & make the necessary arrangements. It was emphasized that no one who can attend an examination class at a Branch would be eligible to take the examination at St. Andrews. Miss Anderson proposed that the examiners' fees should

be increased & suggested that the increase should be from 15/- - 25/- per hour. The Management Committee agreed to recommend this proposal to the Executive Council.

An enquiry regarding the age limit for the Summer School was received from Park Branch. The Committee agreed that no one under 17 could be allowed to attend the classes.

S.C.D.S. Films Miss Milligan reported progress in the making of teaching loop films of the "Rites of Glasgow" which were now in publication. The dance "River Cree" would be re-made and at the same time a film would be made of "Mr. MacLeod".

Report from Examination Sub-Committee

Miss Anderson gave a short report of two meetings held by this Committee, stating that considerable headway had been made & it was hoped to report continued progress. It had been decided not to circulate the letter from Londa Branch to the Executive members meanwhile as the Sub-Committee report was not yet complete.

Other Business 1) Children's Class. A letter was read from Mr. Rankin (Hamilton) in which she stated that she had attended a display of Scottish Country Dancing by

members of a local Youth Panel + had been appalled by the poor standard of the dancing. She felt very strongly that something should be done for the children + wondered if there would be any objection to her starting a children's class in connection with the Hamilton Branch. It was decided that although the Society could not undertake children's classes there was no reason why Mrs. Rankin if she wished should not run classes for children in her area.

2 Reprints of Books. On reporting that Pocket Edition 4-6 + the 'Victory' Book were at g proof the Secretary was authorized by the Committee to order 12,000 copies of each book from the printers

3 Gramophone Records of Book 15 Miss Browne raised the question of recording Book 15 + Miss Milligan replied that Decca Co. had approached her but that this company did not wish to have the records made by Mr. Tim Wright. After some discussion it was decided that Miss Milligan should get in touch with H. M. V. Co. with a view to getting records made by them but that they must be done by Mr. Tim Wright who had arranged the music for the book + had presented the copyright to the Society

4 Miss Milligan reported that it had been brought to

her notice that a candidate who had failed twice in an examination + who had accused the examiners of unfair treatment intended to enter again for the examination at Stirling Branch. The meeting agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that this particular candidate should not be allowed to enter for the examination. It was further decided that any member applying for examination at another Branch should be recommended by his or her own Branch or by the Secretary

5 Foursome Reels. Miss Anderson told the Committee that there was dissatisfaction about the instructions for the Foursome Reel + that in view of the reprinting of the Pocket Edition of Books 1-3 she would like the Committee to make some alterations in line with the recommendations made at the Pt. Andrew's Summer School 1950. At the Committee's request Miss Anderson undertook to make the necessary alterations. It was also agreed that when Book 15 was recorded a record of the Foursome Reel should be made.

Date of Executive Meeting at Summer School. It was agreed that the meeting of the Executive Council held at Pt. Andrew's should be fixed for Thursday 9th August 1951

Following a vote of thanks by Miss Kenyon to the
Chairman the meeting ended, at 12.50 p.m.
Met. Hunt, Meikle

Saturday 16 June 1951

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on
Saturday 16 June 1951 at 1.15 p.m. in the
North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present

Mr. Hamilton - Meikle (Chairman), Miss A.
Anderson, Mr. M.K. Brown, Mr. Hutchison, Miss
Kenyon, Mr. Leslie, Miss MacLennan, Dr. McFellau
Lord James Stewart - Murray, Mr. Wm. Murray
Miss McFellau (Treasurer) & Miss Hadden (Secretary)

Apologies

Apologies were indicated from Miss Browne
Mr. Drummond, Miss Melgare, Miss MacLagan
and Mr. Stewart.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday
10th February 1951 having been circulated to the
members were approved and signed.

Business Arising

a) Clan Gathering - Highland James - Murrayfield
18th August 1951

In reply to a question from Miss Anderson about the
choice of dances, it was decided that the choice
of dances + other arrangements should be left to
the Edinburgh Branch who would notify the Secretary.

b) Elgin Scottish Country Dance Club

Mr. Leslie asked if any reply had been received
from Mr. Hay. The Secretary reported that she had

written as instructed by the Committee had also reminded Mr. Hay that no one under 17 might attend Summer School classes & that neither letter had been acknowledged.

c) Clackmannan shire Branch

A letter was read from the Clackmannan shire Branch protesting against the proposed increase in annual subscription from 5/- - 7/6. It was agreed that no thing could be done in the matter as the proposal must now go forward to the Annual General Meeting.

d) Book 16

Miss Anderson told the Committee that she had been very dissatisfied with the proofs of the diagrams prepared by her & returned to her by the printers, & that she had asked for them to be redone. Miss Anderson also asked if Book 16 could be ready in time for the Summer School. The Secretary was instructed to find out if this were possible.

e) Advertisements for Bulletin

The Secretary asked for advice regarding advertisements for the Bulletin & members gave a list of suitable firms who might be approached.

f) S.C.D.S. Files

Miss Hadden read a report from Miss Milligan on

the making of loop films & dances. It was felt that a good teaching commentary was necessary. Mr. James McKernie's name had been suggested, but Miss Milligan thought that an expert of the S.C.D.S. would be better. Miss Anderson suggested that this matter be referred to the Sub-Committee on films. The meeting agreed.

S.C.D. Records.

The Secretary gave a report from Miss Milligan on the making of records from Book 15. Nine dances had been recorded. The three which were excluded were:-

This is no my ain Hoose

Argyll's Bowling Green

Lochiel's awa' to France

"Jamb' F'kinnet" and the "Foursome Reel" had also been made, the latter according to the directions given at the last Management Committee meeting in accordance with instructions in the revised Book 3. It was reported that the copyright of the orchestration belonged to Mr. Tim Wright but that he had intimated that he intended to offer a share of the royalties to the Society.

(g) Report from Examination Sub-Committee

The Committee carefully considered suggestions for a

revision of S.C.D.S. examinations which had been drawn up by the Sub-committee had been circulated. Various alterations were made, it was decided to submit the revised syllabus to the Executive Council for their approval at the meeting on 9th August 1951. It was further decided that if the revised syllabus were accepted by the Executive Council, it should take effect from the beginning of the winter session that Branches should be notified of the change.

Report from Miss McFellau gave a report of the first meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee which had been held on 7th May 1951. It had been decided to invest £2,875 as follows:

P.O. Savings Bank	£500
3% Defence Bonds	£1000
National Savings Certificates	£375
Building Society shares	£1000

Films Following the decision at a previous Executive Council meeting to give further donations, if necessary to the Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council the Treasurer was instructed to send £360 for the making of a film of "Mr. McLeod" for remaking of "The River Cree" grant to Clan Gathering Association. It was decided to support the efforts of this Association to open an Information Bureau in Edinburgh during the Festival

of Britain year to send £10 for this purpose. The S.C.D.S. had also supplied a selection of books and lists of branches for the interest of overseas visitors.

Copyright of S.C.D. Books Miss McFellau

stated that Miss Vaughan was making enquiries about copyright value of books so that this information might be available for the next balance sheet. At the conclusion of Miss McFellau's report Mr. Brown asked the Chairman if the Finance Committee had been given full powers to invest funds etc. it was assumed that this was the case.

Financial Report The Treasurer reported that the total income of the Society for the current year amounted to £5,222.10.6 & the expenditure for the same period was £4,990.9.9 showing a profit for the eleven months of £232.0.9. The funds in the bank at the credit of the Society amounted roughly to £3,902 but of that amount the Finance Committee had authorized that £2,875 be allocated for investment which would leave a balance of round £1,025. At the end of the financial year the capital account would show the investment of the Society as follows:-

3% Defence Bond	£1,000
2% Defence Bond	£500

- (44)
- Building Society shares £1,000
 - Post Office Savings Bank £500
 - National Savings Certificates £375

Correspondence a) Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Elliot of the Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council acknowledging with thanks the donation of £360 & reporting on arrangements made for the making of the films

b) Clan Gathering Association

A letter was read from Mr. Macdonald Robertson, Clan Gathering Information Centre acknowledging with appreciation a donation of £10 sent by the S.C.D.S.

c) St. Andrew's Festival of Britain

Correspondence was read from the Secretary of the St. Andrew's Festival of Britain Committee regarding arrangements for a weekly demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing by members of the Summer School, to be held in the Younger Hall. This Committee had decided that an evening's dancing should cost 3/6 with spectators' tickets at either 1/- or 1/6 that members of the demonstration team should not pay for admission. The Committee accepted these proposals.

d) London County Council Demonstration

A letter was read from a London agency on behalf of the L.C.C., inviting the Society to send a team of 12 to demonstrate for two weeks at the Royal Festival Hall. After discussion the Secretary was instructed to reply suggesting that the invitation be sent to the London Branch of the Society & that if this Branch accepted, the words "London Branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society" should be used in any programme

e) Birmingham Demonstration

An invitation for a team to demonstrate in Birmingham during July had to be refused owing to the short notice given.

f) Edinburgh Branch

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch asking the Committee to appoint a teacher of technique for a proposed week-end School to be held for certificated teachers of the Branch. It was decided to send a list of the teachers appointed to teach Technique Classes at the Summer School, so that the Branch Committee could make their own choice in the matter. It was also agreed that the Secretary should be allowed to add any other (suitable names)

(11)

Building Society shares £1,000

Post Office Savings Bank £500

National Savings Certificates £375

Correspondence a) Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Elliot of the Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council acknowledging with thanks the donation of £360 + reporting on arrangements made for the making of the films

b) Clan Gathering Association

A letter was read from Mr. Macdonald Robertson, Clan Gathering Information Centre acknowledging with appreciation a donation of £10 sent by the S.C.D.S.

c) St. Andrew's Festival of Britain

Correspondence was read from the Secretary of the St. Andrew's Festival of Britain Committee regarding arrangements for a weekly demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing by members of the Summer School, to be held in the Younger Hall. This Committee had decided that an evening's dancing should cost 3/6 with spectators' tickets at either 1/- or 1/6 that members of the demonstration team should not pay for admission. The Committee accepted these proposals.

d) London County Council Demonstration

A letter was read from a London agency on behalf of the L.C.C., inviting the Society to send a team of 12 to demonstrate for two weeks at the Royal Festival Hall. After discussion the Secretary was instructed to reply suggesting that the invitation be sent to the London Branch of the Society & that if this Branch accepted, the words "London Branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society" should be used in any programme

e) Birmingham Demonstration

An invitation for a team to demonstrate in Birmingham during July had to be refused owing to the short notice given.

f) Edinburgh Branch

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch asking the Committee to appoint a teacher of technique for a proposed week-end School to be held for certificated teachers of the Branch. It was decided to send a list of the teachers appointed to teach Technique Classes at the Summer School, so that the Branch Committee could make their own choice in the matter. It was also agreed that the Secretary should be allowed to add any other (suitable names)

Any Competent Business

a) Remit from meeting of Executive Council on

10th February 1951

"Extract from Minutes" - "It was recommended by Mr Lindsay Stewart that teachers of Certificate Classes be present during examinations, & that fees to be fixed by the Management Committee should be paid & charged as part of the examination expenses. The meeting agreed to the recommendation"

After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Leslie & recorded by Mr. McFellau that Branch Teachers who were present during an examination should be paid £1.1.0 for the examination. The Committee agreed. It was proposed by Mr. M. K. Brown & recorded by Mr. Murray that this fee should be paid by the Society. The Committee agreed.

b) Miss Milligan's Book

A letter was read from Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications stating that the book of S.C.D. instruction written by Miss Milligan was nearing completion & asking the Society how many copies they wished to order. Mr. Diack offered the Society 1000 copies at 7/- each if the book cost 8/6. The Committee decided to place an order for 1000 copies at the agreed price.

c) Article on Reels.

The Secretary reported on correspondence from the Editor

of the Children's Encyclopaedia Britannica asking for an article on "Reels" by a member of the Society. Miss Alice McFellau said she would consider the matter and it was agreed that if she could not find time to write the article the Board of Control of Highland Dancing might be approached.

d) Royal Charter

Miss Anderson asked what progress had been made, considering that in November 1950 it was stated that the matter might be completed within six months. The Secretary reported that a printed draft copy of the proposed revised Constitution drawn up by the appointed small Committee had been sent to the Home Office for approval of form etc but that so far no reply had been received from the Home Department.

Following a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.

Frederick M. McKel
9.8.51.

Thursday 9th August 1951

A meeting of the Management Committee was held at University Hall, St. Andrews at 1.30 p.m.

Present Mr. Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman) Mr. M.K. Bran, Mr. Hutchison, Miss M. Kenyon, Mr. F.D. Leslie, Miss McLaughan, D. McLellan, Miss A. McLennan, Miss J.F. Milligan, Miss J. McLellan (Treasurer) Miss D.M. Vaughan & the Secretary

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Miss Anderson, Miss L. Braine, Mr. J. Drummond & Mr. Stewart. Before commencing the business of the meeting it was agreed to co-opt Miss D.M. Vaughan to the Management Committee.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting, held on Saturday 16th June 1951 having been circulated to the members were approved and signed.

Business Arising Clan Gathering, Highland Games Murrayfield 16 Aug: 1951

It was reported that arrangements for the Clan Gathering were going ahead satisfactorily and that it was hoped to send four teams from the Summer School to join up with teams from Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy, Perth and Dundee - in all about 200 dancers taking part.

Advertisements for Bulletin

The Secretary reported that she had written to a

number of firms whose names she had been given by the Committee but so far only two had been willing to take advertising space - Messrs W. Anderson, Edinburgh £15 & Messrs Howells, Perth £15. Miss Hadden also reported that Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications had offered to insert an advertisement of Miss Milligan's new book for £10. The Committee agreed to accept the offer.

S.C.D.S. Films.

The Secretary reported that she had received an enquiry from the Scottish Country Dance Association of East Africa, an affiliated group, regarding the hiring of films, which she had forwarded to Mr. Elliot of the Scottish Film Council. Mr. Elliot had replied that copies of "The Rakes of Glasgow" could be purchased for £12.10 or hired at a cost of 6/- per day and 2/- for each day thereafter or 12/- per week. These rates would also apply to the new film. Any loop film could be hired for 1/6 but it was not possible to hire films overseas.

Miss Milligan stated that she had had a visit from S. R. A. N. Smith of Scottish Instructional Films, who was anxious to make S.C.D. loop films. He had intimated that he bore all expenses of making the films & that the Society would receive a royalty

on them. It was agreed by the Committee that D. Smith should be allowed to make films of school children dancing

"Won't You Join the Dance"

The Secretary stated that, as instructed, she had ordered 1000 copies of Miss Milligan's new book and read a letter which she had received from Mr. Diack of Paterson Publications offering 6/3 for the book which would now sell at 7/6 instead of 8/6. The Committee agreed to accept Mr. Diack's offer. Miss Hadden also stated that it was hoped that the book would be ready for publication in the autumn

Finance (see Report)

Miss McFellau referred to page 3 of the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 16 June 1951 & stated that the Society's profit for eleven months should be £1232.09 instead of £232.0.9 as shown

Miss McFellau then gave a report on the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee which had been held on 9th August 1951

i Copyright of S.C.D. Books.

Miss Vaughan had stated that she had taken advice on this matter & recommended that no value should be shown in the balance sheet for the copyright of the dance music published, but that a note to this effect should be

placed at the foot of the balance sheet and not in the auditor's report

ii Investment of Surplus Funds

Miss McFellau reported that she had invested funds at the credit of the Society as follows: -

3% Defence Bonds £1000
2½% Defence Bonds £500
Scottish Amicable Bldg Society £1000
National Savings Certificate £375
Post Office Savings Bank £500

iii Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that the year ended 30 June 1951 had been financially satisfactory. The Society's income had totalled £5933 made up as follows: -

Subscriptions £2944; Sale of Books £2150; Royalties £299; Examination Fees £347; Surplus from Summer School £158 Donations & Interest £35

Expenditure had totalled £4408 of which the principal items were: - Printing & Stationery £1912
Purchase of Books (for re-sale) £270; Salaries £696;
Organizing expenses £254; Grants £390 Examination Expenses £456; Deficit on Publicity Fund £297; Other items £133

iv Balance Sheet

A provisional Balance Sheet dated 30th June showed assets totalling £7,489 made up of - Furniture & Office Equipment £85; Stock of Publications £1,417; Investments £3,375 Cash at Bank & in hand £2612 Liabilities totalling £304, Credits £61 & Summer School Fees in advance £243 & the Capital Fund stood at £7,184

v Gift to Miss Mulligan

It had been decided to recommend that Miss Mulligan should be given a present of £50 to show the Society's appreciation for the work she had done during the past year. The Management Committee approved this recommendation.

vi Bonus to Secretary

Miss Mulligan reminded the Committee that it had been agreed last year that an annual bonus should be granted to the Secretary dependent on the state of the Society's funds & stated that the Finance Committee were of the opinion that the yearly bonus given to the Secretary should when practicable bring her salary up to the rate of £600 per annum which would mean that for the year 1951 the bonus to be given would be £175. The Management Committee unanimously agreed to this recommendation.

vii Treasurer's Salary

Miss Mulligan reported that it had been recommended to raise Miss McFellous salary from £3.3.0 to £5.5.0 per week. The Committee approved.

viii Office Accommodation

Miss Mulligan stated that the question of office accommodation for the Secretary had been raised by the Finance Committee & explained that it was felt that the Society was not yet in a strong enough financial position to set up an office in Edinburgh with a clerical staff but that the Committee had recommended that, in the meantime, efforts should be made to rent a room near the Secretary's house in Crofton which could be used as an office & to secure the services of a full-time assistant.

After some discussion the Management Committee decided that the sum of £400 should be set aside to cover the rent of a room, lighting, heating etc. and the salary of the assistant. Also that a further £200 be earmarked to cover office furnishings.

Autumn School

The Secretary told the meeting of the arrangements made for the A.G.M. weekend in Perth on 2nd & 3rd November 1951 & it was agreed that again this year there should

only be a Management Committee meeting on the day of the A. G. M., & that the Executive Council should wait at a later date

Petition for Royal Charter

The Secretary read a letter which she had received from Messrs Garden, Bruce & Co., stating that the draft constitution had been forwarded to the Home Office but that they were of the opinion that the petition would not go through without a great deal of delay, and recommended that, in the meantime therefore the Society should apply for the word "Royal" to be added to the title, pointing out that this was a simple procedure necessitating only a letter to the Secretary of State signed by the President. The Committee unanimously agreed that this should be done.

Any Competent Business

The Committee considered the suggestion which had been resitted from the Executive Council meeting held on 10th February 1951 that a visit to some might be prepared for S. C. D. books & considered that, in view of the expense, this was unnecessary.

The Secretary read a letter which had been received from the Concerts Adviser, Royal Albert Hall, offering the Society advertising space in the September programme.

After discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to the Concerts Adviser stating that the Society

would be willing to insert a half-page advertisement in the programme at the rate of £12.10.0

It was agreed that a gift in the form of £25 should be given to Miss Jackson for all the help that she has given & continues to give to the Society.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 2.30 p.m.

Janet Whitte Neikle

Saturday, 3rd November 1951.

A Meeting of the Management Committee was held at the Salvation Hotel, Perth, at 11.30 a.m.

Present:

- Mrs. Hamilton-Neikle (Chairman)
- Miss A. Anderson, Mrs. N. K. Blown, Miss L. Blown
- Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss N. Kenyon, Mrs. F. D. Kenzie,
- Miss Tchapan, Dr. N. Mc Kellan, Miss A. Mc Kellan,
- Miss J. C. Milligan, Mr. W. Murray, Mrs. Stewart,
- Miss D. N. Vaughan, Miss J. Mc Kellan (Treasurer)
- and the Secretary.

Mr. J. B. Figgell and Mr. Lindsay Stewart were also present having been invited to report on the position regarding the Royal Charter and the draft Constitution.

Apology: An apology was received from Mr. J. Drummond

Minutes: Those of the meeting held on 9th August, 1951, were confirmed and signed subject to the following amendments:-

- i) The name of Mr. J. Murray to be added to those present.
- ii) Apologies:- Miss A. Anderson to be substituted for Mrs. A. Anderson.
- iii) "Won't you join the Dance?" to be substituted for "Let's join the Dance."

Report from Miss Nichollan reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 3rd November.

Committee: She stated that a room had been rented in Corstorphine by the Secretary, but that the present address and telephone number would remain the same. A full-time Assistant had been appointed at a salary of £4.10.0. per week, to begin duties on 19th November.

The Treasurer also stated that she had submitted the audited accounts, and reported on the financial position of the Society for the current year. The total receipts for the period from 1st July, 1951, amounted to £704.19.11d., and the expenditure for the same period

was £1,506.6.1d. The excess of payments over receipts for the year amounted to £801.6.2d. & the balance in the bank had been reduced to £1,537.13.4d.

The Finance Committee had agreed that accounts should now come before the Committee to be passed for payment, but that it had been recommended that the Treasurer should have power to pay monthly accounts as they became due, thereafter submitting them to the Committee for approval. A number of accounts, amounting to £666.13.5d., had been submitted to the Committee & authority was granted for payment.

The Finance Committee had recommended that in future the Bank Account should be operated by the Treasurer and one of two members of the Finance Committee.

The Management Committee approved the report from the Finance Committee & agreed to all the recommendations.

Miss Anderson proposed that the Society's address be entered in the Telephone Directory. The Committee agreed to have this done.

Matters

Amend at

A.G. 17:

It was reported that a copy of the draft Constitution had been sent to H. F. Chief Inspector of Taxes in view of the exemption clause. In his reply, he stated that it was his informal opinion that the Society would continue to be recognised as one established for charitable purposes, but he requested to have a copy of the Constitution forwarded after completion.

The Chairman asked Mr. Fuzell to give a report to the Committee on action taken with regard to the Royal Charter.

Mr. Fuzell said that the petition had been carefully examined by officials of the Scottish Home Department who had stated that, in their opinion, it was likely to prove a very long business and had made the suggestion that the main objective might be reached more readily by asking for His Majesty's personal permission to use the word "Royal" in the title. The Committee had agreed, and a letter had been sent from the President to the Secretary of State regarding the position. Mr. Fuzell said that if the Society received permission for the use of the word "Royal" in its title,

it could be taken as a personal sign of grace, and the application for the Royal Charter could still go forward. The Chairman stated that the President had received a hopeful acknowledgment to his letter but, due to His Majesty's illness, it was not possible to give the Society a reply in time for the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Lindsay Stewart then reported on the action taken in regard to the new Constitution. He said that the original draft by Mr. Black had been submitted to members of the Committee and re-cast by Mr. Fuzell and himself into two parts - the Constitution of the Society and the Rules governing the activities of the Society and its Branches. In this way provision was made for an alteration in the Rules as distinct from an alteration in the Constitution. The re-cast draft had then been considered at a meeting of the Sub-Committee when the whole question was gone into very carefully & the result of that meeting was the proof copy of the Constitution & Rules which was now in the hands of the members.

The Lindsay Stewart assured the Committee that every point in it had been carefully considered before the final decision was reached. He stated that it had not been possible to hold the Extraordinary General Meeting proposed at the last Annual General Meeting as the question of the revised Constitution was bound up with the application for the Royal Charter which had taken much longer than had been originally anticipated. He suggested that with the application for the title "Royal", the urgency in completing the draft Constitution had passed, and the discussion of it could be adjourned to a Special General Meeting.

In view of strong opinion that Branches had not had sufficient time to consider the draft Constitution, Miss Milligan proposed, and Miss Anderson seconded the proposal, that the Management Committee should make a resolution to the Annual General Meeting that the discussion of the draft Constitution be left to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in

Other

Business:

February. The Committee unanimously agreed.

(a) A letter had been received from the North Berwick Community Association stating that they intended to hold a County Dancing Competition next summer with senior and juvenile teams competing in Championships and asking if members of the Society would act as adjudicators. Before deciding whether the competition should take place, the Association wished to know if this met with the Society's approval. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Association stating that the proposed competition had the approval of the Society, but suggesting that the word "Festival" might be used instead of "Championships."

(b) A letter was read from Mrs. Anderson requesting that a Branch of the Society be formed in Horsburgh. The Committee, after discussion, decided that owing to the close proximity of Horsburgh to Elgin it could not see its way to a formation of a branch there. Suggestions were made

that Elgin Branch might be approached with a view to including horseworth on its Committee, possibly adding the name to the present title and including the horseworth class in its own activities. It was also felt that the formation of new Branches close to existing ones meant a corresponding increase in the membership of the Executive Council, thus making it unworkable in time. The Secretary was instructed to write to Elgin Branch on this matter & to inform Mrs. Anderson of the Committee's decision.

(c) A letter was read from Mr. Robertson, Chairman, Saltire Society, Glasgow Branch, asking, in view of the objects of the Society, whether material collected had been brought together in an archive where it could be studied by students. He also enquired whether the history of Scottish Country Dancing had been, or was likely to be, a subject of a scholarly work, or if a University had been approached to see if a post graduate research worker might be attracted to

this branch of study.

The members of Committee discussed this matter & agreed that the amount of historical knowledge available was not sufficient to warrant its collection in a book. Material such as there was could be found in places such as the Mitchell library, Glasgow, The National library, Edinburgh, the Dundee library and, of course, in the British Museum. Scottish Country Dancing, because of its living traditions, had not lent itself to a written history.

(d) Miss Hadden read a letter from Mr. Blockie, Director of Education, Midlothian, stating that his Education Committee had recently conducted a course in National Dancing for primary teachers at which certain Scottish Country Dances had been taught. The teachers attending the course had expressed a wish that the dances be issued in leaflet form. As the S. C. D. S. held the copyright of Books 6-16, Mr. Blockie asked if the dances

required could be copied and made available, free of charge, for use only by Niddonian teachers for educational purposes. After some discussion, the Secretary was instructed to inform the Director that the Society were unwilling to allow the copyright to be used, and suggesting that, in future, when planning such courses, leaflets already published should be used.

After Mrs. Brown had proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

Jean C. Millan
1. 18. 51

Saturday 1st December 1951

A meeting of the Management Committee was held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 1st December 1951 at 11.30 a.m.

Present Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Mrs Brown, Miss Browne, Mr Fitzell, Mrs Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Dr. McEellan, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr Murray, Miss McEellan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Miss A.R. McEellan and Mrs Stewart.

1. Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd November 1951 were approved and signed after the inclusion of "National Library, Edinburgh", in "Other Business", paragraph (c).

2. Business Arising. (a) It was reported that the name of the Society had been inserted and would appear in the March telephone directory.

(b) Lossiemouth Branch: The Secretary read correspondence from Mrs Anderson (Lossiemouth) and Mr Wilson (Elgin) asking for further consideration regarding the formation of a Branch in Lossiemouth. There was considerable discussion after which Mrs Browne (Aberdeen) proposed that permission should be given to Mrs Anderson to form a Branch in Lossiemouth; Miss Anderson (Edinburgh) seconded the proposal and the Committee agreed to rescind their previous decision.

(c) Letter from Mr Robertson, Saltire Society, Glasgow Branch

The Secretary read Mr Robertson's letter regarding the history of Scottish Country dancing. Lord James suggested that three interested members of this Society be appointed to do some research on the subject. It was agreed the Publications Committee would discuss this at their next meeting.

E.G. Meeting 3. Arrangements for Extraordinary General Meeting.

(1) Miss Browne (Aberdeen) mentioned that her Branch had not received the circular letter regarding amendments being sent in by 15th January & that the Branch Committee Meeting had been arranged for 16th January. It was agreed that this time should be extended for a week i.e. until 22nd January 1952 as other Branches could not make arrangements earlier.

After discussion it was proposed that the sub. Committee appointed to discuss the amendments should meet on 1st February and that their findings should be submitted to the Executive Council which should meet on 23rd February 1952, to deal with the amendments to the Constitution. It was also decided that the Extraordinary General Meeting should be held on either 15th or 22nd March 1952 in Glasgow.

(2) Miss Hadden was instructed to write and General Hist. members not connected with Branches, to send in amendments to the Draft Constitution. It was agreed that the Extraordinary General Meeting should meet at 11.30 a.m. for one hour, adjourn for lunch and resume at 2 p.m.

Any Competent (a) Report from Finance Committee.

Business Mr Ingell, who had to leave the meeting at this point, stressed the need for a very simple budget being presented to the A.G.M. and suggested that a clause to this effect might be incorporated in the Draft Constitution after consideration by the sub. Committee appointed.

Miss Vaughan, in submitting a provisional budget for the coming season 1951-52, put forward a suggestion from the Finance Committee that the Society should separate for internal use only, the publication accounts from those of the general work of the Society. It was also reported that owing to the fact that subscriptions did not come in at regular intervals it was very difficult to meet current expenses, particularly during the early part of the year, and it had been suggested by the Finance Committee that the Branches should be asked to send in the money due to the Society at the following dates - 31st December, 30th March, and at the end of the financial year, 30th June. The Management Committee agreed to the above recommendations and the Secretary was instructed to send a letter to the Branch Secretaries asking for subscriptions to be sent in as soon as possible and in the future by 1st December, 1st March and 30th June. At the Secretary's request an order for reprinting 12,000 copies of Books 6, 10 and 11 was sanctioned by the Committee.

(a) Finance Committee Report: Contd.

Draft Constitution and Rules: (Items concerning finance)

It was recommended by the Finance Committee that the words relating to sums of money be omitted and that it should be left to the Executive Council to decide what limit to expenditure should be imposed (pages 6 and 7). This was agreed. Miss Kenyon proposed that on page 14 the words "not more than one third" should be substituted for "not less than one third" as printed in the proof copy. This was seconded by Mrs Hutchinson and the Committee agreed unanimously.

It was recommended by the Management Committee that on page 13, Section D, last line, the date should be omitted and the words "their financial year" substituted for "the financial year".

(b) Film Policy: Miss Hadden read a letter from Mr Frizell regarding the future policy of S.C.D. films. He had previously replied to a question from Miss Vaughan regarding profits from the present films and pointed out that any money accruing would have to be ploughed back. The value of films for propaganda and in those communities where there were no teachers, was stressed, and Miss Vaughan thought that ultimately these would be a source of revenue, particularly where foreign rights were concerned. The royalties from the selling of films should be looked into, and the problem

brought to the Committee. Mrs Brown suggested that Miss Vaughan discuss the question with Mr Frizell, Mr Elliot, Mr Russell and Miss Mulligan, and the Committee agreed.

(c) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

A letter from the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing was read asking for nomination of three independent members. Mrs Brown announced her resignation as a representative of the Society on this Board. Lord James was willing to continue acting in this capacity. He raised the point of liaison between the two bodies concerning steps, from the point of view of film making and the Committee agreed. Miss Anderson and Miss Hadden were asked to decide on two representatives to be nominated to this organization as independent members.

(d) Summer School, 1952. The Chairman reported that University Hall, St. Andrews had been booked from 21st July - 18th August.

(e) Proposed Subscription Copy for 1952. It was recommended that a book of 24 favourite dances from Book 6 upwards be published for the subscription copy for 1952.

(f) International Folk Music Council. A letter of thanks for donation of £20 was read. The Secretary was instructed to order 20 copies of the book published by this Council called "Manual for Folk Music Collections".

15th Dec. 1951 (g) Selected Teams for Demonstration: Miss Anderson suggests some revision of the teams selected to be sent abroad. Miss Milligan agreed that the selection should be annual, and there was some discussion regarding the suggestion of sending Branch Teams but no decision was reached in the matter.

Miss Anderson also raised the point of the necessity of getting gramophone recordings of the dances in Book 16 made quickly. Miss Milligan said that His Master's Voice had intimated that these would be put in hand soon.

Lord James announced that His Majesty the King had graciously consented to the Society's request that the word "Royal" be included in the Society's title, and that from henceforth the Society would be known as "The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society".

The meeting ended after a vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Mrs Brown.

Jean Milligan
23. 2. 52

Saturday, 23rd February, 1952.

Minutes of a meeting of the Management Committee held on 23rd February at 11.30am. in The North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Anderson, Miss Beane, Mrs Beane, Mr. Drummond, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Murray, Miss Vaughan, Miss Mcellan (Treasurer)
Miss Hadden (Secretary)

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Mr. Triggell, Mrs. Kessie, Miss MacLennan, Dr. Mcellan, Mrs. Stewart.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st December, 1951, were approved & signed.

Royal Patronage: The Secretary read a letter from The Black & Warden, Bruce & Co., W.S., stating that the Society cannot approach the Queen with a request for patronage for about four months, and that in the meantime any reference to H.R.H.'s patronage be deleted from the Society's stationery.

2. Business) Film Policy: The Chairman reported on
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two meetings which had been held with members of the R.S.C.D.S. Committee and of the Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council. It was pointed out that owing to the cost of producing the films being lower than the sum stipulated by the Board of Trade, it would not be possible to get a certificate. From a statement of accounts submitted it was obvious that there was very little prospect of profit being made from the showing of the films, but it was agreed that if in the future there was an income from this source it should be ploughed back and used for the production of more films.

It was also reported that the Joint Production Committee had offered to place a copy of each film at the disposal of the Society, to be used by the Branches without charge. All the work of servicing and showing the films was done by the Joint Production Committee without a charge being made. Miss Vaughan suggested that Branches might be asked

to pay a small amount when borrowing the films so that they could be replaced when worn out. The Committee agreed and it was decided that a paragraph be inserted in the next Bulletin outlining the situation.

b) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

It was reported that Captain J. Bain had kindly agreed to act as the Society's representative on this Board in place of Mrs. Brown.

c) Proposed Subscription Book for 1952. Miss

Pittman reported that after receiving an estimate for a book of 24 dances it was found that the cost would necessitate an increase in the selling price of the book, and as the book would also be given free to members this was not practicable. The suggestion had been made that a book of 16 dances should be substituted and the Finance Committee had passed the estimate with the recommendation that this book should be published. The Committee agreed to

recommend the proposal to the Executive Council and The Chairman asked members to send in at once lists of popular dances to be put before the Publications Committee.

d) International Folk Music Council: Members were told that the 20 copies of the Handbook of the above Council were now on sale, price 1/60 each.

3. Report Miss Van plan, in giving the report from Finance from the Finance Committee, said that Committee: The figures of the provisional budget she put forward at the last meeting had proved to be more or less accurate, and in fact the Society was running to the estimates with a few pounds to spare. This included the expenses relating to the revision of the Constitution and the equipping of the office.

The Finance Committee had approved three estimates for books totalling £1,200. Orders for books from Paterson's Publications came in regularly and were paid monthly; this meant that the cash position was not impaired.

It was recommended that Book 16 should be reprinted and an estimate received from the printer. The reprint of the Index was approved and passed. An estimate for the ^{proposed} new book was received & passed.

It was also recommended that members of the Management Committee should receive lunch expenses - the amount stipulated was 5/-.

The Management Committee approved all the recommendations from the Finance Committee.

4. Branch Applications: The Secretary read applications to start Branches from the following:-

Worcester: The Committee agreed to Branch formation but recommended that Miss Fraser (Teacher) should attempt to obtain her certificate at the Summer School.

Richmond, Yorks: The Committee agreed to Branch formation.

Portsmouth: The Committee agreed to Branch formation.

West Dumbartonshire: The re-formation of this

Branch was agreed upon. Recommendation from The Finance Committee that the Society should give this Branch a grant of £6. was received and passed.

Sydney, Australia: The Committee agreed to Branch formation.

Sutherland: The Committee agreed to Branch formation. It was recommended that Mr. Laird should attend the Summer School to try to gain his certificate.

5. Demonstration a) Selection Committee: The names of Teams: the members of this Committee, which was formed in January, 1949, were read, and it was suggested that new members be appointed in place of those who are not now on the Executive Council. The following names were proposed for recommendation to the Council:

Mrs. H. Browne, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Leslie, Mr. McKell.

b) Arrangements for meeting: It was decided that the meeting should take place on 5th April in Edinburgh, in the Gairdner Hall.

c) Le Mans, France, about 20th September: The invitation from Le Mans was read. The Committee thought that the offer from France to pay all expenses from London to Le Mans, the Society meeting those from Edinburgh to London, very generous. Miss Milligan suggested that this visit might be combined with an invitation she had received from Rome. The Secretary was instructed to write to the French Authority and intimate that the Society was willing to pay expenses of the party from Edinburgh to London.

Schwamper-an-Neckar (Germany): The dates, 31st May to 2nd June, were considered to be too early, but it was suggested that the London Branch should be invited to send a team.

Stuttgart, Germany: Invitation from the Office of the British Consul for a team to take part in a festival from 6th-12th October. It was considered that the dates were too late in the year and that the invitation would have to be declined.

It was decided that the final details of the above be left to a smaller committee, and that the sum set aside by the Finance Committee for the expenses of demonstration teams be not exceeded.

6. Summer School, 1952: With the approval of the Finance Committee it was suggested that the increase of 4/- per week on the Summer School charge be recommended to the Executive Council. The Management Committee agreed to this increase; the cost would now be £6.10.0. per week.

7. May Competent Business: a) London Branch Ball: The Committee felt that as the Ball was to be held on 9th May before the period of Court mourning for the King was over, and that as the Ball was to be held in London, it should be postponed. This recommendation to be put before the Executive Council.

b) London Branch Ball Programmes: The Committee felt that the London Branch should be allowed to permit descriptions of dances on their Ball programmes, so long as the descriptions were not taken

word for word from the books. The Secretary was instructed to inform Paterson's Publications of the Committee's views on the matter.

c) Branch Membership: A letter from one Branch was read in which it was stated that over and above the 5/- subscription members were charged a local fee. This meant that members on the General list or transferred from Branches were compelled to pay an extra fee before being accepted into membership of the Branch. This was discussed and the Committee felt that this procedure was quite unconstitutional, and recommended that the matter be brought to the notice of the Executive Council.

This ended the business of the meeting.

M. K. Brown
6. VI. 52.

Saturday 7 June 1952

Minutes of a meeting of the Management Committee held on Saturday 7th June 1952 at 11.30 a.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present Mr. Brown (in the chair) Miss Anderson, Mr. Hutchison Miss Kenyon, Mr. Leslie & Miss Haddan (Secretary)

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Miss Meligan, Miss L. Brone, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fyell, Miss L. MacLennan Dr. MacFellan, Mr. Murray, Lord James Stewart-Murray Mr. Stewart & Miss MacFellan (Treasurer).

Minutes 1. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 February 1952 were approved and signed.

2 Business Arising:-

a) Royal Patronage. The Secretary reported that she had been in touch with Mr. Black of Warden, Bruce Co., who said that if notice of this matter did not come automatically within a fortnight application would be made through him to the Lord Privy Seal.

b) Book of Sixteen Popular Dances. The Secretary read the list of dances selected by the Publications Committee as follows:

Mr. MacLeod of Raasay	The Reel of the 51 st Division
Hamlet a Horse	Ladies' Fancy
Sixteen some Reel	She's Ower Young to Many Yet
River Cree	Jimmy's Fancy

c^H The New-Rigged Ships Sales of Edinburgh
Madge Wildfire's Strathpey Lord Roslyn's Fancy
Many more The Birls of Invermay
Rates of Glasgow The Duke of Arroll's Reel

c) Selection Committee. The Secretary gave a report of the meeting of this Committee on 5th April 1952 & 7 candidates were sent from Branches to take part in the audition and the following were chosen to represent the Society in Britain & abroad:

Team

Mr. H. Glee (Edinburgh)	Miss E. Goodall (Perth)
Mr. T. McClure (Glasgow)	Miss J. Grant (E. Andrews)
Mr. W. Murray (Inverness)	Mr. D. McLeod (Glasgow)
Mr. I. Robertson (Edinburgh)	Miss M. Muir (W. Lothian)
Mr. I. Russell (Perth)	Miss D. Robertson (Glasgow)

Reserves

Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)	Miss Jargulas (Perth)
Mr. W. Clement (Perth)	Miss Martin (Aberdeen)
Mr. K. Connolly (Edinburgh)	Mr. Romanis (Edinburgh)
Mr. W. Hamelton (Edinburgh)	Miss Stephens (Perth)
Mr. D. McLeod (Glasgow)	Miss Storax (Edinburgh)
Mr. A. Patterson (Aberdeen)	

d) Demonstrations Abroad
Confirmation had been received from the Maas regarding dates of the visit which were 19-21st September. It was also confirmed that the French authorities

would pay the expenses of the train from London to Le Mans while the Society would meet those incurred from Scotland to London.

As the Presidenza Nazionale, Rome had not yet informed the Secretary of the dates for the Festival to be held there, it was suggested that a telegram be sent to expedite a reply.

3 Report of Financial Position

Mr. Brown reported that as there was no quorum the Finance Committee meeting had to be cancelled. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary & Miss Vaughan the financial advisers had discussed the various matters arising & the following report and recommendations had been prepared:-

Financial Statements: Draft accounts for the last nine months ended 31st March had been prepared & showed that income was £557 above estimates.

Subscriptions were coming in well at £261 over the estimate but administration expenses were £128 in excess of the estimate due to the heavy cost of printing & stationery & the expenses incurred because of the Extraordinary General Meeting. It was noted that examinations were costing more than had been anticipated. It would appear that £350 set aside for revising

the Constitution would not be adequate & a further allocation would probably be necessary.

A separate Publications Account had been prepared which showed a net profit of £525 for the nine months as compared with £1200 for the whole of last year. The decline was due to higher printing rates, cost of paper & the phenomenal sale of books to Paterson's Publications last year.

Presentation of Accounts from Branches: It was recommended, following the adoption of the Constitution that this year the Branches should submit their accounts in the form they used for their own Annual General Meetings, that after these statements had come in a standard form would be drawn up to be issued next year which would be applicable to all Branches. Any advice required by Branches in the meantime would be given by the Finance Committee.

Book 16. An estimate for reprinting 15,000 copies of this book amounting to £480-10-6 had been received.

Constitution & Rules: It was recommended that the copies of the Constitution & Rules should be sold to members at a cost of 6^d. which would help

towards the heavy cost of printing. Each Branch would be given a number of copies for the use of office bearers. It was noted that the estimate for 5000 copies of the final 'Constitution & Rules' amounted to £78.10.0

1952 Bulletin. Four estimates had been received for printing 14,000 copies of the Autumn Bulletin. It was recommended that as these varied by only a few pounds the one submitted by William Bishop the Society's present printer, should be accepted.

Staff Matters: It was recommended that ^{the salary of} Miss Todd who was appointed as clerical assistant in November 1951 should be increased from 1st July 1952 to £4.15.0 per week & that her salary scale should be £4.10 by annual increments of 5/- up to £6.10.

The Committee agreed to the recommendations.

4 Branch Application

A letter had been received from Haddington S.C.D. Club asking for permission to call a public meeting for the purpose of forming an East Lothian Branch of the Society. Mr. Brown proposed & the Committee agreed that permission be granted.

5 Any Competent Business

a) The Central Council of Physical Recreation: A letter was read from Miss Gibson, General Secretary of the C.C.P.R. stating that a course in Scottish Country Dancing was being held at Lilleshall Physical Recreation Centre Shropshire from 2nd-6th January 1953 & asking advice about staffing etc. It was agreed that the words "in consultation with the R.S.C.D.S." be used for advertisement purposes.

b) Publication of Scottish Country Dance Leaflets: A letter from Mr. Elliot of the Scottish Film Council was read in which he said he had been approached by Francis Day & Hunter, Publishers, for 'still' photographs - taken from the Society's films - for dances they were publishing in leaflet form. These had not been supplied. A copy of the dance 'Petronella' as published by this firm was displayed & the Committee agreed that the instructions were quite inaccurate. Mr. Brown suggested that the attention of Paterson's Publications be brought to this matter in case copyright was being infringed.

c) Advertisements in Bulletin: The Secretary reported that two firms who advertised in the Bulletin last year were willing to renew their advertisements at the same rates. A letter from Paterson's

was read in which it was stated that this firm would be willing to advertise if they were given the whole of the outside cover of the Bulletin for £10.

£30 was received for this page for the last Bulletin. The proposal from Paterson's Publications was rejected.

d) Picture for Bulletin. The Secretary was instructed to find a suitable print to be included in this year's Bulletin.

e) Dundee Branch. Mr. Hutchison drew the attention of the Committee to notices appearing in the Dundee press regarding a Scottish Country Dance group unconnected with the Society advertising a team they were sending abroad which had been "selected to represent Scotland". The Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Black regarding this matter with a view to inserting a contradictory notice in the press.

f) Records of Book 16: Miss Anderson asked what the position was regarding gramophone recordings of Book 16. The Secretary reported that she had had a reply from H.M.V. Gramophone Co. stating that their budget for recordings was made in June, when the Society would be informed. Miss Hadden was instructed to write again about this matter.

The meeting ended at 12.40 p.m.

Jan C. Milligan
30.7.52

Wednesday, 30th July, 1952.

Minutes of a Meeting held on 30th July, 1952, at University Hall, St. Andrews, at 1.30 p.m.

Present: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Anderson, Mrs Brown, Miss Brown, Mr. Drummond, Mrs Hutchison, Dr. Nichol, Mr. Murray, Miss Vaughan, Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr. Fuzell, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Henslie, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Nichol (Treasurer).

1. Minutes: Those of the last meeting held on the 6th June, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. Business Arising:

a) Royal Patronage: Miss Milligan reported that a letter had been sent to the Keeper of the King's Privy Purse regarding the Patronage of H.M. The Queen, but so far no reply had been received.

b) Demonstrations Abroad: It was reported that the team would only visit the States this year as the festival in Italy coincided exactly with the dates of the French festival, that is 19th-21st September.

c) Francis Day & Hunter: The Chairman explained the position regarding the publishing of certain dances in leaflet form by this firm. Francis Day & Hunter were willing to co-operate fully with the Society in printing the instructions for the dances, and suggested that some financial arrangement could be reached in connection with sales of the leaflets. It was stressed that whether the Society approved the publication of these leaflets or not this firm would publish them. After discussion it was agreed that the Society should in no way associate itself with this project, and that "stills" from the Society's films could not be used for the cover photographs of the leaflets.

It was suggested that legal advice should be taken to see if such publications could be stopped, and in any case a solicitor should be appointed to look after the Society's interests. The Committee agreed to put forward this recommendation to the Executive Council.

d) Dun dee Branch: The Secretary reported on correspondence between The Black, Warden, Bruce & Co., U.S., The Dun dee Hobbit Football Club and The Greenfield Dancers regarding the advertisement put by the latter in the Dun dee press. The Black had expressed himself confident that further advertisements of this nature would not appear, and that the matter had therefore been dropped.

The Hutchinson expressed the thanks of the Dun dee Branch Committee for the Committee's cooperation.

e) Records of Book No: The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of H.M.V. Gramophone Co. stating that sanction had been given for six Scottish Country Dance records to be made this year. It was agreed that arrangements should be made with this firm for recording dates when the Secretary would again contact H.M.V.

3. Report from Finance Committee:

This Vaughan presented a report of

The Finance Committee's meeting held previously.
Financial Statements: The draft income & expenditure account together with the Balance Sheet were reviewed, and the Committee agreed that the Balance Sheet was a very satisfactory one. Bank balances totalling £5,271.13.2 were noted.

Special Payments: Mrs. Brown reported that the Finance Committee had agreed to an honorarium of £50 to be given to Miss Phillips for her services during the past year. This sum was to be outwith any specific services Miss Phillips rendered in teaching or travelling expenses. The Management Committee agreed to the recommendation from the Finance Committee that a letter be sent to Branch Secretaries making the position quite clear.

Mr. Dunning proposed and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously agreed.

Estimates for 1952/53: Draft estimates for the coming year were presented with the alterations approved by the Finance

Committee.

Delegates' Expenses: The Finance Committee had agreed unanimously that the expenses of delegates to the Annual General Meeting should be the responsibility of each Branch, and the Management Committee decided to forward this recommendation to the Executive Council.

Branch Accounts: Miss Vaughan reported that the form of accounts drawn up for the use of Branches had been approved by the Finance Committee, and it had been decided to circulate these with a covering letter stating that criticism on the form of accounts would be welcome.

The Management Committee agreed to this proposal.

Films: It was reported that the Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council had suggested that a film should be made for commercial distribution which would meet the requirements of the Board of Trade. It was estimated that this film would cost £500, but that

this outlay would be recovered in approximately two years. As the Council held £150 in trust for the Society an additional £350 would have to be provided. The Finance Committee recommended that the film be made and the money allocated, provided that an arrangement could be made with the F.P.C. whereby receipts should first be used to repay the total outlay, and that thereafter the Society would receive a percentage of the film hire charges.

The Management Committee agreed that this recommendation should be placed before the Executive Council.

4. Correspondence:

a) Branch Formation: An application had been received from a Scottish Country Dance Group in Adelaide, Australia, to form a Branch of the Society there. It was agreed that this be accepted.

b) Affiliation: Two applications for affiliation had been received:-

(i) The Scottish Country Dance Party, Manchester.

(ii) The Bridlepton & District Gleasonia Society. It was reported that the Manchester Branch had indicated that they were willing to agree to the affiliation of the Scottish Country Dance Party. The Committee gave permission for these affiliations to be accepted.

c) United Nations Student Association: The Secretary had a letter from this body requesting a team of dancers to perform in the Royal Albert Hall, London, at a Folk Dance Festival on 23rd & 24th October. The Committee agreed that this request should be met.

d) The Crant's Dances: Miss Phipps reported that a letter had been received from Miss Crant offering to the Society the dances she had collected. The dances would be published by and all profits would go to the Society, and copyright taken out in the Society's name.

The Committee felt that this was a very generous offer, and that a strong recommendation should be made to

the Executive Council to accept it.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Drummond and seconded by Dr. Nichol.

The meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.

Jean Milligan
1. 11. 52

Minutes of a meeting of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 1st November, 1952, at 11.30 a.m., in St. Enoch's Hotel, Glasgow.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Miss Browne, Mr. Frizell, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, M. S. Lesslie, Dr. McLellan, Mr. Murray, Miss Vaughan, Miss McLellan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGY: An apology was intimated from Mrs. Stewart.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held on 30th July, 1952, were approved and signed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- a) Team's visit to Le Mans: Miss Milligan gave a brief report of the visit to Le Mans in September. She told the meeting that the French authorities had been extremely kind and appreciative, and that the people had given the team a great reception. They had found a very pro-British atmosphere in Le Mans and the visit of the Society's team did much to strengthen the feeling.
- b) Gramophone Records of Book 16: The Secretary reported that several alternative dates had been sent to H.M.V. Gramophone Co. for October and November, but it was not possible for H.M.V. to record until February or March.
- c) Copyright of Society's Publications: The Secretary reported that she had been in contact with Mr. Black of Warden, Bruce & Co. regarding the protection of the Society's copyright. Mr. Black in his reply stated that he would be pleased to take up the matter of any specific case of infringement, but that in his opinion Francis, Day & Hunter had been careful to avoid infringement by alteration of instructions and arrangement of music.
Arising from the report Miss Vaughan suggested that by arrangement with the Phonographic Rights Society it might be possible to get royalties from bands, etc., using the music arrangements in the Society's books.
- d) United Nations Student Association: It was reported that the London Branch had sent a team to this Festival to represent the Society and that their dancing had been much appreciated.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Miss Vaughan presented the report from the Finance Committee which had just met.

Income & Expenditure Account: Income was £977 less than estimated as subscriptions were slow in coming in at this time of year. Total expenses were £24 less than estimated partly due to the fact that demonstration expenses were down.
Restocking/

Restocking of books necessitated a large outlay.

Summer School: It was noted that there was a surplus of £278 on this account, and that £304.10. 1. had been received from non-residents.

Resolutions from Edinburgh Branch (A.G.M.): It was agreed that Mr. Adam of the Finance Committee should put forward an amendment recommending that the matter of an increased percentage of members' subscriptions to be retained by Branches should be remitted to the Executive Council.

Publication of Four Solo Highland Dances: It was reported that a very rough estimate of the cost of printing 2,000 copies of the book had been received amounting to £80.15. 6. It was recommended that the selling price of the books should be 3/- per copy, and that 2,000 copies be ordered.

King George VI National Memorial Fund: The Finance Committee had suggested that a sum of £50 be sent on behalf of the Society to this Fund. After discussion the Management Committee recommended that a resolution should go from the meeting to the Annual General Meeting suggesting that £50 should be sent as a first donation and that Branches should be invited to send in donations to the Secretary for the Fund by the end of January.

The Management Committee approved the Financial Report.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

The following applications for affiliation were passed by the Committee:

- Cambridge University Strathspey & Reel Club
- Harrogate St. Andrew's Society
- The Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club
- Scarborough Caledonian Society
- Dunedin Burns Club
- Hastings Scottish Country Dance Club, N.Z.
- Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society
- Weston-super-Mare Strathspey & Reel Club

5. ANY COMPETENT BUSINESS:

a) International Folk Music Council: An acknowledgement of the donation of £20 had been received along with a note of the dates of next year's Conference to be held in Biarritz-Pamplona from 9th - 15th July, 1953. Mrs. Brown proposed, and Miss Anderson seconded the proposal, that Miss Milligan should continue to represent the Society at this Conference. The meeting unanimously approved.

b) English Folk Dance & Song Society Festival: An invitation had been received to send the selected team to take part in a Festival on 9th and 10th January in London. It was regretted that owing to the difficulty of members getting leave of absence at this time of year, and the likelihood of further commitments in Coronation year, the invitation must be declined.

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- c) Correspondence from London Branch re application for Coronation seat tickets: A letter had been received from the London Branch Treasurer suggesting that the Society as a national body might apply for tickets for the Coronation procession route. The Committee agreed to make application and decided that in the event of an allocation being made half should be reserved for members of the Executive Council and the remainder offered to London Branch. In the event of none of the Executive Council members wishing the tickets it would be understood that they would be sent to London Branch who would be responsible for payment.
- d) Collins Sons & Co. Ltd.; Miss Milligan reported on a meeting which took place between the Secretary, Mr. Young of the above firm, and herself to discuss the proposal put forward by Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. to publish a book containing 80 - 100 Scottish country dances taken from the Society's works. Mr. Young confirmed in a letter to the Secretary this his firm were anxious to co-operate fully with the Society in order that all the instructions for dances they published would be correct. They were willing to acknowledge the Society's help in every book, and suggested that an arrangement could be made whereby the Society would obtain a proportion of the royalties accruing from the sale of the book. The matter was fully discussed, and it was agreed that Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications must be approached because of the agreement his firm had with the Society. Mrs. Brown proposed, and Dr. McLellan seconded the proposal, that a meeting should be arranged between Miss Milligan, Miss Hadden, Mr. Young and Mr. Diack when the matter could be further investigated.
- e) Scottish Tourist Board: A request had been received from Messrs. Ibbs & Tillett via the Scottish Tourist Board regarding a team of Scottish country dancers taking part in a festival at Knittelfeld. It was noted that each member of the team would have to meet his own travelling expenses. The Committee felt that as the festival was to be held in June the invitation would have to be declined.
- f) Volkspelle Dancers from South Africa: The Secretary reported that 100 of these dancers were intending to visit Edinburgh from 2nd - 11th June, and that enquiries had been made to the Society to find out if any financial backing could be given in the event of the dancers being unable to meet their expenses. After discussion it was decided that any practical help in the arranging of demonstrations, etc., would be extended, but that the Society could not undertake to guarantee them any financial help.

Mr. Murray proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 12.50 p.m.

Jan C. Milligan
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GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) International Folk Music Council: An acknowledgement of the donation of £20 had been received along with a note of the dates of next year's Conference to be held in Biarritz-Pamplona from 25th - 15th July, 1953. Mrs. Brown proposed, and Miss Anderson seconded the proposal, that Miss Milligan should continue to represent the Society at this Conference. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b) English Folk Dance & Song Society Festival: An invitation had been received to send the selected team to take part in a Festival on 25th and 26th July in London. It was regretted that owing to the difficulty of members leaving of absence at this time of year, and the likelihood of further cancellations in Coronation year, the invitation must be declined.

