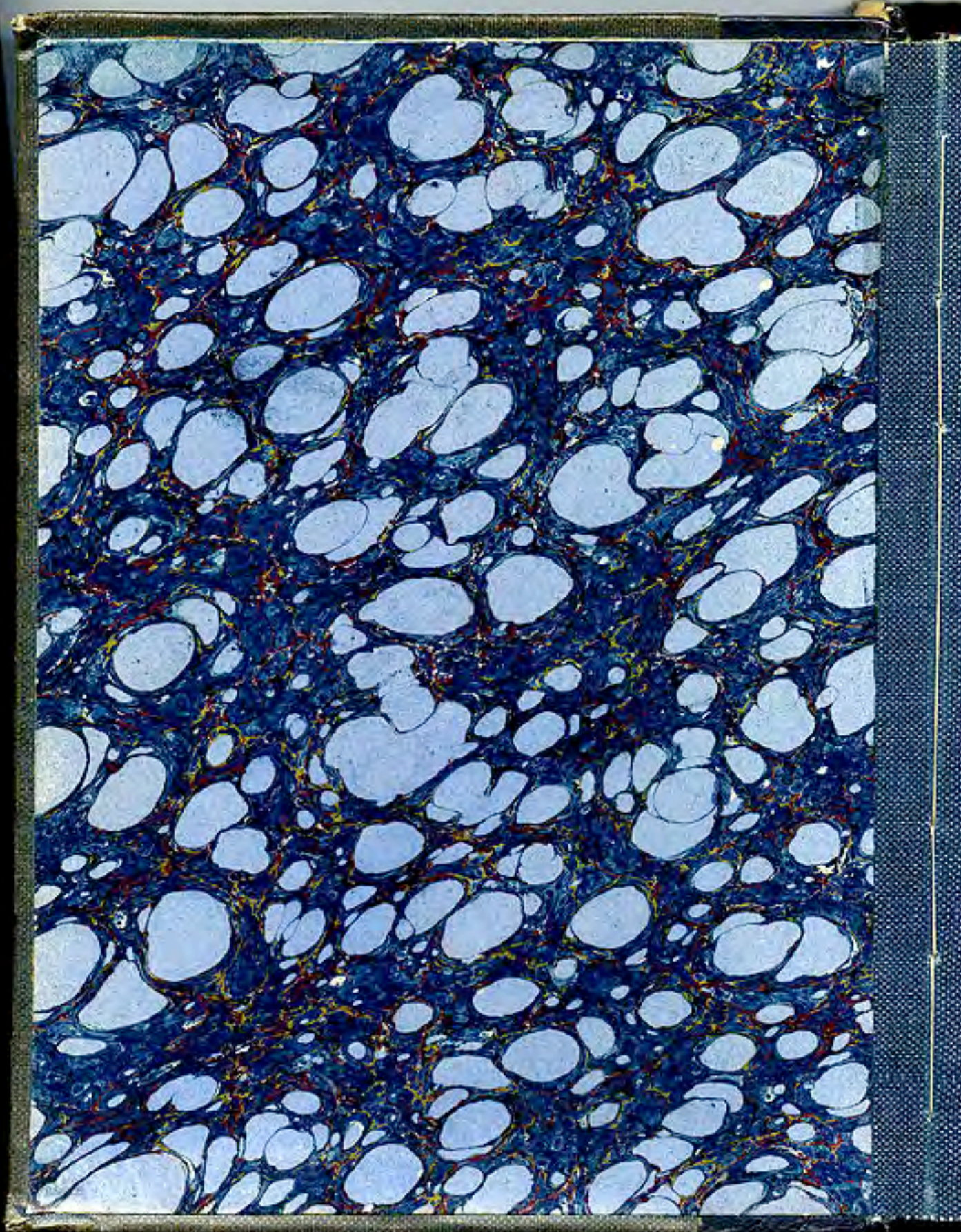
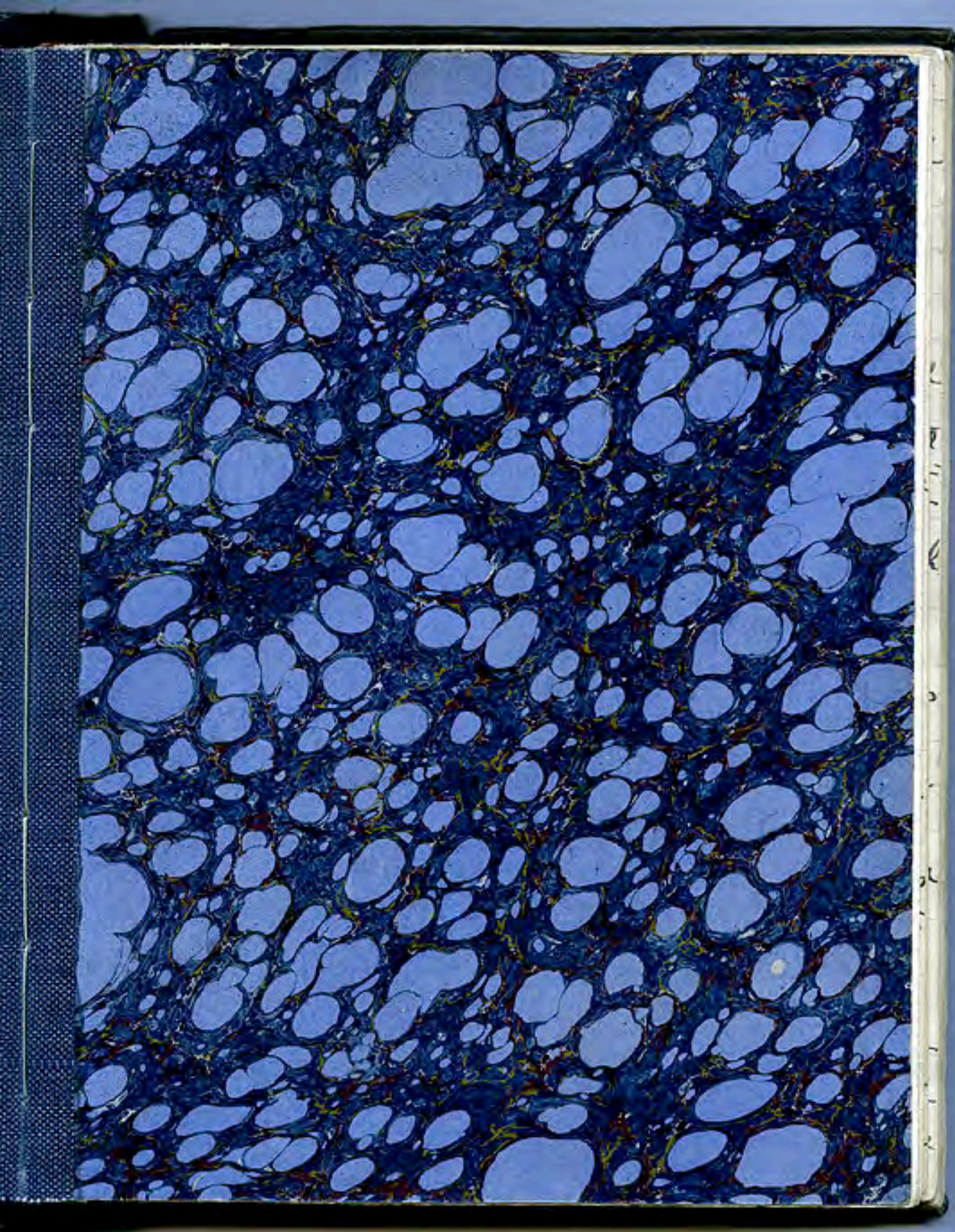




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## Scottish Country Dance Society.

A meeting was held in the Athenaeum,  
Glasgow on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1923.

Present. Mr. F. H. Bisset (in the Chair)

Mr. J. Michael Diack,	Miss J. M. MacKay
Miss Margaret Hopkins,	Miss Drummond
Miss Helen Martin,	Mr. J. H. Lauder,
Miss M. E. M. Main,	Mr. J. D. Elder
Miss J. M. Loudon,	Miss M. S. Warnock
Mr. J. S. Gregson	Miss Helen MacDonald
Major J. C. Stewart	Mrs J. C. Stewart
Miss M. Montgomerie.	Miss A. Wordie
Miss M. F. Robertson,	Miss M. L. Ross.
Miss E. M. MacLellan,	Miss Jean Lang
Miss Margaret MacLeod,	Miss N. C. MacMillan
Miss M. E. B. MacMurtrie	Miss Jessie Cochrane
Mr. R. P. Thomson,	Miss Jean Milligan

Apologies for absence were read  
from - The Lady Helen Tod  
The Lady Margaret MacRae

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Major the Lord James Stewart Murray,  
Mrs Burnley Campbell of Ormidale  
Mrs Blackie Miss Blair  
Miss Campbell of Inverneill, Mrs J. Cox.  
Miss L. Dalmahoy, Miss Logan-Home.  
Miss Moorhouse, Colonel J. D. Bosewell.  
Mr. R. F. Graham, Captain Colin MacRae.  
Captain J. D. Ramsay, Mr. J. E. Shaw  
Mr. William Donald, Miss Lander,  
Miss Allan, Miss Sharp  
Miss Hair Miss Cameron (Ardoch)  
Mr. V. E. Gooderson.

The Chairman in addressing the meeting set forward the proposal to form a society, having as its aims the following objects—

1. To practise and preserve Country Dances, as danced in Scotland.
2. To collect old books, manuscripts or pictures descriptive or illustrative of Scottish dances.
3. To publish, from time to time,

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descriptions of Country dances with music and diagrams in simple form and at a moderate price - and he invited suggestions from those present as to reviving Scottish Country dances.

Major Stewart suggested that endeavours might be made to have a few such dances included in ball programmes.

Mr Bisset said he thought that the Musical Festivals would institute Country dance classes, but that they would require guidance and tangible suggestions, and if possible, published matter.

Miss Milligan said that the Teachers were keen to teach these dances, but they require backing.

Mr. Diack thought that the first thing was to appoint a Committee whose first duty it would be to publish, say twelve dances. Once a book

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book was in the hands of the Teachers and Festivals the thing would go ahead, then a second book could be got out.

Miss Montgomerie suggested that Mrs Kennedy Fraser might be asked to collect any dances she came across during her tours in the Islands. Mr Gregson approved of forming a society, and publishing first twelve dances, and getting hold of the children.

The following resolutions were then passed -

1. To form a Scottish Country Dance Society, having the above aims.
2. To form an Interim Committee whose duties would be
  - A. To frame a Constitution
  - B. To secure members.
  - C. To act generally until the first Annual General Meeting (with powers to add to their number)

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3. To appoint an Interim Secretary.  
The following were appointed to the  
interim Committee

Miss L. Dalmahey, Mr. Blackie

Miss Jean Milligan, Miss M. L. Ross,

The Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, Mr. Stewart

Colonel J. D. Boswell, Mr. H. Bisset

Mr. J. Michael Diack, Mr. J. E. Shaw

Mr. J. S. Gregson (representing S. Andrews Society)

Mr. William Donald.

Secretary Mrs. Stewart, 3 Park Circus, Ayr,  
was appointed interim Honorary Secretary.

It was decided that Committees  
should at once be set up to  
arrange teaching in Edinburgh,  
Glasgow and the North.

The Annual subscription of ordinary  
members was provisionally fixed  
at 5/-

It was agreed that Associations could  
be affiliated, and that endeavour be made  
to interest children in the Society.

This ended the business. *W.A.B.*

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

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THE above Society was formed in November, 1923, with the following objects:—

1. To practise and preserve Country Dances as danced in Scotland.
2. To collect old books, manuscripts and pictures illustrative of Scottish Dances.
3. To publish from time to time descriptions of Country Dances with diagrams and music, in simple form, at a moderate price.

### Executive Committee for the year 1924-1925.

Chairman—Major the Lord James Stewart Murray.

Vice-Chairman—Brigadier General Cheape, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.

Miss Jean Milligan, Miss L. Dalmahoy, Miss R. Berry, Miss M. L. Ross, Colonel J. D. Boswell, Mr J. Bartholomew, O.B.E., Mr G. MacPherson-Grant, Mr J. Michael Diaek, Mr N. H. Wilson (Honorary Treasurer), Mrs Stewart (Fasnacloich), 3 Park Circus, Ayr (Honorary Secretary).

### Contents of Book I.:

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Petronella.           | 7. Strip the Willow.                              |
| 2. Triumph.              | 8. Pease Strac, or Duke of Perth or Broun's Reel. |
| 3. Circassian Circle.    | 9. Rory O'More.                                   |
| 4. The Nut.              | 10. Fight about the Fireside.                     |
| 5. Meg Merrilees.        | 11. Cumberland Reel.                              |
| 6. Flowers of Edinburgh. | 12. Merry Lads of Ayr.                            |

### Contents of Book II.:

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. La Tempête.                                  | 7. The Eightsome Reel.               |
| 2. The Bumpkin or Ninesome Reel.                | 8. Princess Royal.                   |
| 3. Glasgow Highlanders.                         | 9. Greig's Pipes or Cameronian Rant. |
| 4. Speed the Plough or Inverness Country Dance. | 10. Delvine Side.                    |
| 5. The Perth Medley.                            | 11. The Bob o' Dowally.              |
| 6. Soldiers' Joy.                               | 12. Haymakers.                       |

The Annual Subscription is 5/-, and each member receives one free copy of the Dance Book for the year.

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The first meeting of the Interim Committee was held at 152 Buchanan St., Glasgow, on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1923. Present, Mr. Bisset (in Chair) The Lady Majorie Dalrymple, Mrs. Blackie, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Diack.

Apologies were read from Miss Dalmahoy, Mr. Gregson, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Donald.

The minutes were read and approved. Arising from the minutes - The Secretary reported that all the members of Committee had accepted office, with the exception of Colonel Boswell, who had not yet replied.

It was agreed to leave the framing of Constitution until next meeting, when Mr. Bisset would submit an outline for it.

It was left to the Secretary to draw up a circular (in imitation typewriting) ~~to be~~ and to send copies to possible members.

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Sub  
23 Committees

It was decided to appoint the following sub-committees, and that each Committee should have power to add to its numbers; also that the Hon. Sec. should be, *ex officio*, a member of all Committees.

Research Committee. Mrs. Stirling

The Lady Dorothea Ruggles Brise  
Brig. General Cheape, and  
Mrs. Stewart (*ex officio*).

Publication Committee. Mr. Diach,  
Miss Milligan and Mrs. Stewart  
Dancing. (a) Edinburgh and the East -

Miss Dalmahey, Mr. Bartholomew  
Mrs. Stewart

(b) Glasgow and the West -

Miss Milligan, Mrs. Blackie & Mrs. Stewart

(c) North of the Grampians,

Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Logan & Mrs. Stewart

It was resolved that the publication of the first twelve dances, should be carried out as soon as possible at a cost not exceeding 2/6.

Next meeting to be held in a month's ~~after~~ time.

W. McKeef  
Feb 29 1924



29<sup>th</sup> February 1924.

The Committee met at 15<sup>2</sup>  
Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on 29<sup>th</sup>  
February 1924. Present, Brigadier  
General Cheape (in the chair) Miss  
Dalmahoy, Miss Milligan, Miss  
Ross, Miss Maxwell, Mr. Diack  
and Mrs. Stewart, Apologies  
were intimated from Mr. Bisset,  
Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr.  
Bartholomew and Mr. Gregson.  
The minutes of last meeting were  
read and approved.

The Secretary reported that 500  
circulars had been sent out  
and that 155 members had paid  
subscriptions, up to date, and more  
had promised to join. Several  
letters in reply to the Circular were read.

The Secretary reported that all  
the members who were elected to  
sub-committees at the last meeting  
had accepted office. The Research  
Sub  
Committee had co-opted Lord

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James Stewart Murray, and Mrs Stirling had agreed to be Convenors. The Edinburgh dancing Committee had co-opted Mrs Maconochie and Miss Maxwell, while Miss Dalmahey had agreed to be Convenor.

Mrs Blackie had resigned from the Committee owing to ill health, and it was agreed to appoint Miss M. L. Ross to the Glasgow dancing Committee as her successor.

Classes.

Miss Milligan proposed that classes be started immediately in Glasgow and that a charge of 5/- for non members, and 2/6 for members of the Society be made for a course of 4 lessons. This was agreed to. Miss Milligan offered to instruct these classes free of charge, and Mr. Diack was asked to make the necessary arrangements so that the classes might be

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started as early as possible.

The form of agreement between the Society and Messers Paterson Sons and Company, regarding publication of the Society's books of dances was read and approved.

It was decided to leave the final framing of the constitution until next meeting, and that it should embrace the affiliation of such bodies as Scottish Women's Rural Institutes, Girl Guide Companies, &c.

The next meeting was arranged to take place at an early date.

This ended the business.

J.A. Bisset

Johnson

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25<sup>th</sup> March 1924.

A meeting of the Committee was held at 12 Melville Street Edinburgh, on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1924. Present, Mr. Bisset (chair), Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Milligan, Mr. Diack & Mrs. Stewart. Apologies were received from the Lady Majorie Dalrymple, Mrs. Stirling, Miss Ross and General Cheape. Mr. Donald's resignation from the Committee was intimated and accepted. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Constitution The following Constitution was adopted for the Society —

1. The name shall be the Scottish Country Dance Society

2. The objects of the Society shall be

a) to preserve and further the practise of traditional Scottish Country dances.

b) to promote and encourage

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the formation of Branches throughout Scotland.

c) to provide or assist in providing, special education or instruction, in the practise of Scottish Country dances.

d) to publish, or cause to be published, descriptions of Scottish Country dances, with music and diagrams, in simple form and at a moderate price:

e) to collect books, manuscripts and illustrations relating to Scottish Country dances.

f) generally to do such other things as are considered by the Society to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects above stated, or any of them.

3. The members shall be persons, firms or companies Societies, clubs or Committees

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or other bodies interested in the preservation, study or practise of Scottish Country Dances.

4 Members shall pay an annual subscription of not less than 5/- (five shillings), or a life subscription of not less than £5 (five pounds)

5 The Office bearers of the Society shall consist of an Honorary President, an Honorary Vice President or Vice Presidents, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, or a Secretary and Treasurer. These shall be elected at the Annual General meeting of the Society. Retiring Office bearers shall be eligible for re-election, but no Office Bearer, other than the Secretary and Treasurer, shall hold office for more than three years consecutively.

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6. The Society shall be managed by an Executive Council to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Any member shall be eligible for election as a member of the Executive Council.
7. The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer members nominated by branches and six other members elected by the Society. Each branch shall be entitled to nominate one member to represent it on the Executive Council.
8. The Executive shall fix its own quorum and arrange its own procedure. It shall authorise such expenditure as it shall deem necessary, and shall, save as herein otherwise provided, have full powers of management and

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control of the conduct, affairs, and property of the Society.

9. The Executive Council shall have power to appoint committees either from its own members or from the members of the Society and to delegate any of its powers or duties to such committees, and may co-opt on any committee experts who may, or may not, be members of the Society.

10. An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in October or at such other time and at such place as the Executive Council may decide.

11. A special general meeting of the Society shall be called by the Secretary at any time on the instructions of the Executive Council, or the



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- Chairman, or any ten members of the Society.
- 12 At least fourteen days notice in writing shall be given of any general meeting
- 13 At the Annual General meeting the Executive Council shall report on the work of the Society and the Treasurer's accounts shall be submitted, duly audited.
- 14 Members whose subscriptions are in arrear shall not be entitled to receive the publications of the Society, or to take part in or vote at general meetings. The Executive Council may delete from the list of members the name of any member who subscription is twelve months or more in arrear.
- 15 Alterations on the Constitution

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may be made at any general meeting by a majority of the recorded votes, provided intimation of the proposed alteration is made in the notice calling the meeting. The Secretary shall include in such notice of meeting intimation of any proposed alteration of which timely notification has been received from any member."

In accordance with the constitution the following office bearers were elected -  
Chairman, Brigadier General G. R. Cheape - Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Stewart.

The following agreement between the Society and Messers Paterson, Sons & Co, L<sup>td</sup>, was adopted and the Chairman and Secretary were authorised to sign the

Agreement  
with  
Messers  
Paterson  
Sons & Co

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- same on behalf of the Society.
1. That Paterson, Sons & Company Ltd. are appointed sole agents for all parts of the world for all publications issued by or in the name of the Society, and published by Paterson Sons & Co. Ltd.
  2. That Paterson Sons & Co. Ltd. undertake the entire cost of publishing, printing, distributing and advertising such publications as be mutually agreed upon.
  3. That Paterson, Sons & Co. Ltd. shall supply free of cost to each member whose annual subscription has been paid one copy of each of the dance books as these are issued, but not more than one copy in each year.
  4. That for each of such books supplied free of cost to members the Society shall pay to Paterson Sons & Co. Ltd. a sum equal to

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three fifths of the published price & per copy.

- 5 That Paterson, Sons, & Co<sup>ltd</sup> shall pay to the Society a royalty on all copies sold by them of one-sixth of the published price (13 d copies ranked as 12) but no royalty shall be paid on copies supplied to members under paragraph 3 hereof.
- 6 That this agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1924, and thereafter until terminated by either party giving to the other party six months notice in writing to terminate the same.
- 7 That in the event of the termination of this agreement under Paragraph 6 hereof, the terms of Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall nevertheless continue to subsist

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as regards any publications issued by Paterson Sons & Co. Ltd for or in name of the Society prior to the date of such termination".

In regard to dancing classes it was agreed that these should each be financed locally, without calling upon the general funds of the Society.

The Glasgow representatives reported that classes had started with over 60 pupils.

This ended the business.

J. A. Bisseth

Chairman.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1924. 24

A meeting of Committee was held at 152 Buchanan Street Glasgow on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Present, Mr. Bisset (in Chair) Miss Milligen, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Diack, Mr. Thomson. Apologies were read from General Cheape, Mrs. Logan, Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Maxwell, Lady M. Dalrymple.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Thomson having been co-opted onto Glasgow Committee was welcomed as a member of Executive.

The Secretary reported that, up to 31<sup>st</sup> May there were 349 members. That classes for Scottish Country dances had been included in Musical Festivals at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Stirling. The

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Standard of dancing at the Glasgow Musical Festival had been very high. The entrants in Edinburgh had not done so well. Complaint had been received as to the markings at the Perth competitions. Classes had now ended for this season. Those held in Glasgow were considered quite successful. Those in Edinburgh had not ~~proved~~ <sup>made so much progress as</sup> ~~satisfactory~~ <sup>and</sup> as ~~the position of the Society in~~ <sup>they were waiting for the publication of a definite standard</sup> ~~Edinburgh was not giving~~ satisfaction it was decided to ~~hold~~ <sup>discuss this matter at the general</sup> ~~a public meeting~~ <sup>to be held</sup> in that City in October<sup>2</sup> to consider the whole position.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the South West Sports Committee saying that there would be classes for competition in Old Highland

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dances at the South West Highland Gathering to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July and inviting members of the Society to be present.

Finance A statement of the financial position was read, and considered satisfactory, the balance in hand on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1924 being £76-19-7<sup>1/2</sup>.

It was agreed that a grant of £10 be made to the Glasgow Branch.

Teachers  
Certificates Mr. Diack suggested that the time had come for the Society to set a standard for Teachers of the dances, and that an examination be instituted and certificates issued. It was agreed that such an examination should be held, the first to take place in September, and the examining board to consist, in the meantime, of Miss Milligen, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Diack, with power to issue



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certificates.

Mr. Thomson suggested that ten minutes talk on the work of the Society should be broadcast to wireless instruments.

Financial year. Mr. Diack proposed, and it was agreed, that the "Financial year" of the Society should be from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Any member joining during the period of 3 months prior to the end of the Financial year may either pay 5/- and join for the forthcoming year, and receive one volume of the Book, or pay 7/6 and receive the books for both that year and the forthcoming one.

It was agreed that the Publication Committee be instructed to proceed with compiling the second volume of the book. This ended the business.

James H. Murray

# Scottish Country Dance Society.

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1924.

THE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY was instituted at a Public Meeting held in Glasgow, on 26th November, 1923, and its inception has been received with general approbation by those interested.

The total Membership of the Society, up to 30th September, 1924, is 367.

The first Book of Dances was issued at the end of January, and 1165 copies have been sold, including 357 copies supplied free to Members.

Competitions on the Dances given in this book were included at Musical Festivals at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Stirling, these competitions being well received and supported.

Through the influence of the Society a Country Dance was introduced at the Balls held by the Argyllshire Gathering at Olan, in September, and proved a great success.

Classes for learning Dances were held last winter at Edinburgh and Glasgow and were well attended.

The Committee have decided to hold Examinations for Members of the Society who desire to become Instructors in Country Dances, and Certificates will be issued to those who come up to the required standard of proficiency.

### Statement of Accounts to 30th September, 1924.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
364 Members' Subscriptions at 5/6, ...	£91 0 0	Stationery, ... ..	£1 18 5½
3 Members' Subscriptions at 7/6,	1 2 6	Postage, ... ..	4 12 3
Members' Subscriptions		Printing and Advertising, ...	4 16 11½
paid in advance,	1 19 0	Messrs Paterson, Sons & Co., for	
Donations, ... ..	7 17 0	Members' Books, ... ..	27 1 6
Messrs Paterson, Sons & Co., Ltd.,		Donation to Glasgow Branch, ...	10 0 0
for Royalties on Books and		Sundries, ... ..	1 19 0
Gramophone Records sold, ...	21 17 5	Balance, ... ..	73 7 9
Total, ... ..	£123 15 11	Total, ... ..	£123 15 11

13<sup>th</sup> November 1924.

A meeting of Committee was held at the Society of Arts Hall, 117 George Street, Edinburgh on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1924. Present, Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair) Mr. Stirling, Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Milligan, Miss Maxwell, Colonel Boswell, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Diack and Mrs. Stewart (Secretary) Apologies were read from General Cheape, Mr. Logan, Miss Ross and Mr. Thomson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. On the motion of Mr. Bartholomew, seconded by Miss Dalmahoy, they were amended before being signed.

The report for the Committee to present to the members at the Annual General meeting having been circulated among the members was held as read.  
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The Statement of Accounts, duly audited, was read.

Finance An application from the Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch for a grant of £10 towards administrative expenses was passed.

Teachers' Certificates The Secretary reported that three examinations for Teacher's Certificate had been held. Of 37 Candidates, 36 had passed. The examiners had been Lord James Murray, Miss G. Boswell, Miss Milligan, and Mrs Stewart.

The Committee agreed that a Salary of 10/6 per hour should be fixed for Teachers who hold the Certificate. It was recommended to Branches that, where necessary, the fee for tuition be raised to meet the expense of paying Teachers.

It was remitted to the Secretary to arrange for a Treasurer for the Society.

It was decided to recommend to the General meeting that Vice Presidents be appointed who would represent various organisations. This ended the business.

Milburn  
Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> December 1924.

The Executive Council met on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1924, at 152 Buchanan St. Glasgow. Present, Mr. Diack (in chair) Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Milligan, Miss Ross and Mrs Stewart. Apologies were intimated from Lord James Stewart Murray, General Cheape, Mr MacPherson Grant and Mr Bartholomew. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer The Secretary announced that Mr N. H. Wilson of the British Linen Bank, Ayr, had consented to act as Honorary Treasurer to the Society.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write and ask the following ladies & gentlemen to become Vice Presidents of the Society.

Vice Presidents  
The Duchess of Atholl. D.B.E. U.D. M.P.  
Dr. George MacDonald. (Education Authority)  
Mr. Bisset (Musical Festivals)  
Mr. Houston Craufurd (Girl Guides)  
Lord Glentanar (Boy Scouts)

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Mrs Anstruther Gray. S.W.R.I.  
Lady Kinnaird Girls Guildry  
Mrs MacEwen S.G.F.S.  
M<sup>r</sup>. Troop. Juvenile Organisation

Festival  
Booklet

It was proposed to send a copy of the Booklet on Country dancing, (prepared at the request of the Musical Festivals and written by Miss Milligan) free, to each member of the Society. Messrs Paterson would supply copies (which will be published at 9d) at 6<sup>d</sup> each to the Society for this purpose. The Secretary was instructed to send a copy to each member of the Committee for their approbation before proceeding in the matter.

Sub  
Committee

It was agreed to form a sub. Committee for music to consist of, Lady Dorothea Ruggles Brice, Mrs Clark Rattray, Miss Mgt Kennedy, Mrs MacRobert, Mrs Logan,

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and Mr Diack.

The Secretary reported that Perth had asked for an organiser to start a Branch there, and that members in Dundee and Dumfriesshire were also anxious to form Branches. It was agreed that Mrs Stewart and Miss Milligan should act as organisers, any expenses in this connection being borne by the Parent Society.

The Secretary intimated that the Scottish Women's Rural Institute had invited a representative of the Society to attend their conference in Edinburgh on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1925. Mrs Stewart was asked to represent the Society on this occasion.

This ended the business.

James Murray

13<sup>th</sup> May 1925

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at 12 Melville St, Edinburgh on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1925. Present, Lord James Stewart Murray (in the chair) Miss Sharp, and Mrs Stewart. Apologies were intimated from Miss Milligen, Miss Berry and Mr Bartholomew. Two new members were welcomed to the Council - Miss Sharp representing Dundee, and Mrs Clark Rattray representing Perth branches.

A letter was read from Mr Bartholomew saying that as he was leaving Edinburgh he would not be able to attend meetings and therefore wished to resign from the Council - This resignation was accepted. It was decided to ask Major Stirling of Garden to fill the vacancy thus caused.

The minutes were read and



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approved.

Arising from the Minutes, the Secretary reported that the following ladies and gentlemen had accepted the invitation to become Vice Presidents of the Society -

The Duchess of Atholl, U.D. O.B.E. M.P.

Mrs Anstruther Grey representing Scottish  
Womens Rural Institutes

Mrs Mac Ewen · Scotch Girls Friendly Society

Mrs Honison Craupud. Girl Guides

Lord Glentanar · Boy Scouts

Mr F.H. Bisset · Federation of  
Musical Festivals.

A copy of the Festival Booklet on Country Dancing, written by Miss Milligan had been sent to each member.

Sub The following had consented  
Committees to act as a Musical Committee

The Lady Dorothea Ruggles. Brise

Mrs Clark Rattray, Mrs Logan,

Miss Margaret Kennedy, Mr J.M. Diack

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The Secretary had attended the Conference organised by S.W.R.I. in Edinburgh on 24<sup>th</sup> February and answered questions as to how the Society could help. There were 26 Institutes in Scotland whose members had asked to be taught Country dancing.

Branches The Secretary reported that, since the beginning of the year, two new branches had been formed - at Perth and Dundee.

Teachers' Certificates Tests for Teachers' certificates had been held as follows.

6<sup>th</sup> February in Glasgow, 6 entries, 2 pass.

9<sup>th</sup> " " Dundee 3 " 3 "

26<sup>th</sup> March " Edinburgh 14 " 11 "

3<sup>rd</sup> April " Perth 3 " 2 "

17<sup>th</sup> " " Glasgow 14 " 14 "

five of the latter were on Book II.

A letter had been received from Grand Falls, Newfoundland saying that classes are being

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held there.

Finance

The Treasurer's report showed that, out of a membership at 750 there were 210 who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the year 1924-25. It was agreed that post cards be sent to remind them. The accounts showed a balance of £107. It was agreed that the Executive Council should authorise the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. Stewart, or the Hon. Treasurer Mr. N.H. Wilson to operate on the Account Current kept with the British Linen Bank in the name of the Society, and to endorse or uplift all or any of the Deposit Receipts which the Society have, or may hereafter have, with them. This Authority to continue in force until recalled in writing.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed

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to furnish a copy of this minute to the said Bank, as evidence of such authority having been given.

Finance

Requests had been received from Perth and Dundee branches asking for donations of £10 for incidental expenses. It was agreed to instruct the Treasurer to send £10 each to Perth and Dundee.

Prizes offered by Mr. Donald

A letter was read from Mr. William Donald, offering to give prizes, through the Society to the Lochboisdale annual sports, for competitions in old Scottish reels and Solo dances. It was agreed that Mr. Donald be thanked for his offer, but that as the Country dance Society concerned itself with figure dancing, as apart from step dancing, we should not accept Mr. Donald's offer, but refer him to other Societies who might be glad of his help.

The Secretary was instructed to collect dances and tunes suitable for Book III, and to organise a

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class to work them out before submitting the tunes to the Music Committee. It was agreed that any historical notes available should be added to the descriptions of the dances.

It was decided that the Secretary should ask Messers Paterson to let the Committee know in good time before an edition of any book issued by the Society runs out, so that corrections or alterations may be made, and new editions made as perfect as possible.

This ended the business.

James Murray

30<sup>th</sup> October 1925.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1925 at 152 Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

Present, Lord James Stewart Murray (in the chair) Mrs Clark Rattray, Miss Sharp, Miss Milligan, Mr Diack, Mrs Stewart and Mr Wilson.

Apologies were received from Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Ross, Miss Berry and Major Stirling.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes, the Secretary reported that Major Stirling had agreed to act on the Committee.

Publications The dances for Book III had been gone through by Miss Milligan with her class. The present edition of Book II would probably be sold out by January 1926.

Teachers' Certificate The Secretary reported that tests for the Teachers' Certificate had been held as follows.—

30<sup>th</sup> October, 1925

19<sup>th</sup> June in Glasgow 6 passes Bk. I, 14 passes Bk. II  
22<sup>nd</sup> .. .. Dundee 2 .. .. 4 .. ..  
13<sup>th</sup> July Edinburgh 3 .. .. 7 .. ..

Branches On October 16<sup>th</sup> a Branch had been formed at Aberdeen, the Bishop of Aberdeen was in the chair, and between 30 and 40 of those present joined the Society. A certificated Teacher lives in Aberdeen, and classes are being started immediately.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> a meeting had been held in Kingussie, about 40 people were present, and after a talk about the Society the gathering was turned into a dancing class - 30 men and women took part, and were very interested.

Library

The Society has been presented by Lady Dorothea Ruggles-Brise with a complete copy of Neil Gow's collection of Reels, and Strathspeys and Country dances,

30<sup>th</sup> October 1925.

in five parts, and a complete copy of Nathaniel Gow's Repository in 3 parts.

The Girls' Guildry have just elected a new President, Lady Inverclyde, she has been asked to become a Vice President of the Society.

Finance

The Financial statement for the year was submitted by the Treasurer - Mr. Diack proposed the adoption of the statement, and this was seconded by Mrs. Clark Rattray. a request from the Aberdeen branch for a donation of £10 was granted. It was decided to offer the Treasurer an honorarium of five guineas in appreciation of his work during the past year.

The Secretary's report for the Annual meeting was passed, and the meeting



30<sup>th</sup> October 1925.

arranged to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> November in Glasgow.

Mr. Diack suggested that the Society should husband its funds with a view to holding a Conference lasting two or three days, also for the purpose of having a salaried Teacher who could go about taking classes and organising branches.

At this stage Mr. Diack withdrew from the meeting, and when doing so, Mrs. Clark Rattray expressed the gratitude that the Council felt for all that Mr. Diack and Messrs Paterson, Sons & Co had done in helping the Society at its inception, and in undertaking the preparation and publication of Books I and II.

Sub  
Committees

The following report of the Music Committee, which met at Perth on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1925 was

30<sup>th</sup> October 1925.

read - In view of general complaint regarding the music of Books I and II, and owing to criticism from the authorities of Musical Festivals, we feel that both these books ought to be thoroughly revised before a further edition is brought out. Mr. Bisset joined the meeting.

Publications After a good deal of discussion it was agreed to revise Book two. The Secretary was instructed to collect versions from the best existing authorities and to submit them to the Music Committee who would select the best versions of the tunes for publication.

This ended the business.



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## Scottish Country Dance Society.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at  
12.15 p.m., on *Saturday, 21st November, 1925,*  
at Messrs PATERSONS', 152 Buchanan Street,  
Glasgow.

*Business :*

Annual Report and Accounts.  
Reports from Branches.  
Election of Office Bearers.  
General.

Y. STEWART,  
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

[P.V.O.]

## Scottish Country Dance Society.

# ANNUAL REPORT, 1924-1925.

**Membership.**—The number of members who have paid their subscriptions for 1924-1925 is 600.

**Branches.**—There are now Branches of the Society in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, and Aberdeen.

**Vice-Presidents.**—The following have been elected Vice-Presidents:—

The Duchess of Atholl, LL.D., O.B.E., M.P.  
Mrs Anstruther Gray, representing Scottish Women's Rural Institutes.

Mrs MacEwan, representing Scotch Girls' Friendly Society.

Mrs Houston Crawford, representing Girl Guides.  
Lord Glenanary, representing Boy Scouts.

Mr F. H. Bisset, representing Federation of Musical Festivals.

**Treasurer.**—Mr N. H. Wilson, of the British Linen Bank, Ayr, has kindly acted as honorary Treasurer during the past year.

**Teachers.**—A number of examinations for the Teachers' certificate have been held. There are now 77 members who hold this certificate.

**Music.**—A Sub-Committee for Music has been formed of the following members:—The Lady Dorothea Huggles-Brice; Mrs Clark Raitt; Miss Margaret Kennedy; Mrs Logan; Mr Dinck.

**Publications.**—During the year 1st October, 1924—30th September, 1925, copies of the Scottish Country Dance Books were sold as under (part from those supplied to members of the Society):—  
Book I, 1412 copies; Book II, 546 copies.

**Musical Festivals.**—During 1925 classes for Country Dancing were included in the syllabus of 14 Musical Festivals.

**Library.**—A complete copy of Neil Gow's collection of Strathspeys and Reels, in 5 parts, and of Nathaniel Gow's "Repository" in 3 parts, has been presented to the Society by Lady Dorothea Huggles-Brice.

## THE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

N. H. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer, in Account with the Scottish Country Dance Society, for Year ended 30th September, 1925.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	Cr.	PAYMENTS.	Cr.
To Balance in Treasurer's hands 1/10/24, ...	£73 7 9		By DONATIONS TO BRANCHES—	
" SUBSCRIPTIONS—			Edinburgh Branch, ...	£10 0 0
580 Members @ 5/-, ...	£145 0 0		Perth Branch, ...	10 0 0
13 " @ 7/6, ...	4 17 6		Dundee Branch, ...	10 0 0
2 " @ 3/6, ...	0 7 0			£30 0 0
Paid in advance, ...	1 5 0		" GENERAL EXPENSES—	
	151 9 6		Printing, Stationery, &	
" DONATIONS, ...	2 15 0		Advertising, ...	£22 10 7½
" LIFE MEMBERSHIP, ...	35 0 0		Teacher's and Pianist's	
" ROYALTIES—			Fees, ...	18 17 2
Books sold, ...	£38 5 0		Rent of Halls, ...	5 17 0
Gramophone Records sold, ...	3 19 9		Scottish Country Dance	
	42 1 9		Books, ...	64 11 2
" DANCE CLASSES, ...	2 10 0		Postages & Telegrams, ...	11 4 4
" INTEREST—			Travelling Expenses, ...	17 4 7
Deposit Receipt Interest, ...	2 10 2			140 4 10½
	£309 17 2		" CASH BALANCES—	
			British Linen Bank, Ayr—	
			On Deposit Receipt, ...	£112 3 7
			On Current Account, ...	21 10 3
			In Secretary's hands	
			(petty cash), ...	5 18 5½
				139 12 3½
	£309 17 2			£309 17 2

141 Bath Street, Glasgow, 13th October, 1925.—I have examined the above Statement with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct. I have had exhibited to me the Bank Certificates for the amounts shown on Deposit Receipt and Current Account.

JOHN CUMMING, Auditor.

27<sup>th</sup> March 1926.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1926 at 152 Buchanan Street, Glasgow. Present Mr Bisset (in the Chair), Miss Ross, Miss Maxwell, Miss Berry, Mr Thomson, Mr Mackay and Mr Diack.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

*Publications* Mr Diack reported that Book 3 was now ready, also the revised edition of Book 2, while Book 1 was nearly out of print. Pending revision, it was decided to reprint 500 copies of Book 1 for immediate requirements. The meeting expressed the view that in revising the music, no drastic alterations be made. It was agreed to recommend to the music Committee that metronome marks be omitted from future editions of the books.

*Miss Forbes  
Canada*

It was reported that Miss B. C. Forbes was about to proceed to Canada on a visit and wished to do propoganda

27<sup>th</sup> March 1926.

there. It was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter for Miss Forbes's use, stating that she was authorised to represent the Society while in Canada. It was also resolved that Miss Forbes be authorised to examine candidates for the Society's "Teacher's Certificate", and that such certificates be issued to any Teachers passed by her. It was agreed to advance to Miss Forbes, from the funds of the Society, the sum of £25 for propoganda work in Canada, on the understanding that as much as possible of this sum should be refunded on her return, from fees obtained by her in Canada for teaching.

It was agreed to discuss the matter of other publicity methods at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Conference

It was decided to hold a conference in Edinburgh in June,

27<sup>th</sup> March 1926.

June, the organising arrangements to be made by Miss H. P. Maswell. Those invited to this conference to include the members of the Executive Council, Branch Committees, all Teachers holding the Society's certificate and such experts as it might seem desirable to have present.

There being no more business the meeting ended.

John Fullerton



15<sup>th</sup> June 1926.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at 152 Buchanan Street Glasgow on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1926.

Present. Lord James Murray (Chair), Miss Milligan, Miss Ross, Mr. Diack, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Stewart. Apologies were intimated from Miss Dalmahoy, Mrs. Clerk Rattray, Miss Maxwell, Mr. Bisset and Miss Sharp.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Conference It was agreed that the Conference should now be arranged for the Autumn, and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October was provisionally agreed upon as the date; the arrangements to be delegated to a sub-committee consisting of Mrs. Stewart, Miss Maxwell, Miss Sharp with power to co-opt one or two others.

It was agreed that the Annual meeting be held in Edinburgh at the time of the Conference.

Festivals As complaints had been

15<sup>th</sup> June 1926.

received concerning the judging of Scottish Country dance classes at certain Festivals, it was proposed by Mr. Diack and seconded by Miss Ross, that the Secretary should write a letter to each of the Scottish Musical Festivals, asking that only such persons be appointed Adjudicators as hold the Society's Teacher's Certificate, preferably only those recommended by the Society.

Adjudicators. Miss Milligan was asked to join with the Secretary in compiling a list of suitable persons who could be recommended as adjudicators.

Conference In discussing methods of bringing the Scottish Country Dance Society and its aims before the Public, it was agreed, that the Conference be well advertised, and that the possibility of organising a weeks course in dancing be

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discussed at the Conference.

Finance

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the following accounts -  
Messrs Paterson, engraving corrections to Book II £ 8. Mr. Diack for arranging music of Book III £10-10/- . Renfrewshire Branch, donation of £10.

This ended the business.

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# Scottish Country Dance Society.

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The Annual General Meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, 22nd October, in the New Galleries, Shandwick Place, Edinburgh.

## *Business:*

- Annual Report and Accounts.
- Reports from Branches.
- Proposal to Revise Subscription for Life Membership.
- Election of Office Bearers.
- General.

The retiring members of Executive Council (who are all eligible for re-election) are as follows:—

Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Jean Milligan, Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Maxwell, Mr Bisset, Mr Diack, Mr Percy Thomson.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a Demonstration of Scottish Country Dances. There will also be Classes in which Members may partake from 10 to 1 o'clock on Saturday, 23rd October, in Gymnasium, Dr. Harry Millar's Settlement, The Pleasance (off High Street), Edinburgh. Fee, 1/-. Those wishing to partake should send in their names as soon as possible.

Y. STEWART,  
*Hon. Secy.*

[P.T.O.]

The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting a Report for the year, 1925-26.

#### Membership.

The number of Members who have paid their Subscription for 1925-1926 is 838. Those in arrears number 308.

#### Branches.

A vigorous Branch has been formed at Greenock, making six branches in all—Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen and Greenock.

#### Vice-Presidents.

The following have been elected Vice-Presidents:—

The Duchess of Atholl, LL.D., O.R.E., M.P.

Mrs Anstruther Gray, representing Scottish Women's Rural Institutes.

Mrs MacKewen, representing Scottish Girls' Friendly Society.

Mrs Houston Craufurd, representing Girl Guides.

Lord Grantmar, representing Boy Scouts.

Mr E. H. Eisset, representing Federation of Musical Festivals.

#### Treasurer.

Mr Robert T. Tyrone, of the British Linen Bank, Ayr, has kindly acted as Honorary Treasurer during the past year.

#### Publications.

During the year 2,064 copies of the dance books have been sold, not including those supplied to members. The music in books I. and II. has been revised.

#### Propaganda Abroad.

Miss B. C. Forbes, one of the Society's members who holds the Teachers' Certificate, has been in Canada this summer and while there had successful classes for country dances at Montreal.

Miss Elizabeth Barchenel, Chairman the American Folk Dance Society, was in Scotland during August and Classes were organised for her in which she took part.

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1926.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Balance in Bank and on hand at 1st October, 1925, ...	£130 12 3½	DONATIONS TO BRANCHES:—	
SUBSCRIPTIONS:—		Aberdeen Branch, ...	£10 0 0
828 Members at 5/-, ...	£207 0 0	Renfrewshire Branch, ...	10 0 0
Arrears received, ...	4 5 0		£20 0 0
Paid in advance, ...	1 10 0	GENERAL EXPENSES:—	
Receipts—Dance Books I and II, ...	1 2 6	Printing, Stationery & Advertising, ...	23 8 4
	213 17 6	Teacher's and Pianist's Fees, ...	5 0 10
DONATIONS, ...	1 1 0	Scottish Country Dance Books, ...	85 13 9
LIFE MEMBERS, ...	15 0 0	Organising Expenses, ...	48 11 0
ROYALTIES:—		Postages and Telegrams, ...	12 7 4½
On Books, ...	£43 0 0	Travelling Expenses, ...	11 18 2½
On Gramophone Records, ...	4 8 7	Sundries, ...	8 18 4½
	47 8 7		195 17 10½
INTEREST:—		BALANCE:—	
Deposit Receipt Interest, ...	4 2 4	In British Linen Bank, Ayr—	
		On Deposit Receipt, ...	£150 0 0
		On Current Account, ...	49 14 3
		Cash in Secretary's hands, ...	4 14 2
		Cash in Treasurer's hands, ...	0 15 5
			205 3 10
	<u>£421 1 8½</u>		<u>£421 1 8½</u>

239 HIGH STREET, AYR, 2nd October, 1926.—I have examined the foregoing Statement with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify it to be correct. The Deposit Receipt for £150 and the Bank Certificate for the amount shown on Current Account have been exhibited to me.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1926

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at 12 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1926.

Present, Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair), Miss Milligan, Miss Berry, Miss Maxwell, Miss Bruce, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mr. Bisset, Mr. Dick, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Low, Mr. MacKay and Mrs. Stewart (Hon. Sec.). Apologies were intimated from Mrs. Clark, Rattray, Miss Sharp, Miss Ross & Mr. Terras.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Annual report and Financial statement were read and approved.

Branches The Secretary was asked to make it clear to each Branch Secretary that members subscriptions should be collected locally and forwarded to the Treasurer.

Miss Forbes  
Canada Miss Forbes reported on the classes taken by her in Canada, and handed back the cheque for £25 granted by the Executive at

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1926.

their meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March 1926 for any expenses that might be incurred during her trip in furthering the objects of the Society.

Comunn  
Gaidhealach

A letter was read from the organiser of an Comunn Gaidhealach asking that teams might be arranged to demonstrate at the Féill in June 1927. The Glasgow Branch was asked to arrange this.

Miss Burchenal

The Secretary reported that Miss Burchenal, Chairman of the American Folk Dance Society, had visited Scotland in July, and had asked to see and take part in some Country dancing - this had been arranged for her at both Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

Teachers'  
Certificate  
Adjudicators

The question of more examiners for the Teachers' Certificate, and more Adjudicators for Festivals was discussed, and it was

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1926

left to Miss Milligan and Mrs Stewart to arrange an examination for the qualification of examiners - this examination to be compulsory for Adjudicators before being recommended as such by the Society.

Finance It was agreed that the Treasurer be offered an honorarium of £10-10/-.

Holiday Course It was decided that a holiday course of dancing be arranged for a week, to take place at S. Andrews during August 1927.

Branches It was agreed that more Branches be formed where possible and the Secretary was asked to find out if a meeting could be arranged in London, with the object of forming a Branch there.

Propaganda Mr. Bisset proposed that an organising Teacher with a



22<sup>nd</sup> October 1926.

team of demonstrators should travel in Scotland with the view of spreading the growth of the Society, and that the Carnegie Trust be asked for a grant towards this. Further consideration of this matter ~~It was agreed that the Summer School would be sufficient~~ ~~was postponed to some future meeting.~~ ~~growth for one year, together with any new Branches that might be formed.~~

It was agreed that a small edition of the Dance Books be published containing descriptions and diagrams of the dances, with no music.

This ended the Business.

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23<sup>rd</sup> November 1926

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at 27 Rutland St<sup>E</sup> Edinburgh on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1926.

Present - Lord James Murray (chair) Miss Sharp, Miss Maxwell, Sir Malcolm Mac Gregor, Mr. Bisset, Mr. Low, and Mrs. Stewart (Hon: Secretary).

Apologies were intimated from Mrs. Cathcart, Miss Milligan, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Macara, Mr. Diack and Mr. Mackay. The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

**Publications** A letter was read from Messers Paterson, undertaking to publish the Pocket edition of Books 1, 2, and 3, at 46<sup>s</sup> per copy, for which they would charge the Society 10<sup>s</sup> per copy for each copy issued free to members, and would give the Society a Royalty of 3<sup>s</sup> per copy on all other copies sold by them. The Council agreed to this, and decided to give a copy of this

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1926.

book free to each member for 1926-27.

Finance  
(Branches)

It was agreed that five per cent of each member's annual subscription should be returned to the Branch concerned, for Secretarial Expenses. The Conference Accounts were passed.

Sub-Comm<sup>tee</sup>

It was proposed that the former sub-Committees be amalgamated in one, to be called the "Music, Research and Advisory Committee" and that the members should be Miss Milligan, Mrs Stewart, Lord James Murray and Mr Diack, with powers to co-opt. This was agreed to.

Gramophone  
Records

Several enquiries having been received regarding gramophone records for Book III, Mr Bisset was asked to make enquiry as to whether "His Master's Voice" Company would undertake to issue records for the dances.

Quorum

It was agreed that at

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1926

at future meetings of the Council, five members should form a quorum.

It was decided that the next meeting be held in Glasgow.

This ended the business.

J. M. Murray

26<sup>th</sup> April 1927.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1927 at 152 Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

Present Present - Lord James Murray (Chair)  
Miss Milligan, Mrs Thomson, Mr Bisset, Mr Diack, Mr Low, Sir Malcolm Macgregor, Mr Percy Thomson, Mr Macara and Mrs Stewart (Hon. Sec)

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Mrs Cathcart, Miss Maxwell, Miss Sharp, Mr Tennas and Mr Mackay.

Sub. Comtee. The Sub Committee (Music, Research and Advisory) reported that they had co-opted Miss Mac Arthur (Publ). They had danced through the dances in Book III to the gramophone records made by the Beltona Company, and recommended that the Executive Council should adopt these records, with the exception of number 12, as official records of the Society.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1927.

Gramophone records. The Council, after hearing Mr. Bisset's report of his interview with "His Master's Voice" Company, agreed to sanction the issue of records for Book 3 (excepting No 12) made by the Beltona Company, as official records of the Society, & it was remitted to Mr. Bisset and Mr. Diack, to interview representatives of the Beltona company, with a view to making the best possible arrangements for the re-issue of records for Book I and II in the new process.

Summer School. The Secretary reported the arrangements made for the Summer School to be held at St. Andrews in August - also that a Stirlingshire branch had been formed in March - that examinations for Teachers Certificate had been held in Aberdeen, Perth, Dundee and Glasgow, those who hold

Stirlingshire

Teacher's Certificate

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28<sup>th</sup> April 1927.

Book III

the certificate now numbering 215.

The stock of Book III being low the Printers Publishers were instructed to prepare a reprint, and the Sub-Committee were

Book IV

authorised to prepare Book IV so that it might be ready for members by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Finance

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of £300. It was agreed that £250 of this should be invested in County Council Loans at 4% or 4½% interest, at one month's notice. The following accounts were passed for payment -

Messrs Patersons Publications L<sup>td</sup>  
alterations to music, Bk I £8-1-6

Messrs Affleck, Music cabinet  
for use of Secretary £6-15-0

The Council agreed that the Treasurer might purchase a suitable receptacle in which to



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to keep the papers and Books of the Society, at a cost not exceeding £10.

Arran

A letter was read from the organiser of classes in Arran, showing a deficit in the running of S.W.R.I. classes in the island. It was agreed that £5 be sent with a covering letter from the Secretary explaining that this was a special donation, and that S.W.R.I. members should be asked to contribute to their classes

Dundee

A request for assistance to the Social club of Ward Road Mills Dundee, was remitted to the Dundee Branch.

Gatherings  
+ Games Com<sup>tee</sup>

The Secretary was instructed to circularise all Gatherings and Games Committees in Scotland, asking them to include competitions for Country dancing, at the same time offering the services of the

28<sup>th</sup> April 1927

Society as regards adjudicators  
at any such competitions.

Secretary

The Glasgow Representative  
brought forward a recommendation  
from that Branch to the effect  
that the Secretary be empowered  
to engage a paid assistant. This  
was agreed to.

It was agreed that the next  
meeting be held in Perth at  
the end of June.

This ended the business.

*J. H. Murray*

20<sup>th</sup> August 1927

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at University Hall, St. Andrews on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1927.

Present Lord James Stewart Murray (chair)  
Miss Milligan, Miss Bruce, Mr. Diack, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Macara, Mr. Mackay and Mrs. Stewart.

Apologies were intimated from Miss Sharp, Miss Maxwell, Mrs. Cathcart, Mrs. Thompson, Sir Malcolm MacGregor and Mr. Low.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Gramophone records Arising therefrom, Mr. Diack reported that the Beltona Company had agreed to re-record the tunes for Books I and II, this had been done. It was agreed to pass these records, together with the records for Book III as the official records of the Society, and to make a new agreement for the

20<sup>th</sup> August 1927

publication thereof, in the same general lines as before.

Gatherings  
& games.

The Secretary reported that the Treasurer had obtained a suitable desk for the sum of £8-17-6. That she had circularised a number of Secretaries of Gatherings and Games Committees, some of whom had arranged for demonstrations of Scottish Country dances. She had

Asst. Sec<sup>y</sup>

engaged Miss Winifred Forgan as Assistant Secretary. The

Book 4

Advisory Committee had gone over the dances and music for Book IV, which was now in the hands of the Publishers.

Historical  
Pageant

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of congratulation to Miss H.P. Maxwell on the success of the dances organised by her at the Historical Pageant held in Edinburgh in July.

20<sup>th</sup> August 1927.

Railway  
fares of  
Council

It was agreed that in future the Railway fares of members travelling to meetings of the Executive Council be paid out of the general funds of the Society.

Annual  
meeting.

It was agreed that the annual meeting be held in Glasgow on 19<sup>th</sup> October and that the Secretary ask for nominations to the Executive and should also circulate the wording of proposed alteration to Constitution, on the notice calling the meeting.

British  
Association

Mr. Macara suggested that the British Association be asked to include Scottish Country dancing in their programme for 1928 when their annual meeting is to be held in Glasgow. The Secretary was instructed to write to Sir John Samuel on the subject.

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20<sup>th</sup> August 1927.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held in Glasgow on 19<sup>th</sup> October proceeding the annual general meeting.

This ended the business.

H. Murray

19<sup>th</sup> October, 1927.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Athenaeum Glasgow, on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1927.

Present

Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair)  
Miss Milligan, Mr. Low, Mr. MacKay,  
Mr. Diack, Mr. Bisset, Miss Maxwell,  
Miss Bruce, Miss Sharp, Sir Malcolm  
MacGregor, Mr. Thomson, Miss Mowbray,  
Mrs. Stewart, Hon. Sec: & Mr. Terras, Hon. Treas:

Minutes

An apology was read from Mr. Cathcart.  
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Annual report

to the general meeting was passed.

Branches

The Secretary added that, since it had been printed, a new branch had been formed in Western Dunbartonshire.

Financial

report was passed.

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Mr. Bisset proposed - was seconded by Mr. Diack, that £100 be used for propoganda during the coming year, and that Lord James Stewart Murray, Mrs. Stewart and Miss







# Scottish Country Dance Society.

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The FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the ATHENAEUM, ST. GEORGE'S PLACE, GLASGOW, ON WEDNESDAY, 19th October, at 3 p.m.

## BUSINESS:

1. Annual Report and Accounts.
2. Reports from Branches.
3. Proposed Alteration to Constitution, as follows:—
  - "4. Members shall pay an Annual Subscription of 5/-, or a Life Subscription of £3 3/-. Any person who has been a member of the Society for four years, and whose subscription is not in arrear, shall have the option of becoming a Life Member on payment of £2 10/-."
  - "5. The Society may elect an Honorary President and an Honorary Vice-President or Vice-Presidents. The office-bearers of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, etc."
4. Election of Office-bearers and Executive Council for the year 1927-1928.

The retiring Office-bearers are—Chairman, Lord James Stewart Murray; Secretary, Mrs Stewart; Treasurer, Mr Terras. (Lord James Stewart Murray having held office as Chairman for three consecutive years is not eligible for re-election as Chairman this year).

The retiring members of the Council are—Miss Jean Milligan, Mr J. Hubert Low, Mr J. M. Dinck, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Miss Sharp, Mr Grierson Macara, Capt. Sir Malcolm Macgregor, Mrs Cathcart, Mr N. S. Mackay, Mr F. H. Bisset, Miss Bruce, Mr Percy Thomson. (They are all eligible for re-election to the Council).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and six Members of Council should be sent to the Secretary not later than 10th October.

5. Any other business.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,  
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

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*The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting their Annual Report for the Year 1926-1927.*

## Branches.

Each Branch of the Society has been very active, as is shown by the increased membership, which has now reached One Thousand. A new Branch has been formed in Stirlingshire, and several others are in process of formation.

## Summer School.

The outstanding event of the year was the Summer School, held at University Hall, St. Andrews, from 16th to 23rd August, and which was attended by 90 resident and 14 non-resident members. Classes were held for the dances in Books 1, 2 and 3, instructed by teachers from various branches. A class on Book 4 was taken by Miss Milligan, and was followed by social dancing. Classes for Reel Steps were also taken by Mr Reid of Newryle, Forfarshire.

## Publications.

The pocket edition of Books 1, 2 and 3 was issued to members. Book 4 will be ready at the beginning of October and will be sent to members on receipt of their annual subscription.

Books have been sold during the year as follows:—  
Book 1, 1495; Book 2, 981; Book 3, 843; Pocket Edition, 907.

Gramophone Records, in the new electric process, have been made for the three books, and are a great improvement on those first issued. They can be obtained from any agent of the Beltona Company at 3/- for each double sided record.

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY. Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30th September, 1927.

Receipts.		Payments.	
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1926, ... ..	£205 3 10	DONATIONS—	
SUBSCRIPTIONS—		S.W.R.L. (Arran Area), ... ..	£5 0 0
Received at Headquarters, £50 0 0		GENERAL EXPENSES—	
Arrears received, ... .. 12 5 0		Printing, Stationery & Advertising, ... ..	£47 12 11
Paid in advance, ... .. 5 15 0	£77 0 0	Teachers' Fees & Organising Expenses, ... ..	17 16 3
Received from Branches, £180 15 0		Scottish Country Dance Books, ... ..	68 10 6
Less 5 per cent. refund, ... .. 9 0 9	171 14 3	Assistant Secretary's Salary (4 months), ... ..	12 0 0
	248 14 3	Travelling Expenses, ... ..	19 8 10
LIFE MEMBERS, ... ..	10 0 0	Furnishings, ... ..	29 16 6
ROYALTIES—		Conference Expenses, ... ..	12 14 0
On Books, ... ..	£51 8 3	Alterations on Plates of Book 1, ... ..	8 1 6
On Gramophone Records, ... ..	1 19 1	Postages and Telegrams, ... ..	17 18 5
Refund from Organising Expenses, ... ..	25 0 0	Sundries, ... ..	12 1 6
INTEREST—		SUMMER SCHOOL—Deficit, ... ..	246 0 5
Deposit Receipt Interest, ... ..	5 1 10		4 19 7
	£547 7 3	BALANCE—	
		County Council of Lanark 4½% Loan, ... ..	£250 0 0
		British Linen Bank, Current Account, ... ..	34 1 10
		Cash in Secretary's hands, ... ..	5 10 9
		Cash in Treasurer's hands, ... ..	1 14 8
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			£547 7 3
<b>SUMMER SCHOOL. Held at St. Andrew's from 16th to 23rd August, 1927.</b>			
Fees received, ... ..	£302 12 10	Board and Residence at University Hall, ... ..	£262 16 2
Deficit as above, ... ..	4 19 7	Hire of Pinnos, ... ..	4 15 0
	£307 12 5	Teachers' Fees and Expenses, ... ..	38 2 6
		Printing, Postages, etc., ... ..	1 18 9
			£307 12 5

239 HIGH STREET, AVE, 5th October, 1927.—I have examined the foregoing Statements with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify them to be correct.  
PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

13<sup>th</sup> February 1928.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at 27 Rutland Street, Edinburgh on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1928.

Present

Sir Malcolm MacGregor (chair), Mrs. Farquharson, Mr. Diack, Mrs. Law, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Gillespie, Mr. Lindsay, Miss Maxwell, Mr. Thomson & Mrs. Stewart

Apologies

~~Ap~~ were received from Miss Wyllie Hill, Miss Sharp, Mr. Bisset, Miss Milligan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Summer school.

The Secretary reported that she had engaged University Hall, St. Andrews for the Summer School, from 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1928 on the same terms as last year.

Branches.

that a new Branch had been formed in Clackmannanshire, that a collection of 20 dances had been sent in by Miss Bryden who had collected them in Peebleshire.

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- Teacher's certificate  
London. that tests for teacher's certificates had been held in Perth (20 passes) London (2 passes) & Greenock (6 passes). That the S. Andrews Society of London had organised a demonstration of Country dancing at their Christmas party. Miss Milligen had since volunteered to go to London for a week in April to hold classes for teachers. The Council gratefully accepted her suggestion and instructed the Secretary to offer Miss Milligen the sum of fifteen guineas for expenses.
- Finance  
Pageant. A letter was read from the organiser of the Pageant of the West asking for the co-operation of the S.C.D.S. It was agreed that Miss Milligan be asked to represent the Society on the Pageant Committee.
- Publications It was decided to proceed

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proceed with the preparation of Book 5.

Propoganda

It was agreed that the Society offer to send demonstration teams to the larger Highland Gatherings.

Badge

It was suggested that a badge be instituted for members to wear when going about the Country as Demonstration teams. The Secretary was asked to obtain designs and cost of production.

Finance

The Edinburgh Branch suggested that the percentage of members subscriptions remitted to the Branches should be increased from 5% to 10% - This matter was left for further consideration at the next meeting

Branches

It was suggested that the Society fix a minimum number of members to constitute

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constitute a Branch, so that applications from branches for a monetary grant should be in relation to its membership.

There being no further business the meeting ended.

H. Murray

21<sup>st</sup> August 1928

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at University Hall, S. Andrews, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1928.

Present. Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair)  
Mr. Diack, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Macara,  
Miss Wylie Hill, Miss Gillespie, Mr.  
Thomson, and Mrs. Stewart.

Apologies were received from Mr. Thompson  
Mr. Farquharson, Mr. Bisset, Mr. Low  
Mr. Lindsay, Sir Malcolm MacGregor  
Miss Sharp, & Miss Maxwell.

The Minutes of last meeting  
were read and approved.

Summerschool. The Secretary reported that the  
Summer School was proving a  
success, there being 110 residents  
and 20 daily students; that the

London. classes held in London by Miss  
Mulligan had proved very successful  
and resulted in nine members  
passing the Teacher's certificate;

New Branch that a new Branch had been  
started in Morayshire; that a



21<sup>st</sup> August 1928.

book of Nathaniel Gow's had been presented to the Society by Colonel Playfair, S. Andrew's.

Pageant

The Secretary was instructed to send a vote of thanks to Miss Milligan for the admirable way in which she had organised the dancing at the Glasgow Pageant.

Publications

The Advisory Committee reported that they had passed the music and descriptions for Book V, and it was agreed that it should be published with the addition of names of pipe tunes suitable for the dances.

Finance

Mr. Diack proposed that ten per cent of members' subscriptions be remitted to the Branches for secretarial expenses, instead of five per cent as previously. This was seconded by Mr. Thomson, and agreed to.

21<sup>st</sup> August 1928.

Finance An account from Messrs Paterson  
for alterations to book B II, for  
the sum of £3. 19. was passed.

It was decided that when a  
new branch consisted of only  
20 members they should be  
given a grant of £5, and  
when the membership reached  
40 or over, they might apply  
for further grant of £5.

Prague  
Congress.

The Secretary was instructed  
to find out from the Czecho-  
Slovakian Consul at Glasgow,  
if a team of Scottish Country  
dancers would be accepted  
at the International Congress  
of popular art, to be held at  
Prague from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 1928.

Annual meeting

It was agreed that the  
Annual meeting be held in  
Edinburgh on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
at 3.30 pm. to be preceded by  
a meeting of the Executive

21<sup>st</sup> August 1928.

Council at 2 o'clock; and that a non-residential week-end autumn school be held in Edinburgh at the same time.

Adjudicators. The Secretary was asked to convene a meeting of the Teachers at the Summer School and discuss with them the question of obtaining more Adjudicators for Festivals.

There being no further business, the meeting ended.

J. Murray

27<sup>th</sup> October 1928.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1929 at 27 Rutland Street Edinburgh.

Present. Lord James Stewart-Murray (Chair)  
Miss Bruce, Mr. Farquharson, Miss Gillespie, Mr. Halley, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Low, Mr. Macara, Miss Maxwell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thomson

Apologies were intimated from Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Miss Milligan, Mr. Bisset, Mr. Thompson & Mr. Terras.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Prague congress. The Secretary reported that she had corresponded with the Czecho Slovakian Consul offering a demonstration team, and after writing to Prague the reply had been that the programme was already filled and that they could only

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allow time for a short lecture on Scottish Country dances with an illustration by two or three dancers, so the suggestion of sending a team had been abandoned.

Adjudicators

A meeting of the Society's teachers at the Summer school had been convened and those present had agreed that when the Secretary was asked to recommend Adjudicators she should send the names of experienced teachers, saying that the Society could not guarantee that they were good speakers on a platform; that the Teachers had recommended the circulation amongst Adjudicators of a leaflet of "hints." The Council agreed that this would be very useful and instructed

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instructed the Secretary to convene a meeting of those who have already judged Country dancing at Festivals, to discuss the items of such a leaflet, and to draw up a standard of marks. It was agreed that this meeting of Adjudicators should discuss the advisability of revising the fee for Teachers holding the Society's certificate.

Propoganda

The Secretary reported that a team had been sent to demonstrate at the Games at Inverness (expenses £7.15.2) and at Oban (expenses £5.4.) The teams had been put up for a night at each place, free of charge. That she had instructed the Treasurer (Finance) to send a cheque for £10 to the Dumbartonshire branch

27<sup>th</sup> October 1928.

to settle their debt and to allow them to start afresh, this sum to be included as Propoganda:

Finance.

Applications for grants of £10 each from Stirling and Morayshire Branches were passed by the Council. An account from Mr. Diack for £10.10/- for arranging the tunes for Book V was passed.

It was proposed by Mr. Low and seconded by Miss Bruce, that an Honorarium of twenty guineas be given to the Treasurer. This was passed.

Annual reports

The Council passed the reports and financial statement for the Annual meeting and the following names were recommended for election to the Executive Council Chair. Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Vice Chair. Mr. Low. Lord James S. Murray, Miss Milligan, Miss Robertson, Miss Maxwell, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Pippet.

This concluded the business. *J. H. B. Haynes*  
*S. J. B. Haynes*





# Scottish Country Dance Society.

The FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the ODDFELLOWS HALL, FOREST ROAD, EDINBURGH, on *Saturday, 27th October, 1928*, at 3.30 p.m.

## BUSINESS:

1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Reports from Branches.
4. Election of Office-Bearers and Executive Council for the year 1928-29.

The retiring Office-bearers are—Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor; Vice-Chairman, Miss Milligan; Hon. Secretary, Mrs Stewart; Hon. Treasurer, Mr Terras.

The retiring Members of the Council are—Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr J. Hubert Low, Mr J. M. Diack, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Mr I. C. Jamieson, Mr F. H. Bissett. (All are eligible for re-election to the Council.)

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and six Members for Council should be sent to the Secretary not later than 20th October.

5. Any other business.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,  
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting a report of the work of the Society during the fifth year of its existence.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—The members now number 1500; 1200 Subscriptions have been paid for 1927-1928, and 300 are in arrear.

**BRANCHES.**—New Branches have been started for Clackmannanshire and Morayshire, which adds several new centres for the practice and preservation of the dances. This now brings the number of Branches to ten, viz.:—Aberdeen, Clackmannanshire, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Morayshire, Perth, Renfrewshire, Stirlingshire, and Western Dumbartonshire.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.**—The second Summer School was held at St. Andrews from 16th to 23rd August, and was attended by 180 members.

**EXAMINATIONS.**—A number of examinations have been held, resulting in an increased number of certificated teachers. A class was held in London for a week during April, at the end of which nine members gained their teacher's certificate. There are also twelve teachers at Birmingham, showing that the activities of the Society are being appreciated south of the Tweed.

**PROPAGANDA.**—Parties of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts were sent to Highland Gatherings at Oban, Inverness, and Dunblane to give an exhibition of Scottish Country Dancing, and met with a hearty welcome.

A few Country Dances are now found on the programmes of all important Highland Balls.

The Society was asked to organise dances for the Pageant of the West, this was done and the dancers did well in spite of bad weather.

A number of dances were collected during the year in various parts of Scotland.

**PUBLICATIONS.**—The Fourth Book of Twelve Dances has been published, and the Belmont Company have produced Gramophone Records of the Music. A fifth book has been compiled and will be ready shortly.

### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY. Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 29th September, 1928.

<b>Receipts.</b>	<b>Payments.</b>
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1927, ... .. £201 7 3	
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS—</b>	<b>DONATIONS—</b>
Received at Headquarters, £38 15 0	Stirlingshire Branch, ... .. £10 0 0
Arrears received, ... .. 0 5 0	Dumbartonshire Branch, ... .. 10 0 0
Paid in advance, ... .. 11 10 0	<b>£20 0 0</b>
Life Members, ... .. 51 6 0	<b>GENERAL EXPENSES—</b>
<u>£99 16 0</u>	Printing, Stationery & Advertising, ... .. £31 11 3½
Received from Branches, ... .. 255 10 3	Teachers' Fees & Organising Expenses, ... .. 9 4 0
Donations, ... .. 0 2 6	Scottish Country Dance Books, ... .. 106 15 4
<u>355 8 9</u>	Assistant Secretary (11 Months), ... .. 33 0 0
<b>DANCE BOOKS SOLD, ... .. 7 12 0</b>	Travelling Expenses, ... .. 9 19 7
<b>ROYALTIES—</b>	Propaganda Work, ... .. 44 5 4½
On Books, ... .. 68 19 8	Arranging Music of Book 4, ... .. 10 10 0
On Gramophone Records, ... .. 6 19 1	Alterations to Book 2, ... .. 2 10 0
<u>75 18 9</u>	Income Tax (on Royalties & Interest), ... .. 33 2 9
<b>SUMMER SCHOOL—</b>	Postages, etc., ... .. 23 18 8
Surplus, ... .. 7 9 2	Sundries, ... .. 13 13 0
<b>LONDON COURSE—</b>	<b>319 10 0</b>
Surplus, ... .. 4 18 6	<b>BALANCE—</b>
<b>INTEREST—</b>	County Council of Lanark 4½% Loan, £250 0 0
County Council of Lanark, 4½ per cent. Loan, ... .. £7 9 5	British Linen Bank & Depos. Receipt, 100 0 0
Deposit Receipt, ... .. 0 16 10	Do., Current Account, 46 13 5
<u>8 6 3</u>	Cash in Secretary's Hands, ... .. 13 9 6
<u>£751 0 8</u>	Cash in Treasurer's Hands, ... .. 1 7 9
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<b>SUMMER SCHOOL. Held at St. Andrew's from 16th to 23rd August, 1928.</b>	
Fees received, ... .. £373 1 6	Board and Residence at University Hall, ... .. £313 10 6
	Hire of Pianos, ... .. 4 15 0
	Teachers' Fees and Expenses, ... .. 39 6 3
	Members' Fees refunded, ... .. 2 16 0
	Secretarial Expenses, ... .. 5 4 7
	Surplus as above, ... .. 7 9 2
<u>£373 1 6</u>	<b>£373 1 6</b>

11<sup>th</sup> February 1929.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1929 at 152 Buchanan St., Glasgow.

Present Present Sir Malcolm MacGregor (Chair)  
Mr. Farquharson, Miss Gillespie,  
Mr. Halley, Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. Macara,  
Miss Maxwell, Miss Milligan, Miss  
Robertson, Lord James Murray, Mr.  
Percy Thomson, & Mrs. Stewart (Hon. Sec.)

Apologies were intimated from Miss Bell,  
Miss Wylie Hill, Mr. Bisset, Mr.  
Jamieson, Mr. Low, and Mr. Terras.

Adjudicators A paper of "Hints," as recommended  
by a meeting of Adjudicators held  
on 24<sup>th</sup> November was passed for  
circulation amongst future  
adjudicators at Festivals, and  
the Secretary was instructed to  
have mark sheets printed and  
to offer them to Secretaries of  
Festivals for their use in Country  
dance competitions.

Teachers It was agreed that the following

11<sup>th</sup> February 1929.

note regarding fees of the Society's  
Certificated Teachers should be  
sent to all Branch Secretaries:—  
"All recognised Teachers of the  
Society are entitled to receive  
as remuneration the sum fixed  
by the Society, i.e. 10/6 per hour,  
irrespective of the size of such  
class. Any modification must  
be a matter of arrangement  
between the Teacher and those  
organising the class."

Affiliation

An application for affiliation  
by the Hong Kong Reel Club was  
considered, & the Secretary was  
instructed to reply, pointing out  
Rule No 3 "The members shall be  
persons, firms or companies, clubs,  
Societies or Committees, or any  
other bodies interested in the  
preservation, study and  
practise of Scottish Country dances"  
and to suggest that a branch

16<sup>th</sup> February 1929.

branch of the S.C.D.S. he formed at Hong Kong.

Sub-  
Committee

The Secretary reported that at the annual general meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1928, it was agreed that a sub committee be appointed to revise the Society's publications, both letter press and music,

Publications

where necessary. Lord James Stewart Murray as chairman of the Sub Committee appointed by the Annual meeting reported that this Committee had been fortunate in securing the help of the Duchess of Atholl in revising the music of Book I, and the revised edition would soon be in the hands of the publishers.

It was agreed that certain dances suitable for the Ballroom be published as single sheets, and the Secretary was instructed to consult the publishers as to

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the form and cost of production.

Finance.

A letter was read from the Edinburgh branch asking for financial aid for propoganda. It was remitted to the President, Chairman & Secretary to examine the Edinburgh balance sheet and decide what help was necessary.

Boy's Brigade

It was agreed that the Secretary should consult the Secretary of the Boy's Brigade to find out if it were possible to interest that Organisation and to secure a representative of the Boy's Brigade as an Hon. Vice President of the S.C.D.S.

Summer School.

The Secretary reported that she had booked University Hall, St. Andrews from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August 1929 for the Summer School.

Publication

It was agreed that a Sixth book of twelve dances be prepared. This ended the business.

Hubert F. Low.



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# Scottish Country Dance Society.

The SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S HALLS, GLASGOW (enter by door G, Berkeley Street), on Saturday, 26th October, 1929, at 2.30 p.m.

## BUSINESS :

1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Report from Branches.
4. Election of Office-bearers and Executive Council for the year 1929-30.

The retiring Office-bearers are :—

Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor ;  
Vice-Chairman, Mr J. H. Low ;  
Hon. Secretary, Mrs Stewart ;  
Hon. Treasurer, Mr Terras.

The retiring Members of the Council are :—

Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Mr I. C. Jamieson, Mr F. H. Bisset, Miss Milligan, Miss Robertson. (All are eligible for re-election to the Council except Mr Bisset who desires to retire).

The following have already been elected to the Executive as Representatives of their Branches :—Mrs Bruce (Aberdeen), Mrs Lindsay (Clackmannan), Miss Bell (Dundee), Mrs Farquharson (Western Dumbartonshire), Miss Gillespie (Edinburgh), Mr F. N. Punchard (Fife), Mr Percy Thomson (Glasgow), Mr Halley (Morayshire), Miss M. Wylie Hill (Perth), Mr Grierson Macara (Renfrewshire), Miss M. Wilson (Stirlingshire).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Six Members for Council, should be sent to the Secretary not later than 19th October.

Election will be made at the Annual General Meeting from the list of those nominated.

5. Any other competent business.

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# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting a report of the work of the Society during the sixth year of its existence.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—The membership of the Society now numbers about 1900, of which 450 are in arrear with their subscriptions.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.**—The Third Summer School was held at St. Andrews from 12th to 17th August, and was attended by 160 members. At the end of the Course 40 of those taking part gained their Teacher's Certificate.

**PUBLICATIONS.**—The Fifth Book of 12 dances has been published and a sixth book will be ready shortly.

**BRANCHES.**—A new Branch has been formed in Fife with centres at St. Andrews, Dunfermline, and Kirkenaldy. A Branch has just been formed and Classes started at Inverness.

Reports from Branches are as follows:—

**ABERDEEN BRANCH.**—Formed 1925; 193 members; an increase of 46. Four different classes were held weekly during the winter, two public classes, one for teachers and one for advanced work. The attendance at all these was excellent. During the year fourteen members of the branch have taken teaching certificates and five have got B certificates.

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1927; 25 members. A successful course of classes was held by this Branch throughout the winter and were very well attended by pupils from all parts of the County. On an average 30 came to the afternoon classes which were held weekly, and 24 to the evening classes which were held fortnightly. Two members from this County have gained their teacher's certificates.

**DUNDEE BRANCH.**—Formed 1925; 234 members. During the winter and spring sessions weekly classes were held in all 5 books for Branch members. The numbers attending the classes were so large that duplicate classes were necessary to accommodate everyone. The usual concluding class C.D. evenings in December and March were great successes as social functions in the city. School, Club and Welfare agencies have been assisted by both individual members and Branch visiting parties on a larger scale than formerly. Festival Country dancing increased both in entrants and spectacular interest. The Committee have had to make arrangements for an extended syllabus of this section in Dundee during the coming year. More of our members have gained their certificates and there is a very adequate trained list to draw upon. The influence of the Branch activities penetrates into the many spheres of the city social and educational agencies in a practical manner and is fulfilling its purpose to its utmost.

**WESTERN DUMBARTONSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1927; 100 members; increase of 24. Classes were held during the session, 1928-29. From October to December—In Alexandria, a Popular Class, with an enrolment of 22; in Dumbarton, a Revisal Class, with an enrolment of 28; Book 3 Class, with an enrolment of 17; Book 1 Class, with an enrolment of 11. From January to March—In Dumbarton, Book IV. Class, with an enrolment of 24. (An outbreak of Influenza was largely responsible for the failure to enrol other classes in the Spring Term). Two very successful Social Dances were held in Dumbarton about 80 people attended.

**EDINBURGH BRANCH.**—Formed 1923; 180 members; an increase of 57. Classes have been held regularly, even during the Summer months, and a number of those attending have taken their Certificates. Special classes have been organised for members of the S.W.R.I., and Boy Scouts, also classes in several villages near Edinburgh. Representatives of the local Branch have also given Demonstrations at Kirkcaldy, Cockburnspath, and at a meeting of the Edinburgh Branch of the St. Andrew Society. In addition a team of boys was sent to London to demonstrate at a Party held in London. Under the auspices of the Branch a Demonstration and Dance was held in October, 1928, in conjunction with the Autumn School, and proved a great success. The Branch intend holding a similar Dance this Autumn.

**FIFE BRANCH.**—Formed 1929; 55 members. New Branch. No Report.

**GLASGOW BRANCH.**—Formed 1923; 250 members. The past year has been one of quiet activity. Classes were held in all five Books. Social dances were held each month during the winter in the Highlanders Institute. A dance was also held in the Loarnio on behalf of the Lord Provost's Unemployment Fund, which benefited by about £50, this dance was largely patronised and by a considerable number of people unconnected with the Society. The classes for competition at the Musical Festival were well filled and the standard of dancing was on a whole a high one. The Festival Committee intend in future, to confine their activities to purely musical classes, so any dancing competitions will have to be organised by the Branch. A number of members obtained their Teacher's Certificates. More men are taking an interest in the dancing, but the number could be considerably augmented.

**LONDON BRANCH.**—42 Members. There is still no Committee for this Branch, but a Secretary has now been secured. Classes were held after Christmas and were well attended. The S.C.D. Club run by Mrs MacLachlan has also organised classes and dances during the last year.

**MORAYSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1928; 129 members. Four classes have been held, two in Elgin, one in Forres, and one in Nairn, all of which have been a great success. We have also done a fair amount of propaganda work, having given demonstrations with a mixed team at the following events:—Highland Games, at Forres and Rafford, The Morayshire Agricultural Show. A large Rally of the Banffshire W.R.I. Societies at Buchrobb, also at Grange W.R.I. in Banffshire, with the result that the latter are forming a class, and Ballanalloch W.R.I. have already started a class and have enrolled 13 men and 13 women, also 18 juniors. Eleven members of our branch attended the Summer School, nine gaining their Teacher's Certificate.

**PERTH BRANCH.**—Formed 1925; 75 members. The usual Afternoon and Evening Classes were held throughout the Winter, also a most enjoyable Thé Dansant in which the Dundee Branch joined with us. At the Highland Ball, which was held just after Easter, every third dance was a country dance, also most of the extras, this latter by special request. We sent (by request) Demonstration Teams to the Meeting of the British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals Conference (which was held for the first time in Scotland) in Perth, during the third week in October.

**RENFREWSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1925; 95 members. The attendance at the various classes has been good. A most successful demonstration of S.C. dancing was given at the Royal Alexandra Infirmary Fête, Paisley, by a number of teams. A dance club was conducted during the session and proved an enjoyable means of re-union for past members of classes. The Branch presented a trophy for the Senior class in S.C.D. to the Renfrewshire Musical Festival Association. The annual dance proved a happy termination to a successful season.

**STIRLINGSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1927; 78 members. During the winter three classes were held including a fortnightly class at the Castle for the soldiers' wives which was very much appreciated. Two social dances took place and were much enjoyed. At the end of the classes several people obtained certificates.

**GENERAL.**—Besides the Branches there is a "General" List kept by the Secretary. This is comprised of 316 members who live too far away to be attached to any Branch.

# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30th September, 1929.

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
	Balance on hand at 1st October, 1928, ... .. £411 10 8	<b>DONATIONS—</b>
	<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS—</b>	Morayshire Branch, ... .. £10 0 0
	Received at Headq'rs, £42 0 0	Pife Branch, ... .. 10 0 0
	Arrears received, ... 0 15 0	<u>£20 0 0</u>
	Paid in advance, ... 7 10 0	<b>GENERAL EXPENSES—</b>
	Life Members, ... 7 10 0	Printing, Stationery and
<b>MEMBER</b>	<u>£57 15 0</u>	Advertising, ... .. £45 2 6½
with	Received from Branches, ... .. 269 15 5	Teachers' Fees and Organising
	<u>327 10 5</u>	Expenses, ... .. 52 9 3½
<b>SUMMER</b>		Scottish Country Dance Books, 137 11 8
and	<b>ROYALTIES—</b>	Assistant Secretary, ... .. 35 0 0
Teac	On Books, ... .. £65 6 6	Travelling Expenses, ... .. 21 17 7½
	On Gramophone Records, ... 6 13 3	Propaganda Work, ... .. 5 1 6
<b>PUBLIC/</b>	<u>71 19 9</u>	Arranging Music for Book 5, ... 10 10 0
short	<b>AYR CLASSES—</b>	Alterations to Book 1, ... .. 2 17 6
<b>BRANCH</b>	Surplus, ... .. 3 16 0	Income Tax (on Royalties and
Kirk	<b>SUMMER SCHOOL—</b>	Interest), ... .. 11 12 0
	Surplus, ... .. 12 11 1	Loss on Helensburgh Classes, ... 10 8 6
<b>ABERDE</b>		Autumn School Deficit, ... .. 5 11 1
held	<b>INTEREST—</b>	London Course Deficit, ... .. 13 15 9
atten	County Council of Lanark 4½ per	Loan to Glasgow Branch, ... .. 5 0 0
teach	cent. Loan, ... .. £8 10 0	Postages, etc., ... .. 35 12 6½
	Deposit Receipt, .. .. 1 1 3	Sundries, ... .. 24 3 0
<b>CLACKM</b>	<u>9 11 3</u>	<u>417 13 0</u>
held		<b>BALANCE—</b>
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their	<u>£836 19 2</u>	British Linen Bank—Deposit
		Receipt, 100 0 0
		Do., Current Account, 43 0 8
		Cash in Secretary's hands, ... 4 8 0
		Cash in Treasurer's hands, ... 1 17 6
		<u>399 6 2</u>
		<u>£835 19 2</u>

## SUMMER SCHOOL.

Held at St. Andrews from 12th to 19th August, 1929.

	Fees received, ... .. £408 14 3	Board and Residence at University Hall, ... £206 3 6
		do. at St. Regulus Club, ... 53 8 0
		Bus expenses to and from do., ... 3 16 0
		Hire of Pianos, ... .. 4 15 0
		Pianists' Fees and Expenses, ... .. 9 8 10
		Teachers' Fees, ... .. 23 12 6
		Secretarial Expenses and Sundries, ... 4 19 4
		Surplus as above, ... .. 12 11 1
	<u>£408 14 3</u>	<u>£408 14 3</u>

239 HIGH STREET, AYR, 3rd October, 1929.—I have examined the foregoing Statements with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify them to be correct.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

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26<sup>th</sup> October 1929.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at S: Andrews Halls, Glasgow, on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1929.

Present Mr. J. H. Low (Chair) Mrs. Farguharson, Miss Bruce, Miss Gillespie, Mr. Halley, Mr. Jamieson, Mrs. Meikle, Mr. Macara, Miss Maxwell, Miss Milligan, Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Robertson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Purchard & Mrs. Stewart (Hon. Sec.).

Apology was read from Sir Malcolm MacGregor. Mr. Bisset's resignation was accepted. The minutes were read and approved. Arising therefrom,

Festivals the Secretary reported that she had offered the Society's Mark sheets to every Scottish Musical Festival, these had been accepted by ten Festivals, while five others replied that their Festivals were just over for the year.

Publications As there had appeared to be no demand for dances on

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on separate sheets, these had not been printed, they could be done, to sell at 3<sup>d</sup> each. The Secretary was instructed to write to each Branch in order to ascertain what demand there might be for these single sheets, and also what demand there would be for the music if published in parts to suit bands; and it was remitted to the Sub-Committee to deal with the replies.

Vice President The Boy's Brigade had appointed Colonel W.D. Scott, Chairman of the Northern Committee of the Brigade Executive, to represent them as an Honorary Vice President of the Scottish Country Dance Society.

Summer School. The Summer School held in August had been a great success. there were 130 residents and 30 day students, 40 members.

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40 members obtained their Teachers certificate, and there had been a surplus of £12-11-1<sup>9</sup>. The Secretary was instructed to book University Hall, S. Andrews for 10 days or a fortnight for a course in 1930.

**Publications** In regard to the publication of Book VI, a letter was read from Paterson's Publications suggesting that the S.C.D.S. invest some of their money in the publication of this book. The cost of printing an edition of 2,000 copies being about £90. It was decided that the Society would pay for the printing of Book VI. It was remitted to the Sub. Committee to pass the book for publication.

**Branches** The Secretary's report showed that new Branches had been formed in Fife, Inverness and

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and Buchie. These three Branches had all applied for the grant. Glasgow had had a loan of £5 to meet a deficit in their classes but would soon be in a position to repay this.

Elsinore  
Conference The Secretary reported that she had sent a letter to all members of Executive on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1929, asking if she should offer a team to the Conference on New Education to be held at Elsinore, Denmark, in August. On receipt of a number of replies agreeing, she had then written to Branch Secretaries for names of volunteers for a team. As the Conference Secretary and Cook's agents were telegraphing for a decision, there had been no time to call a meeting of the Executive, so she had consulted Miss Milligan about the list of those who could go. As the team was to be a



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a representative one, from all parts of Scotland, and those who were good dancers, and could go, were not all able to pay their own expenses, the sending of a team, four couples and a musician, including journey and Conference expenses would have cost roughly £200 or half of the Society's capital, this seemed to be a greater expense than was justified by the advantage, if any, that would be gained by the Society. The Council concurred in this decision, and agreed that if in future any conference of like kind were to ask for a demonstration team to be sent, a meeting of Executive should be called to consider their application, provided sufficient time was allowed for the successful organisation of such

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an enterprise.

It was pointed out that one of the principal objects of the Society was to ~~re~~introduce Scottish Country Dances to the Ballroom; so that though their Educational value was considerable this point must not be given too leading a position in the programme of the Society.

Finance. It was agreed to offer the Treasurer an Honorarium of twenty guineas and the Secretary was asked to see Mrs Shand to thank her for her interest and help, and to offer her a bonus of five pounds.

Gramophone records. Several requests had been received for gramophone records for Book V. The Secretary had been in communication with H.M.V. company, who would not consider publishing any more Scottish records at present.

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The Murdoch Trading Co (Belton) would only do so on condition that the Society paid half the initial cost (i.e. about £30) and guaranteed the sale of 500 each of the records. The Secretary was instructed to ask Branches what prospect there was of selling records for Book V.

Gramophones

It was agreed that the Society purchase two portable gramophones for the use of itinerant teachers.

A.G.M.

A motion from the Dundee Branch that the Annual General meeting be held in centres other than Glasgow and Edinburgh was laid on the table for a future meeting.

The Annual report and the financial report were passed for the Annual General meeting. This ended the Business.

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Later - same date and place.  
An extra-ordinary meeting  
of the Executive Council was  
held.

A.G.M.

Mr. Low proposed and Mr.  
Halley seconded that the next  
Annual General Meeting be  
held at Dundee.

This was unanimously  
agreed to.

Sealed the Minutes  
J. Macfarlane.

21<sup>st</sup> November 1929.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1929 at 27 Rutland St., Edinburgh.

Present. Sir Malcolm MacGregor (in the chair),

Mr. Bruce, Miss Bruce, Mr. Forbes, Miss Gillespie, Mr. Halley, Mr. Macara, Miss Maxwell, Miss Milligan, Lord James S. Murray & Mrs. Stewart

Apologies were read from Miss Bell, Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. Low, Mr. Punchard, Mr. Thomson, Miss Wilson.

Single sheets The Secretary reported that she had written to all the branch Secretaries, and their replies showed that there was no demand for dances printed on separate sheets, and a very limited demand for band parts. It

Band parts. was agreed that the Secretary obtain band parts of those dances which are popular in the ballroom, and send them to branches where desired.

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Gramophone  
records.

It was decided that the Secretary should write to other gramophone companies, and ask their terms in recording Scottish Country Dances, before treating further with the Beltona Company; and a sub-committee was appointed to deal with the matter, composed of Lord James Stewart Murray, Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Miss Milligan and Mrs Stewart.

Sub-Com<sup>tee</sup>  
for  
Research

It having been remitted from the Annual General meeting to the Executive that a Sub-Committee be appointed for Research, the following were duly proposed and seconded to form this Committee -

Mrs Ion Jamieson (Borders), Mrs Wiseman (Edinburgh) Miss Kirk (Dundee), Miss Jean Shanks (Arbroath) Miss M. Maxwell (Dalbeattie) Lord James S. Murray

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(Perthshire), the Chairman and Secretary ex-officio.

The duties of this sub-committee being to collect dances, their history and music, and to record variations of manner of performing dances.

~~Contract  
with  
Patersons~~

It was agreed to give six months notice of termination of contract to Messrs Patersons Publications (formerly Paterson Sons & Co).

Badge

It was agreed that, until there was a further and more decided demand for a badge, the matter be left in abeyance.

Singing  
Games.

It was decided that the Society should confine its activities at present to the objects as laid down, and not enlarge its interests to include the publication of singing games.

This ended the business.

*Charles Smith*  
*Chairman*

28<sup>th</sup> April 1930.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at 27 Rutland Street, Edinburgh, on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1930.

Present - Sir Malcolm Mac Gregor (chair), Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Milligan, Mrs Farguharson, Miss Gillespie, Mr Forbes, Mr Halley, Mr Low, Mr Purchard, Mr Thomson, Mrs Stewart.

Apologies were read from Mrs Lindsay, Miss Maxwell, Miss Wilson.

Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Sub-Com<sup>tee</sup> Lord James Stewart Murray, as Chairman of the Sub-Committee appointed to make enquiries about recording music of Books I and II, reported that this committee had met, and after considering the correspondence with the Beltona, Eddison Bell, His Master's Voice, and Zonophone Companies, they had decided to deal with the Columbia Company, who were willing to make records of these



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these books if the Society would arrange for the orchestration of the music, and if they will be assured of a reasonable sale as it would cost the Company about £800 to record the two books. Mr. Wiseman had offered to undertake the orchestration of the music with the help of a local musician to do the Spade work.

**Finance** It was proposed by Mr. Purchard and seconded by Mr. Law that the question of financing the orchestration of Books 5 and 6 be left to the discretion of the Committee at present dealing with the matter. This was agreed to.

**Records.** The records would be 10 inch and would be sold for 3/.

**Research** Lord James also reported that the Research Committee had met, and that some interesting notes had been sent in by Miss Kirk, Dundee.

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Publications

It was agreed to publish a pocket edition of Books 4, 5, and 6, to be given free to members in 1930-1931: and that Paterson's Publications be asked to do this, as they had already printed the large editions of these books.

Finance

The following accounts were passed: - Mr. Diach for arranging music for Book VI, £15. Messrs Paterson's Publications for printing and engraving 2,500 copies of Book VI, £109. A grant to the London Branch of £10.

A.G.M.

It was agreed that the Annual General meeting be held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, with that a week-end Autumn School be held at Dundee at the same time.

This ended the business.

Walter Baillie  
J. Baillie  
Chairman

1<sup>st</sup> November 1930

A meeting of the Executive Council was held in Kidd's rooms, Dundee, on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1930.

Present. Sir Malcolm MacGregor (chair)  
Miss Bell, Mrs Bruce, Miss Dow,  
Mr Duncan, Miss Smith, Mr Forbes,  
Miss Gillespie, Mr Halley, Mrs  
Finlay, Mr Low, Mr Macara, Lord  
James S. Murray, Mr Punchard, Miss  
Wilson and Mrs Stewart.

Apologies were intimated from Mr Lindsay,  
Miss Milligan, Mr Quintin Smith,  
Miss H.P. Maxwell and Mr Terres.

Minutes of last meeting were read and  
approved.

Records. The Secretary reported that  
£1 per tune had been paid for  
orchestration of the six dances  
selected from Books 5 and 6,  
to be recorded by the Columbia  
Gramophone Company.

Publications. That Patersons Publications L<sup>td</sup>  
had quoted £65 for printing

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2,500 copies of a Pocket edition of Book 4, 5 and 6. which would be ready shortly.

Regarding publication of leaflets of Sixteensome reel, the Secretary stated that these could be had from her at 3<sup>d</sup> per copy.

Copyright.

The Secretary reported that some correspondence had arisen over ownership of mechanical rights and copyrights of the Society's publications, and that as a result she had consulted Mr Mackenzie Shaw, W.S. Edinburgh.

On the motion of Mr Forbes seconded by Mr Pritchard it was decided to pursue the question of these rights and to appoint Mr Mackenzie Shaw as legal advisor of the Society.

Finance

It was agreed to purchase a necessary filing cabinet for the Secretary's use.

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Finance  
Cont<sup>d</sup> Grants which had been made to the Banff and Inverness Branches of £10 each; also fee to Mr. Herbert Wiseman of £10 for arranging the music for Book 6 were duly passed to be minuted.

The Committee agreed to offer the Honorary Treasurer an honorarium of £21 (twenty guineas) as was given last year.

Branches It was suggested that Branches be confined where possible to

Finance County Boundaries. Grants to subsidiary branches would have to be considered by the Executive Council on their merits.

Life members After discussion it was decided that all Life members though receiving the Annual Publication direct from the Secretary should be definitely placed on the list of their local branch for all other notices.

# Scottish Country Dance Society.

The SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in KIDD'S ROOMS, TALLY STREET, DUNDEE, on *Saturday, 1st November, 1930*, at 3 p.m.

## BUSINESS :

1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Report from Branches.
4. Election of Office-Bearers and Executive Council for the year 1930-31.

The retiring Office-bearers are :—

Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor ;  
 Vice-Chairman, Mr J. H. Low ;  
 Hon. Secretary, Mrs Stewart ;  
 Hon. Treasurer, Mr Terras.

The retiring Members of the Council are :—

Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Miss M. Dow, Miss A. E. D. Bruce, Mr J. Forbes, M.A., Miss Milligan. (All are eligible for re-election with the exception of Sir Malcolm MacGregor as chairman, he having held that office for three years).

The following have already been elected to the Executive as Representatives of their Branches :—Mrs Bruce (Aberdeen), Mr Duncan (Banffshire), Mrs Lindsay (Clackmannan), Miss Bell (Dundee), Miss Smith (Western Dumbartonshire), Miss Gillespie (Edinburgh), Mr F. N. Punchard (Fife), Mrs Quintin Smith (Glasgow), Mrs Grant (Inverness), Mr Halley (Morayshire), Mrs Finlay (Perth), Mr Grierson Macara (Renfrewshire), Miss M. Wilson (Stirlingshire).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Six Members for Council, should be sent to the Secretary not later than 27th October.

Election will be made at the Annual General Meeting from the list of those nominated.

5. Alteration to Constitution and Rules :—Mr Jamieson proposes that 2 (b) should read "to promote and encourage the formation of branches."
6. Alteration to Constitution and Rules :—Dr Kidd proposes that 10 should read :—"An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in October or at such other time and at such place as the Annual General Meeting may decide."
7. Any other competent business.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,  
 3 Park Circus, Ayr.

Following the Meeting, at 4 p.m., the Dundee Branch has arranged a Thé Dansant of Scottish Dances, and an invitation is extended to all S.C.D.S. members.

# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

The Executive Council have pleasure in presenting their Seventh Annual Report.

During the past year the work of the Society has been as vigorous as hitherto. A new Branch has been formed at Buckie which bids fair to cover the whole of Banffshire. The Fife Branch has extended to four Centres instead of three, and the Scottish Community in London are availing themselves of the classes there.

An addition has been made to the books in the possession of the Society in the shape of a copy of the 4th part of Nath. Gow's Repository. This was presented by Lady Dorothea Ruggles Brise who gave the first three parts of the Repository and the five parts of Neil Gow's Collection to the Society some years ago.

The fourth Summer School was held at St. Andrews for ten days in July when the accommodation at University Hall was taxed to the utmost. The School adjourned to the Younger Graduation Hall for the last evening when about 200 people came to watch the dancing.

There has been a demand for gramophone records from Books 4 and 5, but the Council has not been successful in persuading a recording Company to undertake a series. The Columbia Company have, however, promised to record six dances, and these six, viz. :—

The Bottom of the Punch Bowl (Bk. 5).	Lennox Love to Blantyre (Bk. 6).
Teviot Bridge (Bk. 5).	Rothsay Country Dance, Tune Dumfries House (Bk. 6).
Roxburgh Castle (Bk. 6).	Lord MacDonald's Reel (Bk. 6).

have been scored for orchestral instruments and will be on the market this Autumn. If they sell well, others will be made.

A number of dances in these two books have been recorded by Mrs Shaud on the piano.

**PUBLICATIONS.**—A sixth book of 12 dances was published during the year also leaflets of the Sixteensome Reel.

**ABERDEEN BRANCH.**—Formed 1925; has completed a most successful year. The membership is now 244 which is an increase of 51 on the previous year. During the winter, classes were held four nights a week—three public classes and one teachers' class. The attendance at all the public classes was very steady all through the session. A successful class was also held at Peterhead. In February the Branch organised a dance in the Music Hall. This proved a great success and was attended by nearly 400 dancers. It is hoped to repeat this next year. During the year 9 members of the Branch have been granted Teaching Certificates.

**BANFFSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1929. The Society has made a rapid progress, not only in Buckie but in the whole of Banffshire. In Buckie alone there are now 149 members, and at almost every practice there was a full attendance. By demonstrations given throughout Banffshire, interest has spread, with the result that all the places visited namely, Arradoul, Clochan, Portnockie, Ruthven, Torglen and Fisherie, there was every likelihood of a class being started, while demonstrations were yet to be given at Crnigellachie, Banff, Cornhill, Shenwell and Newmill.

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1927; 12 members. A course of classes was held during the winter of 1929-30. Those who attended enjoyed the course but unfortunately owing to various reasons the classes were not so well attended as in previous years. Two members gained teacher's certificates at the Summer school 1930.

**DUNDEE BRANCH.**—Formed 1925; 270 members—an increase of 36 on previous year. Classes for practice of the Dances have been as enthusiastic as ever, all Branch members participating. Two evenings per week were reserved for classes, the first class each evening is definitely a teaching class, the second for older members concentrates on dances from all books. In December and March two successful social functions were held under Society auspices. Festival Country Dance classes increase in entry and scope—there was an extension of age classes this past year and the Branch gifted a second trophy for competition. For the first time the Country Dancing was a separate part of the Festival, arrangements being in the hands of the local Branch of the Society. Club and welfare work is increasingly and willingly undertaken by more and more of our members. Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are also aided. A proposal is afoot to commence Scottish evenings of music, song and dance by a combination of efforts of local Gaelic and kindred Societies with our Branch, thus maintaining Scottish sentiment.

**WESTERN DUMBARTONSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1927; 38 active members. The following classes were held during the year—From October to December—In Alexandria, a "Popular" Class, with an enrolment of 14; in Dumbarton, a "Popular" Class, with an enrolment of 16. From January to March, 1930—In Alexandria, a "Popular" Class with an enrolment of 12; in Dumbarton, a "Practice" Class, with an average attendance of 16. Very successful Social Dances were held in Dumbarton Academy, on Friday, 6th December, 1929, attended by 36 members and 25 non-members (61 in all), and Friday, 21st March, 1930, attended by 31 members, 26 non-members and 13 spectators (70 in all).

**EDINBURGH BRANCH.**—Formed 1923; 155 members. During the year 1929-30 the membership of the Edinburgh Branch has again increased. Large classes have been held regularly during the year and at the end twenty members took their Certificates. As usual special classes have been organised outside Edinburgh, and in the city, for the Girl Guides and other Organisations. A great deal of helpful propaganda has been done by giving Demonstrations. Among others, one was given in the Zoological Park at the Overseas League Fête in June. Much interest was shown at the Edinburgh Musical Festival in the Scottish Country Dance section. Under the auspices of the Branch, a very successful "Demonstration and Dance" was held on St. Andrew's Night, 1929; the largest hall available proving much too small. During the last year, a very marked interest has been shown by the general public in Scottish Dances and this has even penetrated to the local dance halls.

**FIFE BRANCH.**—Formed 1929. In this its first year the Branch has built up a membership of 210. It has operated through 3 centres at St. Andrews, Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy. A fourth centre has now been established at Cupar, and its area will include the north of Fife. The increasing interest and activity displayed by the W.R.L.'s will call for more and more effort in the centres. The Branch is anxious to encourage as many members as possible to qualify as teachers, so that all instruction may be correct in form and sound in method. Secretarial changes have occurred in two centres, and changes elsewhere are to follow; but these unavoidable difficulties should be readily surmounted by the organisation which has been effected during the year. The respective centres are to be congratulated upon the splendid work performed, most of which has fallen upon the secretaries. St. Andrews and Dunfermline both exceeded expectations.

**GLASGOW BRANCH.**—Formed 1923; 400 members. Classes were held for the dances in the six books these classes were well attended. Social dances were also held monthly during the winter in the Highlanders' Institute, the average attendance at each meeting being about 110. A large dance took place in St. Andrews Halls, in March, when about 400 people were present. The classes for competition at the various festivals were generally well filled. A further number of members have obtained their Teacher's Certificates. Interest in the dances continues to be spread among the Boy Scouts, Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Clubs, etc.

**INVERNESS BRANCH.**—Formed 1929. The first meeting of the C.D.S. was held in September, 1929, and classes were formed in the beginning of October. 5 sessions of classes were held, including a very successful Children's session held in Easter. About 75 pupils joined, 21 joining the Society. A very successful *Thé Dansant* was held in December, when those interested in country dancing were admitted, and several exhibition dances given. A letter was sent to the Secretary of Inverness Musical Festival asking for an open class to be included in the syllabus for next year. A letter was placed before the Stewards of the Northern Meeting asking for a larger and more varied number of country dances to appear on the ball programme. This was complied with by the Stewards. The first year's work has been very satisfactory. The Badenoch Education Festival for schools in the district give competitions in S.C. dancing, two teams from Rothiemurchus taking first place. It is being urged on the committee that they secure a S.C.D. Judge.

**LONDON BRANCH.**—A London branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society was formed and classes were held at the Portsmouth Club in the Spring of 1930. The Classes were well attended and resulted in a small credit balance. Miss Milligan held a small Easter School and the instruction received was most appreciated by those who attended. After Easter a Dance was held to raise funds for the branch and increase the London membership. It is proposed to hold a monthly meeting of the Society where members and friends can meet to practise the dances. The S.C.D. Club has continued to organise classes, and also a "Summer School." Mrs M'Lachlan has presented a shield for team competition.

**MORAYSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1928; 110 members. Classes were held in Forres, Nairn and two in Elgin; members of which showed great enthusiasm and made splendid progress. Under W. R. I. auspices, teachers were sent to Ballendalloch, Craigellachie, Grange and Rothiemay, where members travelled many miles to attend. One of the most gratifying features of these Classes was the number of young men who attended. Continuation Classes for S.C.D. were held in both Elgin and Keith by the Moray and Banffshire Authority. A series of Monthly Social Dances were held during the past winter, all of which proved a great success. Most nights the members were outnumbered by non-members, who were most enthusiastic, and, as each Dance was demonstrated before they took part, they had little difficulty in falling into the form of the dances. This section of our work we consider was a great asset in inducing new members to join the Classes. The Branch has also done a lot of propaganda work during the summer, with mixed teams. Demonstrations were given at the following functions (Fêtes, Games, etc.)—Brodie, Elgin, Fochabers, Keith, Rafford, Rothiemay, Inverness (Carnival), and the Northern Meetings (two days), where the team had a great reception. The Moray Festival, S.C.D. Section, was a great success. This section is run by the branch, who draw up the classes, and the choice of adjudicator is also left to them. There are eight classes (all open), and six of them with Challenge Trophies. We are glad to note there has been a decided increase in the number of Country Dances on the programmes of many of the public and private dances held in this district.

**PERTH BRANCH.**—Formed 1925; 100 members. Three classes were held in Perth during the autumn, a *Thé Dansant* early in January, and a special class to practise dances for the Highland Ball during the early spring. New classes were also started in Callander and Kincardine-on-Forth, as well as in some of the country districts nearer Perth. The entries for the Musical Festival were again very good, and the standard of dancing was on the whole very high.

**RENFREWSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1925. The membership shows a fractional increase over last year and the attendances at classes have been well maintained. The Dance Club at the Academy was continued and proved a welcome means of sustaining the interest of those who have passed through our classes. A lecture and demonstration was given at Inverkip on the invitation of the local branch of the Women's Rural Institute, at which members of the Institute were most enthusiastic. The Directors of the Greenock Highland Society have decided to urge strongly upon their members the desirability of taking up Scottish Country Dancing. A class is to be formed in this connection. The Annual Dance provided a most enjoyable termination to a successful season.

**STIRLINGSHIRE BRANCH.**—Formed 1927. The Membership of the Stirlingshire branch is now 87. During the winter 1929-30, three classes a week were again held, all of which were well attended. A class was also held at the Castle for the soldiers' wives. A new class was started at Bannockburn which was much appreciated and it is hoped to continue it again this winter. Two very successful social dances were held and were much enjoyed.

**GENERAL.**—Besides the Branches there is a "General" List kept by the Secretary. This is comprised of 354 members who live too far away to be attached to any branch.



# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30th September, 1930.

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RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
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Received at Headquarters, £29 5 0	Buckie Branch, ... .. 10 0 0
Arrears Received, ... .. 1 5 0	London Branch, ... .. 10 0 0
Paid in Advance, ... .. 13 15 0	£25 0 0
Life Members, ... .. 26 6 0	<b>GENERAL EXPENSES—</b>
Received from Branches, ... 421 16 3	Printing, Stationery and Advertising, ... .. £40 13 2½
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<b>ROYALTIES—</b>	Scottish Country Dance Books, 100 10 3
On Dance Books, ... .. £82 2 9	Assistant Secretary, ... .. 30 0 0
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<b>REPAYMENT OF LOAN TO GLASGOW BRANCH,</b> 5 0 0	Propaganda Work, ... .. 26 18 10
<b>INTEREST—</b>	Arranging Music for Book 6, 25 0 0
County Council of Lanark	Alterations to Books 1 and 5, 15 19 0
4½ % Loan, ... .. £8 10 8	Income Tax on Royalties and Interest, ... .. 15 7 0
Deposit Receipt, ... .. 1 11 7	Autumn School Deficit, ... .. 2 4 6
10 2 3	Summer School Deficit, ... .. 4 3 10
	Cost of Publishing Book 6, 109 0 0
	Orchestration of Dances, ... .. 6 6 0
	Purchase of Gramophones, 7 0 0
	Postages, etc., ... .. 38 0 7½
	Sundries, ... .. 29 15 6
	555 8 10
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	County Council of Lanark
	4½ % Loan, ... .. £250 0 0
	British Linen Bank—
	Deposit Receipt, 150 0 0
	Do. Current Account, 4 7 11
	Cash in Secretary's Hands, 1 13 0
	Cash in Treasurer's Hands, 2 8 8
	408 9 7
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## SUMMER SCHOOL

Held at St. Andrews from 7th to 17th July, 1930.

Fees Received, ... .. £534 2 0	Board and Residence at University Hall, ... £457 5 0
	Do. at Seaton Court Hotel, 6 5 0
	Hire of Younger Hall, ... .. 4 10 6
	Bus Expenses, ... .. 3 18 6
	Hire of Pianos, ... .. 6 10 0
	Teachers' Fees, ... .. 50 0 0
	Pianists' Fees and Expenses, ... .. 9 5 3
	Sundries, ... .. 0 11 7
Deficit as above, ... .. 4 3 10	
£538 5 10	£538 5 10

239 HIGH STREET, AYR, 6th October, 1930.—I have examined the foregoing Statements, with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

The following articles are the property of the Society:—One Typewriter, 2 Portable Gramophones, 1 Writing Desk, 1 Music Cabinet, Sundry Books of Music.

1<sup>st</sup> November 1930

E.F.D.S.

The Secretary reported that an invitation had been received from the English Folk Dance Society to the opening of the Cecil Sharp house in London, and that Mrs. Ross, Secretary to the London (Kensington) Branch, had represented the Society on this occasion.

This ended the business.

J. Hubert. 

22<sup>d</sup> April 1931

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A meeting of the Executive Council was held at 27 Rutland Street, Edinburgh on 22<sup>d</sup> April 1931.

Present

Mr. Low in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Mr. Adams, Mr. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. Duncanson, Miss Gillespie, Mr. Halley, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Meikle, Mr. Macara, Lord James Murray, Mr. Purnard, Miss Smith, Mr. Quintin Smith and Mr. Stewart.

Apologies

were intimated from Mr. Forbes, Sir Malcolm MacGregor & Mr. Terras.

Minutes

of last meeting were read and approved.

Copyrights.

Mr. Mackenzie Shaw v. s. attended the meeting and read a memo. regarding Copyright of Musical rights. It was decided to leave in abeyance the matter of copyright on gramophone records in the meantime.

Branches

The Secretary reported that new Branches had been formed

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1931.

Affiliation

formed in Angus and Locharber,  
That affiliation had been asked  
for by Vancouver B.C. and the  
Scottish Class Dance Club, Portsmouth  
That, at a Summer School being  
held in Belgium in 1931, under  
the Saville Publishing Firm, two  
S.C.D.S. members (certificated)  
would teach Country dancing.  
That a request for some of the  
S.C.D.S. publications had been  
received from the New York Library.  
The Books sent had been acknowl-  
edged by the Library Secretary.

Summer  
School

The dates for the Summer school  
had been fixed for 17<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>  
August at S: Andrews.

Finance

A request had been received  
from Banffshire for an extra  
grant to enable them to help  
a centre at Cornhill. The  
Committee agreed that a  
further grant of five pounds be  
made.

22<sup>d</sup> April 1931.

Publications. Regarding a reprint of Book six - the original Agreement with Messers Paterson, Sons, & Co was read, also a synopsis of correspondence regarding this book. It was agreed to deal with the printers Messers Aird and Coghill, direct, for a reprint, but as there were sufficient copies on hand at the moment, the matter should be held over until after the Summer School.

It was suggested that new dances, also alterations in dances, should be passed by the Executive Council after being worked out by them at a practise meeting, before being published.

Miss Dow suggested that the Foreword of the Books be revised.

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1931.

It was agreed that where changes had been made in books, the stock of these books in hands of local Secretaries should be recalled, and new editions supplied in their place.

The music of dances suggested for Book seven was played over.

It was agreed to accept Messrs Aird & Coghill's offer to print 2,000 copies at £56, but that 2,500 copies be ordered, and that copies should be sold to the Allied Traders Ltd at  $1/3^d$  per copy.

Annual  
General meeting

It was decided to hold the Annual General meeting in Edinburgh on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, and a suggestion made by Mr. Jamieson was adopted, that a democratic conference be held, at which members might submit

22<sup>o</sup> April 1931.

A.G.M. Cont<sup>o</sup> submit, by illustration, their local manner of dancing any dance, or any part of a dance.

Honorary  
Life member It was proposed by the Chairman that Miss Jean Milligan be made an honorary Life member, in recognition of her work for the Society. This was unanimously agreed to.

Re publishing. Lord James proposed, seconded by Mr. Low, that the Society consider the question of republishing Books one to five, omitting those dances which were unpopular and re arranging the music. This ended the business.

J. Hubert Low.

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20<sup>th</sup> August 1931.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at University Hall, S. Andrews, on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August 1931.

Present

Mr. Low (chair), Miss Bell, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Miss Gillespie, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Halley, Mr. Jamieson, Mrs. Meikle, Mr. Macara, Miss Milligan, Miss Smith, Mrs. Quentin Smith, Miss Moir, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Stewart.

Apologies

were intimated from Miss Anderson, Mrs. Finlay, Miss Inglis, Lord James S. Murray & Sir Malcolm MacGregor.

Book III

The Secretary reported that 130 copies of the old edition of Book III had been destroyed, and all the books are now ~~all~~ up to date.

Summer School

now in existence with an attendance of 128 people, and 70 more expected the following week.

N.C.S.S. W.R.I.

A letter had been received from the National Council of Social Service offering financial help if required in rural districts. It



20<sup>th</sup> August 1931

It was suggested that the County Secretaries of S.W.R.I. would be the appropriate people to administer any funds for the teaching of Scottish Country dances in rural areas.

S.S.

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. Shand should be the guest of the Society while at the Summer School.

Film

Mr. Jamieson announced a private offer to finance the making of a film of 12 dances from the S.C.D. books. It was agreed to accept the offer and Mr. Jamieson was asked to reply to this effect and to ask the donor to make her offer in writing, to the Secretary, which could be dealt with at the next meeting.

A.G.M.

The report was passed for the Annual General meeting and the changing of the date to 7<sup>th</sup> November was confirmed.

21<sup>st</sup> August 1931

Book 7. The meeting was adjourned,  
and continued next day, 21<sup>st</sup>  
August, when the dances for  
Book 7 were gone through  
and approved by the Council.

Book 6 Book VI which is due for  
revision was also gone through  
and the Foreword was revised.  
This ended the business.

J Hubert Lowe



# Scottish Country Dance Society.

The EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the ODD-FELLOWS' HALL, FOREST ROAD, EDINBURGH, on *Saturday, 7th November, 1931*, at 2.30 p.m.

## BUSINESS :

1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Report from Branches.
4. Election of Office-bearers and Executive Council for the year 1931-32.

The retiring Office-bearers are :—

Chairman, Mr J. Hubert Low.  
Vice-Chairman, Lord James Stewart Murray.  
Hon. Secretary, Mrs Stewart.  
Hon. Treasurer, Mr Terras.

The retiring Members of the Council are :—

Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Miss Jean Milligan, Miss A. Anderson, Miss M. Dow,  
Mr Ion Jamieson, Mr J. Forbes, M.A. (All are eligible for re-election.)

The following have already been elected to the Executive as Representatives of their Branches :—Mrs Bruce (Aberdeen), Mrs G. S. Robertson (Angus), Mr Duncan (Banffshire), Mrs Hamilton Meikle (Clackmannanshire), Miss E. T. Bell (Dundee), Miss Smith (Western Dumbartonshire), Miss Gillespie (Edinburgh), *Miss Inglis* (Fife), *Mrs Thomas* (Glasgow), Mrs Grant (Inverness), Miss Macdonald (Lochaber), Mr Halley (Moray), Mrs Finlay (Perth), Mr Macara (Renfrewshire), Miss Mowbray (Stirling).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Six Members for Council should be sent to the Secretary not later than 3rd November.

Election will be made at the Annual General Meeting from the list of those nominated.

5. Place of Annual General Meeting, 1932.
6. Any other competent business.

The Meeting will be followed by a Democratic Conference at which Members are invited to demonstrate their local variant of any Scottish Country Dances.

It will be helpful if those who will take an active part in this will hand their names and the name of the dance to the Secretary on arrival.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,  
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY, 1931.

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Eighth Annual Report. Interest in the objects of the Society continues to increase, as can be seen, not only by the enlarged Membership of the Society, but also by the steadily growing popularity of the dances in the social life of the people of Scotland and the interest taken in them by people both at home and overseas.

New Branches have been formed in Angus, in Lochaber, and at Vancouver, B.C. A request was received from the New York Public Library for a copy of each of our publications, and at the Summer School an Indian lady attended and took the course of instruction with a view to teaching the dances on her return to Bombay.

The 5th Summer School has proved as successful as its forerunners and was attended by over 200 resident members. One evening the social dancing was held at the Younger Graduation Hall when 500 spectators were present.

An interesting manuscript came into the hands of the Society during the year in the shape of a letter, dated 1804, describing Country Dance steps, including pousette done with two hands. From the same source came descriptions of 30 dances "as taught at Blantyre Farm (Lanarkshire) in 1805." This adds to the store of old dances available for future publication.

One matter which should receive attention is the training of dance bands. It is to be deplored that frequently when a band is asked to play a Country Dance the members are unable to do so. Conductors of dance orchestras should be encouraged to be prepared to play Scottish Country Dance music.

A seventh book containing 12 dances has been prepared for publication and is ready to be issued to members when their subscriptions for 1931-1932 are received. This newest book contains dances as delightful as those previously published, and of an interesting variety. The music has again been arranged by Mr Herbert Wiseman.

The sale of the three gramophone records made by the Columbia Company has been very disappointing. The Company went to a good deal of trouble in getting a first rate band to make good records of these dances, and are willing and ready to record other dances in Books 5 and 6 if the sale were sufficient to repay the outlay. Those who have heard the records must agree that they are very good, and it is hoped that more members will buy them. The tunes in the new books will not be recorded unless those on the market find a better sale.

**ABERDEENSHIRE BRANCH** (formed 1925) has again had a most successful year. The membership is now 269—an increase of 27 on last year. During the winter classes were held three nights a week in town and the attendance at all was highly satisfactory. Successful classes were also held at Peterhead and Huntly. This year the Branch has increased its activities in the country and demonstrations were given in Huntly, Ellon, Old Meldrum, Auchedilly and Dyce. On all these occasions we found the audiences were delighted to join in the dancing. In January the Branch organised a dance in the Beach Dance Hall, this proved a complete success and was attended by over 400 dancers; spectators were admitted and as a result of the sale of spectators' tickets the Branch was able to give a donation of £20 to the funds of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Linen Guild.

**ANGUS BRANCH** (formed 1930), 51 members. During the winter the Branch held 13 meetings, including a Country Dance party, and showed an average attendance of 28 for each ordinary meeting. The Committee feel that this is a very promising start and are quite confident of increased membership in the coming session.

**BANFFSHIRE BRANCH** (formed 1929), 116 members. The session has been a most prosperous one and has done much to popularise Scottish Country Dancing in Banffshire. In addition to the 116 members of the Society a number of Women's Rural Institutes have taken up classes with the result that during the winter months about 650 people attended classes. These were held at Buckie, Arradoul W.R.I., Ruthven W.R.I., Speybay W.R.I., Newmill W.R.I., and Glen of Newmill W.R.I., while a branch of the Society was also formed at Portknockie and Cornhill. All classes were very well attended by both men and women in equal numbers. A certificate class was also held at Buckie, where 5 members gained their full certificates and 3 the certificate for Book I. All classes competed at the local festivals, each class having two ladies' and two mixed teams. A rally of all the classes was held in the St. Andrew's Hall, Buckie, where the whole evening was spent in dancing Scottish country dances, and altogether the function was a great success, the Buckie class entertained all the other classes. The prospects for the coming season are good.

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE BRANCH** (formed 1927), 14 members. The branch held a course of afternoon classes throughout the winter which were very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Various members in the county (with teaching certificates) took it in turns to conduct the classes by giving their services, and instruction was much appreciated. The Kincardine North Branch was, as usual, very active throughout the winter, and a class was started at Clackmannan and proved a great success. Displays were given at the end of the season at both Kincardine and Clackmannan.

**DUNDEE BRANCH** (formed 1925), 180 members. There was some difficulty at the beginning of the session in finding accommodation for the classes, but from January to March they were held in the Dundee Training College and were as enthusiastic as usual. The Branch is settling down to a steady membership of staunch supporters and though the members are down this year the membership is on a more stable basis. Two weekly classes were held during the year, chiefly attended by lady members, while the men rallied at the Easter and Christmas formal dances. An enjoyable feature of these dances was the visit of an Aberdeen Branch party, which was returned later by the Dundee Branch. The knowledge of dances continues to spread through contact with various societies and there is an increase in the number of certificates gained. Scottish Country Dancing was again one of the main items at the Dundee Musical Festival and great interest was shown locally.

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**WESTERN DUMBARTONSHIRE BRANCH** (formed 1927). There are 47 members, an increase of 9 on the previous year. Two classes were held, from September to November, and were much enjoyed. From January to February three classes were held, two of them being on new lines. One of these was a Scout Class offered for four nights as propaganda work, and was keenly attended by about 50 Scouts. The other was a Junior Class for schoolgirls and schoolboys between the ages of 12 and 16. This also was enthusiastically attended by about 40 pupils, 6 of these being boys. There is still great difficulty in interesting the male members of the community in country dancing. Very successful social dances were held in December and March. During the year one member gained certificates for Books I. and II.

**EDINBURGH BRANCH** (formed 1923), 160 members. The past year has again shown that people are keeping up their interest in Scottish Country Dancing. The number of classes during the winter had to be augmented in order that they should not be too large. The annual dance of the Edinburgh Branch was again held in the Music Hall and was a great success.

**FIFE BRANCH** (formed 1929, 254 members—being an increase of 44). The Centres have held successful classes and dances during the year, thus interesting a large circle of people outside the Society. Classes have also been held with Womens Rural Institutes and in organisations for girls and boys in the schools. Twenty members have taken their full Teacher's Certificate during the year, and 29 have gained the A Certificate in Book I.

**GLASGOW BRANCH** (formed 1923), 437 members. During the past year the work of the Branch has been carried on with its normal activity. Classes were held for teaching the dances in all the books; the attendance at these classes on the whole was very good. Three social dances were held during the winter; the numbers at each of these varied, and there was a small profit left from them. A Demonstration Dance was held in the Grand Hotel when addresses were given by Mrs Stewart, Miss Milligan, and Lord James Stewart Murray; while the cost to the Branch was £24 the function was very successful from the point of view of propaganda. The classes for competition at the Festivals of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys' Brigade and others continue to be well supported and the standard of dancing is mostly high. A number of the members obtained their certificates for teaching the dances in Books I. and II. Various social organisations continue to maintain their interest in the dances. Although more gentlemen are taking an interest in the dancing their numbers could be considerably increased.

**INVERNESS BRANCH** (formed 1929), 40 members. The Branch had a most successful season. Two sessions of classes were held during the winter which were much appreciated, while the standard of dancing was very much higher than the first year. A Thé Dansant was held shortly before Christmas which was very much enjoyed. Two teams entered for the Inverness Musical Festival, the marks gained by one being 90 per cent.

**LOCHABER BRANCH** (formed in 1930), 27 members. The members have studied the first book and begun the second. Visits from a certificated teacher from Glasgow have been of great assistance to the Branch.

**LONDON BRANCH** (formed 1930), 138 members. The membership of this Branch has increased a great deal during the past year, which has been a successful one. Classes were held at the Duke of York's School, Sloane Square, from October until Christmas and again from January until Easter. These were well attended. The Committee have arranged a Winter Course which will be divided into classes for beginners and advanced students. 28 members are certificated in Books I. and II. and 10 in Book I. only. The Scottish Country Dance Club continues its activities and has published the Border Book of 12 Scottish Country Dances. Mrs Macchlan has had a film made to be used in conjunction with the book.

**MORAYSHIRE BRANCH** (formed 1928), 110 members. Classes were held in Forres, Lossiemouth, and two in Elgin; under W.R.I. auspices classes were taught at Carron, Craigellachie, Longmorn and Lantrid. Monthly social dances were again held during the winter. The usual amount of propaganda work has been done during the summer. Demonstrations were given by mixed teams at fêtes, games and shows. The entries for the Musical Festival were very good and the standard of dancing continues to be very high.

**PERTH BRANCH** (formed 1925), 128 members. Three classes were held in Perth during the autumn and again in the spring. From the Cullander class we had 22 new members. A Thé Dansant was again held in January at which over 100 people danced. Dancing in the country districts was again well maintained and adjudicators were asked for school sports, Girls' Friendly Society Rally and country games. 24 Guide Companies entered for this section at the Musical Festival at which there was also a class for Wolf Cubs and Life Boys. There were 5 other classes, all with very good entries, so that interest in the county is well maintained.

**RENFREWSHIRE BRANCH** (formed 1925), 76 members. Although there has been a decrease in membership the attendance at classes shows a steady increase. The past season did not lend itself to fresh ventures in county districts and the grouping of classes in Greenock area has resulted in the strengthening of our financial position. The harmonious working between ourselves and the local Highland Society has advanced country dancing in a much desired direction. The Greenock Highland Society class membership now exceeds 60. The Academy Dance Club has proved itself a successful organisation and provides a much appreciated facility for dance practice and social intercourse. The annual dance proved a happy means of re-union for members at the close of the season.

**STIRLINGSHIRE BRANCH** (formed 1927), 110 members. Three classes a week were held in Stirling and one a week in Bannockburn. Two successful social dances were held in Stirling. Three teams entered for the Country Dance Class at the Musical Festival held at Falkirk, one of the teams gaining first place. A team from Stirling gave an exhibition of dancing at Kippin Highland Games. A certificate examination was held in June when two members passed their Certificate A in Book II, three Certificate A in Book I, and two Certificate B in Book I. Several members from the county attended the St. Andrews school. It is hoped this winter to hold more classes in country districts.

**GENERAL.**—Besides the Branches there is a "General" list kept by the Secretary. This is comprised of 400 members who live too far away to be attached to any branch.

#### AFFILIATED.

**Portsmouth, Hants.**—The Scottish Clans Dancing Society founded in March, 1930. "A private Society for the practice of Scottish dances as published by the Scottish Country Dance Society."

**Vancouver, British Columbia.**—Scottish Country Dancing is very popular in Vancouver. Some enthusiastic members have recently formed a Branch here.

# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending 30th September, 1931.

RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1930, ... £408 9 7	<b>DONATIONS—</b>
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS—</b>	Banffshire Branch, ... £5 0 0
Received at Headquarters, £28 15 0	Angus Branch, ... 5 0 0
Life Members, ... 15 0 0	<u>£10 0 0</u>
Received from Branches, ... 414 1 2	<b>GENERAL EXPENSES—</b>
457 16 2	Printing, Stationery and Advertising, ... £51 5 2
<b>ROYALTIES—</b>	Teachers' Fees and Organising Expenses, ... 122 7 11½
On Dance Books, ... £62 7 6	Scottish Country Dance Books, ... 97 16 3
On Gramophone Records (Year 1929-30), £8 15/-	Assistant Secretary, ... 33 0 0
Do. ( „ 1930-31), £6 4/- 14 19 0	Travelling, ... 44 2 2
77 6 6	Propaganda, ... 4 0 0
<b>DANCE BOOKS SOLD, ... 38 10 8</b>	Alterations to Books 2, 3 & 4, 15 15 0
<b>SUMMER SCHOOL SURPLUS, ... 33 14 3</b>	Old Edition of Book 3 destroyed, ... 9 10 0
<b>INTEREST—</b>	Cost of Publishing New Pocket Edition, ... 65 0 0
County Council of Lanark Loan, ... £7 18 1	Income Tax on Royalties and Interest, ... 16 8 6
Deposit Receipt, ... 0 14 11	Purchase of Music Cabinet, 7 0 0
8 13 0	Autumn School Deficit, ... 11 7 6
	Postages, etc., ... 40 11 6½
	Sundries, ... 24 5 7
	<u>542 9 8</u>
	<b>BALANCE—</b>
<u>£1,024 10 2</u>	County Council of Lanark Loan, ... £250 0 0
	British Linen Bank, D/R, 200 0 0
	Do., Current A/c, 18 3 1
	Petty Cash, ... 3 17 5
	<u>472 0 6</u>
	<u>£1,024 10 2</u>

## SUMMER SCHOOL.

Held at St. Andrews from 17th to 29th August, 1931.

Fees Received, ... £648 0 2	Board and Residence at St. Andrews Hall, ... £484 17 0
	Do. at St. Regulus Club, ... 34 16 0
	Do. at St. Cyrus Club, ... 5 0 0
	Bus Expenses, ... 10 0 0
	Hire of Pianos, ... 5 7 0
	Teachers' Fees, ... 56 14 0
	Pianists' Fees and Expenses, ... 10 18 0
	Janitor at St. Katherine's, ... 1 10 0
	Sundries, ... 5 3 11
	Surplus as above, ... 33 14 3
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## Dance at Younger Hall, St. Andrews.

Spectators at 6d per ticket, ... £12 13 6	Hire of Hall and Gas, ... £4 15 9
Collection towards National Playing Fields Association, ... 0 17 3	Bus Expenses, ... 1 13 6
	Lodging for Band, ... 2 10 0
	Travelling, etc., Band, ... 2 2 0
	Donation to National Playing Fields Association, 2 2 0
	Printing Tickets, ... 0 7 6
<u>£13 10 9</u>	<u>£13 10 9</u>

239 HIGH STREET, AYE, 5th October, 1931.—I have examined the foregoing Statements, with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

The following articles are the property of the Society:—One Typewriter, 2 Portable Gramophones, one Writing Desk, one Music Cabinet, one Filing Cabinet, and sundry Books of Music.





7<sup>th</sup> November 1931

A meeting of the Executive Council was held in the Oddfellows Hall, Edinburgh on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1931.

Present

Mr. Low (chair) Miss Anderson, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Forbes, Miss Gillespie, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Halley, Mr. Jamieson, Mrs. Meikle, Mr. Macara, Lord James S. Murray, Miss Milligan, Mr. Purnard, Miss Smith, Mrs. Quentin Smith, Miss Moir, Mrs. Robertson, and Mrs. Stewart (Hon. Sec.)

Apologies

were intimated from Mrs. Finlay and Mr. Terras.

Minutes  
Film.

of last meeting were read & approved. It was reported that the offer to finance the making of a film of twelve dances from the S.C.D. books had not been confirmed. Mrs. MacLachlan had offered a film, already made to her direction, for purchase by the Society at the price of £20. It was agreed that members of the Executive

7<sup>th</sup> November 1931.

Executive should see the film, before giving a decision.

Festival Booklet The Festival Booklet on Country dancing being nearly sold out, the publishers had asked Miss Milligan to re-write this Booklet. Miss Milligan had agreed to do so, and suggested showing the proof to the members of Executive for criticism before publication. It was agreed to present all members of the Society with a copy of the revised edition.

Book on C.D. Mr Macara asked about a book that is now on the market entitled "<sup>A complete Guide to Scottish</sup> ~~First steps in~~ Country <sup>Dancing</sup> dancing", published in <sup>Edinburgh</sup> ~~London~~.

The Council regretted that this book had not been brought out with the co-operation of the Society. On the question of more publicity being given to the Society's work, it was agreed to form a sub-committee

Publicity

7<sup>th</sup> November 1931.

Publicity sub-committee for Publicity, and the three following members were duly proposed and seconded, and were instructed to draw up a scheme for submission to the Executive - Miss Milligan, Miss Dow, Mr. Jamieson.

Certificates After some discussion on the question of revising Teachers' certificates it was agreed to leave matters as they were.

Books A letter was read from Messrs Paterson's Publications asking for a supply of Books 6 and 7 at tenpence each. It was agreed that they should be sent the books asked for, but the charge to be 1/- each.

Book 7. It was agreed to pay Mr. Herbert music. Wiseman a fee of sixteen guineas for arranging the music for Book 7. this being at the rate of one guinea per tune.

Finance. It was decided to offer the Treasurer an honorarium of

7<sup>th</sup> November 1931.

Finance

of twenty five guineas, this sum to include extra help when necessary.

✓ An account for £2-7/- from Mr Shaw for legal advice was passed for payment.

✓ An application was read from the Moray Branch, asking for a donation to meet their deficit. it was agreed to grant £10 to this Branch.

Research.

Resignations from the Research Committee were intimated from Miss Kirk, Dundee and Miss Maxwell, Dalbeattie. It was agreed that Miss Kirk be asked to reconsider her resignation, and that this sub-committee have powers to co-opt.

This ended the business.

Later. The film of dancing lent by Mrs MacLachlan was shown to members of the Council.

J. Hubert Low.  
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21<sup>st</sup> January 1932.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at Queen Street Station Hotel, Glasgow on 21<sup>st</sup> January 1932.

Present Mr. J.H. Low (Chair) Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. Duthie, Mr. George, Miss Gillespie, Mr. Jamieson, Lord James Murray, Mr. Hamilton Mackie, Miss Milligan, Mr. Punchard, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Robertson, Miss Smith, Mrs. Thomson, and Mrs. Stewart (Hon. Sec.)

Apologies were intimated from Miss Anderson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Halley, Mr. Macara and Miss Snowbray.

Minutes of last meeting were read and after alteration of the title of a book mentioned, were signed.

Film The Committee approved of the Secretary's letter to Mrs. M. Lecklen in which she said that the Executive did not see their way to purchasing a duplicate of the film shown at the last meeting; and referred the

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the subject of film production to the Publicity Committee.

Revision of Festival Booklet

This had been sent to all members of the Executive, several of whom had sent in suggestions. These had been adopted by Miss Milligan and the Booklet was now in the hands of the printers.

Books

a letter was read from Messrs Paterson's Publications, agreeing to pay 1/- per copy for Books 6 and 7.

Publicity

Mr Jamieson, as Convenor of this sub. Committee reported that the members had met that morning and had four items to lay before the Executive Council a) Film. The Sub. Com<sup>tee</sup> suggested making a film which they would show to the next meeting of Executive Council for approval.

Film.

H. & A. Show

b) Highland & Agricultural Show  
The sub Committee asked for

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for approval in having a stand at the H. & A. Show to be held at Inverness in June 1932. This stand to have Books and gramophone records for sale, enrolment forms and possibly a moving picture. The Council granted permission to hire a stand, and granted this sub:

Cont: the sum of £25 for expenses in this project. c) Magazine

It had been suggested that a magazine be issued bi-annually, giving notes of interest to members, and including three new dances in each issue. It was agreed by the Council that a magazine should be issued in March, containing notices of the Summer School and other items of interest to members - but with no dances.

Broadcasting d) Broadcasting. Descriptions of dancing given on the wireless

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wireless had been asked for. Mr. Duthie explained his experiences in regard to broadcasting, and Mr. Jamieson was asked to make enquiries as to what could be done in future.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that she had booked three University Hostels in Edinburgh from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 1932 for the sixth annual Summer School. A letter was read from Gretna telling of the work done there. A letter had been received from Bengal, India, asking for photographs of Scottish dances. The Branch at Vancouver - B.C. had found it necessary to form a Sub. Branch in another part of the city, owing to the number of people who wished to study Scottish Country dancing.

Portsmouth Donation.

A donation of four guineas (£4.4) had been received from



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from the Portsmouth Clans Dancing Society, being the proceeds of a demonstration dance held on New Year's day. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Society telling them that the Council sincerely appreciated their action.

Finance

Ayr classes

Classes had been held in Ayr during November and December 1931, which had resulted in a deficit of £5.14.9<sup>3</sup>. It was agreed to pay this deficit and to recommend to the local members that a Branch of the Society be formed at Ayr.

W.R.I.

An application had been received from Perthshire for help towards the Aberfeldy W.R.I. classes. It was suggested that this W.R.I. might receive help from the Carnegie fund laid aside for W.R.I.s and which should be applied for through the National

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London.

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National Council of Social Service.  
A request was read from the London Branch asking for a further grant of £10. It was agreed to send them this sum for office purposes, and that the local Committee be told that classes must be arranged so as to pay their own way.

Publication

It was agreed to publish a book of dances in the Autumn of 1932.

Summer School  
Teachers.

Miss Gillespie asked about Teachers' fees at Summer Schools. It was explained that these Teachers were taken from amongst those who had sent in their names to attend the School, that they were selected to represent each Branch of the Society and they appeared to be content with the usual fee, 10/6 per hour.

Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Glasgow on a date ~~to be~~ in April to be arranged by the Chairman & Secretary.

This ended the business. James A. Murray

29<sup>th</sup> April 1932

A meeting of the Executive Council was held in Queen Street Station Hotel, Glasgow on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1932.

Present. Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair), Mrs Bruce, Miss Bell, Mr George, Miss Gillespie, Mrs Hamilton Meikle, Mr Halley, Mr Macara, Miss Milligan, Mr Prenchard, Mrs Robertson, Miss Smith, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Stewart.

Apologies. were intimated from Miss Anderson, Miss Dow, Mrs Grant, Mr Duthie, Mr Low, Mr Jamieson and Mr Terras.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The minutes of Publicity Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April were also read.

Publicity Committee The Publicity Committee reported that the film promised at the last meeting was not yet ready but would be prepared in time for the Highland & Agricultural Show.

H. A. Show. It was agreed that the wording of the sign over the stand

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should be "Country Dancing"; in large letters, with "Scottish Country Dance Society underneath, in smaller letters. It was decided that the stand should be decorated in a distinctive way, and that special leaflets and posters should be printed for use at the show. It was agreed to have ribbon badges for those representing the Society at the stand.

Magazine

It was agreed that the next issue of the "Bulletin" be published in October and that it should contain the Annual Reports and Statement of accounts, also details of erratas in S.C.D. books. It was decided that two of the most popular dances be incorporated in each issue of the Bulletin.

Book 8.

It was agreed that Book 8 should contain twelve dances

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Book 8

dances, as usual: these to be selected by Miss Milligan and Mrs Stewart as suitable for dancing, and the tunes approved by Mr. Wiseman. It was agreed that Mr. Wiseman be asked to arrange the music.

Tunes

It was decided to publish a collection of alternative tunes for the dances. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mrs Shand and Mr Reid about this. The Aberdeen Branch offered to help with the cost of publication which was estimated at £70 to £100.

W.R.I.

It was agreed that where local classes did not pay their way that the Branch could be allowed to help by special arrangement with the Teacher. It was agreed to grant a sum of £3 to the Perth Branch to help Aberfeldy W.R.I. in this way.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that

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Western Dumbartonshire Branch had refunded the sum of £10-8-6 advanced to them in 1928.

That the Gordon Highlanders had written for information regarding the history of the "Bumpkin", which is to be danced by the regiment at the Aldershot Tattoo in June.

Book for  
the Queen

The Secretary reported that Messrs MacLehose had been instructed to proceed with the binding of Books 1 to 7 - the title page and details were discussed and decided upon. It was agreed that, if possible, the design of the lion suggested by Messrs MacLehose should be adopted as the heraldic emblem of the Society.

Strathspey

It was agreed that in some cases "Strathspey" time was being played too slow, and

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Shathepey and that the correct metronome beat should be given in the next issue of the 'Bulletin'.

Gramophone records It was reported that the Beltona Company had agreed to make gramophone records for the later books, from an orchestra in which Mrs. Shand was pianist and conductor. It was agreed that these records should be played to the Executive Council for their approval as official records of the Society. It was also agreed that the Society should meet any expenses incurred in having the music orchestrated for these records.

Rule The following rule was passed and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to each Branch Secretary — "The Teachers appointed by Branch Committees to take Branch classes must not only hold certificates in Books

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Books one and two, but must have attended a Summer or an Autumn School run by the Society within the previous two years."

A.G.M.

It was decided to hold the Annual General meeting in Glasgow on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1932, and that the next meeting of Executive Council be held in Edinburgh on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. This ended the business.

J. Huber-Lowe



5<sup>th</sup> August 1932.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held in Buchanan Hostel, Edinburgh on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1932.

Present

Mr. J. H. Low (Chair) Miss Anderson, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. Halley, Mrs. George, Mr. Jamieson, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr. Macara, Mrs. Hamilton Meikle, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Smith, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Law

Apologies

were intimated from Miss Bell, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Duthie, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Finlay, Miss Gillespie, Miss Macdonald, Mr. Purnard, Mr. Terras.

Minutes

of last meeting were read and approved

Publicity

Mr. Jamieson read the minutes of the Publicity Committee and reported that the B.B.C. intend holding a Scottish Country Dance with music orchestrated and played by their own band, with descriptive commentary, as

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As nothing was definite regarding date, Mr. Jamieson was asked to keep in touch with the B.B.C. and report back to the Council.

H. & A. Show. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Jamieson for his organisation and work in connection with the Society's stand at the Highland and Agricultural Show.

Bulletin. It was decided to incorporate an article on the Teachers' certificate and examination in the second number of the Bulletin. Miss Milligan was asked to write this. Lord James and Mr. Jamieson promised to provide the Secretary with historical notes as the basis of another article. It was agreed to reproduce photographs or pictures of either contemporary or old, in the second and subsequent numbers of the "Bulletin". The

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Bulletin The first two dances to be incorporated with music arranged by Mr Wiseman, were decided as follows.  
a) Petronella. b) Duke of Perth (Brown's reel).

Annual report was read and approved for circulation to members.

Certificate It was unanimously agreed that the Teachers B certificate should cease to be given by the Society, without in any way altering the standard required for the A certificate.

Alternative tunes. Replies were read from Mrs Shand and Mr Reid about alternative tunes for dances. After discussion it was decided to accept the proposal that -  
a) Mrs Shand should publish a collection of alternative tunes for the dances in Books 1 to 7 under her own name, as her collection.

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b) That the Society should give each member a copy of Mrs Shand's publication.

c) That the Society should pay Mrs Shand 9<sup>d</sup> (nine pence) for each copy given to members.

As Mr Reid did not have a collection ready for publication, it was decided that the Society should keep in touch with Mr Reid to encourage him to publish his collection at a later date.

Secretary's report.

The Secretary reported that -

a) The Durban Caledonian Society had affiliated.

b) It was proposed to start a branch at Innerleithen (Peebleshire)

c) A copy of a new collection of Country dance music had been received from Keith Brouse and Company.

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Eisteddfod d) A letter had been received from the Committee running the National Eisteddfod of Wales, to be held at Wrexham in August 1933, asking about the possibility of sending a team of children to demonstrate Scottish Country dancing there.

Finance. The following accounts were passed for payment - Messers MacLehose for preparing and binding presentation book for H.M. the Queen £14-1-7<sup>d</sup>  
Mr. Wiseman for arranging music for Book 8 - £14-14-0<sup>d</sup> (= £11- per tune)  
It was agreed to raise the Assistant Secretary's remuneration to a sum of £4-10/- per month, with an additional bonus of £5 for her work at the Summer School.


London Branch. A letter was read from the President of the London Branch asking for preferential treatment as compared with other branches of the Society, as they covered an

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an area of the whole of England.  
After discussion it was decided that the London Branch should cover London and the Home Counties and that they should receive 50% of members subscriptions to enable them to organise propaganda and other schemes in connection with the other Scottish and Caledonian Clubs and Societies in their area.

Next meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting of Executive Council on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November in Glasgow.

This ended the business.

J. Hubert. L. 

5<sup>th</sup> November 1932.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held in the Mr. Lellan galleries Glasgow on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1932

Present

Mr. Low (Chair) Miss Anderson, Miss Bell, Mr. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. Duncan, Miss Gillespie, Mr. George, Mr. Halley, Mr. Mackay, Lord James Murray, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mr. Punchard, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Robertson, Miss Smith, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Stewart.

Apologies

were intimated from Miss Jean Milligan, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Terras.

Minutes

of last meeting were read and approved.

Publications

It was reported that Mrs. Shand's book of alternative tunes, "Old Scottish music," was now published and would be sent to members.

A request from Paterson's Publications asking for 50 copies of Book 8 @ 4/- was placed before the Council. The Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs

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Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patersons and say that the Council agreed to let them have these books at 4/-, but that the Society would expect to be charged the same figure for Books 1 to 5.

Eisteddfod. It was reported that Miss Kenyon had agreed to take her team to demonstrate Scottish Country dancing at Wrexford in August 1933.

Certificate. It was agreed that there should be an age limit of 18 for Candidates for the Teacher's Certificate.

Bulletin. Two further dances to be re-issued in the S.C.D.S. Bulletin were selected as follows - "Flowers of Edinburgh" and "Dashing White Sergeant".

Notes on dances. The suggestion that "In the following dances - "Triumph", "Meg Merrilies", "Kenmure's on and awa'" the top couple stand for two turns, so that when the two couples go down the middle, every third couple remain in their place



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"place, keeping the formation of the  
"dance" — was not adopted, and  
Mr. Duthie was asked to write a  
short article on the subject for  
publication in the next Bulletin.

W. R. I.

The Secretary reported that  
requests had been received for  
grants, from Gretna and Annan  
W.R.I.s. It was left to the Chair-  
man and Secretary to consider  
these requests after obtaining  
further information.

Branches

A new centre had been  
formed in East Stirlingshire,  
the Angus Country Dance Club  
had affiliated.

Film.

A letter was read from Mrs  
Mrs Lachlan repeating her offer  
to sell to the Society a reel of  
her film produced last year.  
The Secretary was instructed  
to refer Mrs Lachlan to the  
letter sent when refusing her

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her previous offer in 1931, and also an excerpt of the minute in which the Council gave its approval of the letter.

Finance. The Treasurer's statement of the Financial position was read and approved. It was agreed to grant him an honorarium of twenty five guineas, and to pay the auditor's fee of five guineas.

H. and A. Show. The accounts of expenses in connection with the H. and A. Show at Aberdeen, which amounted to £32-5-10<sup>d</sup> were passed for payment.

Educational Film Society Mr. Punchard suggested affiliation with the Scottish Educational Film Society. The Secretary was instructed to find out further particulars and report to the next meeting.

This ended the business.

J. Hubert Low.

1<sup>st</sup> February 1933.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held in the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1933.

Present.

Mr. Low (Chair) Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. George, Miss Gillespie, Miss Fergusson, Mr. Jamieson, Lord James Murray, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Hamilton Meikle, Miss Milligan, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Robertson, Miss Smith, Mr. Thomson, Miss Trail, and Mr. Stewart (Hon. Secretary).

Apologies

were received from Miss Anderson, Miss Bell, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Mackintosh and Mr. Terras.

Secretary.

As a formality prior to the meeting the Council were called on to consider a letter from Mr. Stewart stating that since the correspondence in connection with the Society was always increasing, she was anxious to allocate a

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a larger portion of this work to her present Assistant Secretary, or to others, as was thought expedient.

After discussion it was considered that the work entailed would require the attention of a whole time Secretary.

It was decided that Mrs Stewart be asked to retain the post of Honorary Secretary, and to offer Miss Forgan the post of Secretary with a salary at the rate of £2.2/- per week, and an allowance of £10 per annum for office expenses. The appointment to be terminable by either party on three months notice.

It was decided that an amendment of the Constitution of the Society should be proposed at the next Annual General meeting to cover this new arrangement.

The Committee desired that a special minute be recorded

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recorded in appreciation of the services done by Mrs. Stewart for the Society in the past, and of the fact that Mrs. Stewart was anxious to keep in touch with the fortunes and activities of the Society in the future.

Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, and approved.

Price of books The Secretary reported that on asking Messrs Patersons to supply the Society with books I to V at 4/- they had referred to clause 4 of the agreement, dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 1924 by which the Society is bound to pay Messrs Patersons three fifths of the published price of these books.

W.R.I.

The Secretary reported that Greta W.R.I. had been granted £2 to help with classes of Scottish Country dancing. The

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the application from Annan W.R.I. had been withdrawn.

Propaganda It was agreed to hire a stand at the Highland and Agricultural Show to be held in June 1933 at Dundee: details to be arranged later.

A letter was read from the Advertising Manager of Morecambe and Heysham, proposing that a S.C.D. Festival be held during a "Scottish Week" at Morecambe in July 1933. After discussion it was decided to offer to send a team to demonstrate S.C. dances and to put a notice of the "Scottish Week" in the next issue of S.C.D.S. Bulletin.

Film

It was agreed to purchase a copy of the film shown by Dr. Kidd at the Annual General meeting in November 1932, consisting of 4 small reels, one of each dance. It was decided to hire

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hire a projector for the H. and A. Show with a view to buying one later.

Summer School. The Secretary reported that she had booked University Hall, S. Andrews for the Summer School from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was agreed to hold two one week courses, those who wished to study Book I for Certificate to come the first week, and those studying Book II the second week.

Publications It was decided to publish a pocket edition of Books 7 and 8 to be issued to members on payment of their 1933-34 subscriptions. It was also agreed to prepare six dances for Book IX. The Secretary reported that a reprint was being made of Book 7 which would be ready shortly.

New Branch The Secretary reported that a new branch had been formed at Newton Stewart, and that they had applied for a grant to enable them

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them to run their classes. It was agreed to send a grant of £5, to start a branch fund.

Unemployed

A new Centre had been formed at Falkirk. Mr. Mackay reported that S.C.D. classes had been started at Greenock for unemployed men and women (free of charge), and were much appreciated by those who took part.

This ended the business

J. Hubert Low.

During the course of the meeting Mr. Stewart was presented with a bound copy of Books 1 to 8, in accordance with the resolution proposed by Miss Bell at the annual general meeting held in Glasgow, November 1932.



20<sup>th</sup> May 1933.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, in the North British Hotel - Glasgow.

Present.

Mr. J. H. Low (Chair), Miss Bell, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Coupland, Miss Dow, Mr. Duthie, Miss Gray, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Hamilton Weikle, Miss Milligan, Miss Smith and Mrs. Stewart (Hon. Sec.)

Apologies

In attendance. Miss Torquan (Assis Sec.) had been received from Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr. Ferras, Mrs. Pinkerton, Miss Jarvis, Mrs. Mackintosh, Miss Anderson, Mrs. George, Miss Trail, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Macdonald and Mr. Mackay.

Minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were taken as read, and approved.

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Morcambe &  
Haysham.

It was reported that Miss Dow had agreed to take her team, consisting of 5 couples, (men and women) to Morcambe, to demonstrate Scottish Country Dances from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Films.

It was reported that a copy of Dr. Kidd's film had been purchased by the Society, and it was decided to obtain copies of other films he had made subsequently.

Publication.

It was reported that Messrs. Gilman & Lawrence, Glasgow, were printing 2500 copies of a pocket edition of Books 7 & 8 costing £32.10/- . These books were to be given to members on payment of their 1933-34 subscriptions.

Newton Stewart.

It was reported that £5 had been sent to Newton Stewart

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to form a nucleus for a Branch Fund.

Propaganda. Mr. Jamieson reported that final arrangements had been made for the Highland & Agricultural Show, and a stand had been hired for the Society. Books and gramophone records were to be on sale, & Dr. Kidd's films were to be shown at certain regular hours. A radio gramophone and a projector were to be hired for the occasion. The Council expressed its indebtedness to Mrs. Shand for enabling the Society to obtain copies of "Old Scottish Music" at 1/-, for sale at the Stand at 2/- per copy.

Mr. Jamieson was asked to show his own films at the Stand which he agreed to do.

Income Tax.

A letter was read from the Treasurer intimating that he had

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received communications from the Inland Revenue to the effect that the Society was entitled to a repayment of all tax paid. Subsequently he had received from the Auditors a cheque for £115-3-3<sup>d</sup> from which was afterwards deducted £10-10/- for their fee. The Council expressed its appreciation of the Treasurer's work in this connection.

Summer School.

The Secretary reported that the usual arrangements had been made for the Summer School which was to be held at St. Andrews from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was agreed to hold the next Executive meeting of the Society at the Summer School on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, to be followed by a dance in the evening.

Moray Braid.

A letter was read from the

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Money  
Branch

President of the Money Branch, expressing regret that their accounts showed a debit balance of £8-9-1<sup>1</sup>. After discussion it was agreed to advance them a sum of £10 on the understanding that the Branch would be run on a more satisfactory basis in future, & expressing the hope that they might see their way to re-funding this money when the Branch was in a better position financially.

Annual  
General  
Meeting.

It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Society, (which was to be held at Dunfermling, Fife) on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, during the week-end of the Autumn School.

The subject of the recent correspondence in the press on Scottish Country Dancing was brought up, & it was

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decided to ignore this, but it was agreed to try and interest professional dancing teachers in the Society.

Letter to  
Dancing  
Teachers.

The Secretary was instructed to write to dancing masters and mistresses, sending them particulars of the Summer School at St. Audreos, and expressing the hope that they would come and take their teachers certificate.

Mr. Duthie brought up the question of correct metronome time for reel and strathspey, and of certain difficulties in the dance books. It was decided to investigate these matters thoroughly at the Summer School.

This ended the business.

J. Hubert. Esq.

4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1933.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, at University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present.

Mr. How (Chairman), Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. Duthie, Mrs. George, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Hamilton Keitt, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Thomson and Miss Trail.

Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Miss Jarvis, Mrs. Mackintosh, Mr. Mackay and Miss Macdonald.

Minutes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Highland Show.

An account of the Society's Stand at the Highland & Agricultural Show was given by the Chairman who explained that although the accounts showed a slight loss, the propaganda work done at the Show

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would repay the Society for any deficit. Great interest in the Stand was taken by the General Public, particularly in the films of Scottish Country Dances which were shown.

It was agreed to publish an account of the Stand in the next edition of the Bulletin.

Miss Anderson proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Low for his organisation and work in connection with the Stand.

Mosecambe. Miss Dow gave an interesting account of the visit of the Scottish Country Dance Society team to Mosecambe to demonstrate during "Scottish Week". A letter was read from Mrs. Mackay of Mosecambe expressing great appreciation of the team and of



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of the educational value of its work.

Lord James Stewart Murray proposed that a vote of Thanks be accorded to Miss Dow and the team for their excellent propaganda work at Morecambe.

It was agreed to pay any expenses incurred by the team not covered by the sum of £30 which was granted by the Morecambe authorities.

Miss Dow was asked to write an account of this visit to Morecambe to be published in the Bulletin.

Annual Report. The Annual Report was read and passed for circulation amongst members.

Dances for Bulletin. The following four dances were selected to be republished in the next editions of the Bulletin: —

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Glasgow Highlanders, Speed the Plough (Inverness County Dance), Scottish Reform. and Corn Rigs.

Subscriptions.

After discussion it was decided that an increase in the percentage of annual subscriptions might be applied for by Branch Secretaries in any case where the present amount was found to be insufficient.

It was agreed to include a paragraph about this in the Annual Report.

Copyright.

The question of Copyright on the Society's dance books in America was considered, and a letter was read from Mr. Mackenzie Shaw W.S. in which he said that -  
"to copyright any music or letterpress work in America, the conditions are that the said work

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or book must be published in America at the same time as published in Britain."

Mr. Jamieson was asked to make enquiries about copyright in America and report on the subject to the next meeting.

Mrs. MacLachlan. Mrs. MacLachlan in which she asked for permission to include one or more dances copyrighted by the Scottish Country Dance Society in a revised edition of her Border Book. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. MacLachlan saying that she was at liberty to republish any of the dances in Bks 1-8, but that if she wished to republish any of the tunes she would have to make some slight alterations in the setting to avoid any complications over the question of copyright.

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Musical Festivals Mr. Duthie suggested that the Society should give financial assistance to the Musical Festivals. After discussion it was agreed to leave it to the Propaganda Committee to suggest the best method of giving assistance to Musical Festivals that required it.

Wrexham. In view of the forthcoming visit to Wrexham of a team of children under the care of Miss Kenyon, to demonstrate Scottish County Dances at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, it was agreed that the Society should pay any extra expense incurred by the team, not covered by the sum allowed by the Wrexham authorities.

This ended the business.

*J. Stuart, Secy.*

Note.

At a meeting of the Propaganda

Note to Committee, held on 5<sup>th</sup> August, it  
minutes. was unanimously agreed that the  
Executive Council should be  
strongly urged to purchase a  
projector with the least possible  
delay. The cost of a Bolex model  
D A, for showing both 16 mm. and  
9.5 mm films which will work  
with different voltages and also  
by hand of an accumulator  
is £43. 15/-

Any member of the Executive  
Council objecting to this pro-  
posal is asked to write at once  
to the Secretary and the matter  
will be held over until the  
next Executive meeting. All  
members being agreeable, it is  
hoped to purchase a projector  
before the Annual General  
meeting in November.

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A meeting of the Executive Council was held in the College of Heggine, Dunfermline, on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1933.

Present. Mr. Low (Chairman), Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Anderson, Miss Dow, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. George, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Jarvis, Miss Kenyon, Miss Macdonald, Mr. Mackay, Mrs. Mickle, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Picketton, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Slater, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Smith, Mr. Thomson, Miss Trail, Mr. Terras, Miss Macmillan, Mrs. McDavid and Miss Forgan (secretary).

Apologies. Apologies were intimated from Mrs. Bruce, Miss Bell, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Macintosh.

Minutes. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Propaganda. Mr. Jamieson reported that a projector had been purchased by the Society, and the members of the Propaganda Committee

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recommended to the Executive Council that it should be hired out at a charge of £1-11- per night, plus cost of carriage, 10/- a night to be charged for films only. It was agreed to put a notice in the Bulletin stating that applications for the use of the projector were to be made to the Secretary.

He also reported that the Propaganda Committee did not consider that financial assistance should be given to musical Festivals.

Sec's Report.

The Secretary reported that a pocket edition of Bks 7 & 8 was now published and would be given to members on payment of their 1933-34 subscriptions.

That new Branches had been formed at Ayr and East Strickland.

that she had received an application for copies of the Book 9 dances. After discussion it was decided that these dances were not to be distributed to members until they had been passed by the Executive Council.

Aya. An application was made from the representative of the Aya Branch for a grant. It was agreed that £5 should be sent to the Aya Branch, to be regarded as a loan.

Cretua. A letter was read from a member at Cretua asking for financial assistance in running an S.C.D.S. class there. It was decided to send her £2 on the understanding that it would be repaid if the class was financially successful.

Mrs. Stewart reported that she had received a letter from Miss



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Russell. Fergusson offering to do propaganda work for the Society during her tour in South Africa. The Secretary was instructed to send Miss Russell. Fergusson books & Bulletins and to ask her to send to the Secretary, names of people whom she found interested in the Society.

Pocket Editions Lord James Stewart Murray proposed that the price of all the pocket editions should be reduced. The Secretary was instructed to write to Petersons and ask them if they would be willing to reduce the price of the Pocket Editions of Bks 1.2. & 3.

Publications Committee. Mr. Duthie proposed, seconded by Miss Dow, that a Publications Committee be formed, and the following were appointed members: - Mr. Duthie, Miss Dow, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Milligan.

Mrs. Shand, Miss Anderson, and  
the Chairman (ex officio).

Beltoua. Mr. Jamieson read a letter  
he had received from the Beltoua  
Company regarding Scottish  
Country Dance gramophone  
records made by the Parlophone  
Company. The Secretary was  
instructed to write to the  
Beltoua Company explaining  
that these records were not  
regarded as official Scottish  
Country Dance Society records.

A vote of thanks was  
accorded to Mrs. George & the  
members of the Fife Branch for  
their organisation & work in  
connection with the Autumn School.

This ended the business.

*J. H. Murray*

27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1934.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 27<sup>th</sup> January in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present. Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair), Miss Anderson, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr. Duthie, Mrs. George, Miss Ferguson, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Low, Mrs. Meikle, Miss Macmillan, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Mackintosh, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Terzag (Treasurer) & Miss Forgan (Secretary).

Apologies were received from Mr. Jamieson and Miss Smith.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Chairman spoke of the loss sustained by the Society through the death of Mr. Pierson Macara of Greenock. Mr. Macara was for many years a most loyal and helpful member of the Executive

Council, and the members desired that an appreciation of his work should be made in the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Sec's Report. The secretary reported that University Hall, St. Andrews had been booked for the summer school from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> August. That the Lochaber Branch of the Society had dissolved.

That a bound volume of Bks 1-8 had been presented to the library of the Society of Antiquaries in Edinburgh.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported that he had received a cheque for £2.10.9 from the Moray Branch as part-payment of the £10 loan which was sent to them in <sup>May</sup> 1933.

That he had received a cheque for £10 from the Glasgow Branch in repayment of its original loan.

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It was agreed that Miss W. E. Forgan have authority to sign cheques in place of Mrs Y. Stewart (now Vice President), the Current Account to be operated on by either the Secretary or Treasurer, or their successors in office, as formerly.

Propaganda.

Mr. Low reported that the Propaganda Committee proposed to appoint a representative of the S.C.D.S. to the British Committee of the International Commission on Folk Arts.

That Miss Milligan had agreed to form a Glasgow Committee to make arrangements for the S.C.D.S. Stand at the Highland & Agricultural Show which is to be held in Glasgow from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Publications  
Committee.

The Chairman reported that the dances to be republished in

the Bulletin had been corrected and prepared for publication. i.e. Glasgow Highlanders, Speed the Plough, Scottish Reform & Corn Rigs. He reported that it had been agreed to alter Glasgow Highlanders to make the phrasing of the dance fit the phrasing of the music.

That Patersons were going to reprint Books 3 after it had been thoroughly examined by the Publications Committee.

That Patersons would not agree to reduce the price of the pocket edition of Bks 1.2. & 3.

Summer

School.

It was decided to form small sub committees each year to run the Summer & Autumn Schools of the Society. The following were appointed members of the committee to run the Summer School in 1934:- Miss

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Milligan, Miss Anderson, Mrs  
Shand and Mrs. Stewart,

Film.

It was agreed to buy a  
copy of Dr. Kidd's new film.  
This ended the business.

At the close of the meeting  
the members danced Glasgow  
Highlanders in its new form.

J. Murray

12<sup>th</sup> April, 1934.

A meeting of the Executive  
Council was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April  
1934 in the North British Station  
Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present.

Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair)  
Miss Anderson, Mr. Bruce, Miss Bell,  
Miss Dow, Mr. Duthie, Mrs. George,  
Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Kidd, Mrs  
McDavid, Miss Milligan, Mrs.  
Pinkerton, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Smith.

Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Lerran (Treasurer)  
and Miss Forgan (Secretary).

Apologies. Apologies were intimated from  
Miss Coray Buchanan, Mrs.  
Hamilton Heikle, Miss Jarvis,  
Miss Kenyon, Mr. Low and  
Mrs. Mackintosh.

Minutes The minutes of last meeting  
were read and approved.

Summer  
School. Miss Milligan reported that the  
Summer School Committee had  
arranged to hold the Summer  
School dance at St. Andrews  
on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. It was  
agreed to hold the next  
Executive Council meeting on the  
same date.

Financial  
Report. The Treasurer reported that  
he had received the following  
sums from Branches as repayment  
or part repayment of their  
original loans. Dundee £10,  
Newton Stewart £5, Angus £2.10/-



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which brought the total amount received for unpaid loans up to £27. 10/- which was very satisfactory.

Propaganda. It was reported that the Propaganda Committee had hired a stand for the S.C.D.S. at the Highland & Agricultural Show to be held in Glasgow from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and that the arrangements for the stand were being left in the hands of the Glasgow Committee.

International Commission on Folk Arts.

It was agreed to adopt the proposal put forward by the members of the Propaganda Committee at the last Executive meeting, that an S.C.D.S. representative be appointed to the British National Committee of the International Commission on Folk Arts.

Mr. Jamieson was appointed as representative, and was asked to attend the meeting in London in April with regard to the International Folk Dance Festival to be held in London in July 1935.

Publications. It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Publications Committee, that Book 9 be published without a foreword, and that a booklet of instructions in Scottish Country Dancing be drawn up for publication.

Book 9.

It was reported that Book 9 was being carefully prepared by the Publications Committee, and the dances would be placed before the Executive Council at their next meeting, for their approval.

E. F. D. S.

A letter was read from Mrs. MacLachlan inviting the

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S.C.D.S. to co-operate with her in a protest to Privy Council against the recent action of the E.F.D.S. in seeking to obtain registration under a Royal Charter as representing British Folk Arts. It was agreed not to co-operate with Mrs. MacLachlan in this matter of a protest to Privy Council, but the secretary was instructed to write to the secretary of the E.F.D.S. and find out fuller particulars on the subject of this registration.

A letter was read from the Inspector of Physical Education, Edinburgh, asking the S.C.D.S. would be willing to take part in an International Folk Dance Festival to be held in

Verina in June 1934.

After consideration it was agreed that the Society could not take part in this Festival.

Date of A.G.M. It was agreed to fix the date of the Annual General Meeting, to be held in Edinburgh, for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1934.

This ended the business.

J. Murray

3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1934.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present: Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair)  
Mrs. Bruce, Miss Dow, Miss Jarvis  
Miss Kenyon, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Low,  
Miss Moor, Mrs. McDavid, Miss  
Macmillan, Miss Milligan.

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Mrs. Pinkerton. Mrs. Robertson. Miss Smith, Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Thomson. Miss Gray Buchanan and Miss Foggan (Secretary).

Apologies. Apologies were received from Miss Anderson, Miss Bell, Mr. Duttie, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Jamieson, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Hamilton Mestale, Mrs. Mackintosh, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. George & Mr. Terras.

Minutes The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

H. & A. Show. Miss Milligan reported that the Stand at Glasgow had been very well supported. She advised those who were to be responsible for the arrangements for the Stand at Aberdeen next year to see that some local person applied for a good position in the Showground.

## International Commission on Folk Arts.

The Chairman read Mr. Jamieson's report of the meeting which he had attended as the Society's representative on the Festival Committee. After discussion the Secretary was instructed to write and ask Mr. Jamieson:-

1. If the S.C.D.S. is represented on the committee of representatives near London.
2. What Scottish items are to be included in the Festival.
3. If he impressed upon the Committee the necessity of consulting the S.C.D.S. as regards teams of Scottish Country Dancers.

## Book 9.

The list of dances selected for Book 9 by the Publications Committee was put before the Executive for approval. At the

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close of the meeting the dances were demonstrated to the members & were passed for publication.

Annual Report. The Annual Report was read & passed for circulation amongst members. Miss Milligan was asked to write a report for the Bulletin on Festival work as regards Scottish Country Dancing.

Bulletin Dances. The following four dances were selected for publication with the next two editions of the Bulletin.

Picassian Circle.

Waltz Country Dance.

The Merry Dancers.

The Bottom of the Punchbowl.

It was decided to sell these 4 dance slips previously published for 2/- each.

Mrs. MacLachlan. A letter was read from Mr. Shaw W.S. regarding the

claims made on Mrs. MacLachlan  
by Patersons over the question  
of copyright on the dances  
published in her new book  
(Omnibus Edition).

The Secretary was instructed  
to write to Mr. Shaw and  
find out if the copyright of  
the letterpress of the dances in  
Bks 1-5 belongs to the Society  
or to Patersons.

Miss Milligan proposed that  
Mrs. Stewart be made a Life  
Member of the Society. This  
was unanimously agreed to.

It was decided to present  
Mr. Reid of Newry, with a  
bound volume of Bks 1-8 in  
recognition of the work he  
does for the Society.

This ended the business.

*H. Murray*



3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1934.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1934, at 22 Stafford St. Edinburgh.

Present. Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair)  
Miss Anderson, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Bell,  
Miss Dow, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Duncan,  
Mr. Jamieson, Miss Newson, Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Low, Mrs. McDavid, Miss Macmillan,  
Mr. Punchard, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs.  
Robertson, Miss Suike, Mrs. Stark,  
Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Tensas  
(Treas.) & Miss Forgan (Sec.).

Apologies. Apologies were intimated  
from Miss Jarvis, Mrs. Hamilton Heikle,  
Mrs. Law & Miss Milligan.

Minutes. The Minutes of last meeting  
were read & approved.

Finance. The Treasurer reported that  
Banffshire Branch had refunded  
its original £10 loan.  
It was decided, on the

grounds of economy. To hold the Executive Council meetings in April & November in future instead of every quarter, & that the Publications Committee would meet more often when necessary.

With regard to the Summer School, it was decided to suggest at the Annual Meeting that the £1 deposit sent in with the application form be retained as a registration fee. The Secretary reported that University Hall, St. Andrews had been booked for the Summer School from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August in 1935.

It was unanimously agreed to grant the Treasurer his usual honorarium.

Copyright.

With reference to the Border Book of Scottish Country Dances.

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Licence. published by Mrs. MacLachlan, a letter was read from Messrs. Thompson Quarrill & Co; Mrs MacLachlan's solicitors, suggesting that Mrs. MacLachlan should apply to the S.C.D.S. for a licence to publish - "the diagrams & letterpress of any individual dance which may have emanated from the S.C.D.S. at any time. Such licence to be retrospective."

It was agreed to grant Mrs MacLachlan a licence to use the dances already published in the Border Book.

Festival Committee It was agreed that the Countess of Elgin be asked to represent the Society on the Festival Committee of the International Commission on Folk Arts.

List of Members. A proposal to publish

a list of names & addresses of all members of the S.P.D.S. was discussed. The Secretary was instructed to find out the cost of publishing such a list in the Bulletin.

This ended the business.

J. Murray

29<sup>th</sup> April, 1935.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1935, in the North British Station Hotel, Glasgow.

Present. Lord James Stewart Murray (Chairman). Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Bruce. Miss Ballantyne. Miss Dow. Mr. Duthie, Mr. Duncan. Miss Ferguson. Mrs. Hamilton Meikle. Mr. Low. Miss Macmillan. Miss Milligan. Mrs. McDavid. Mrs. Pinkerton. Mr. Pritchard. Miss Smith. Mrs. Thomson.

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Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Tennas  
(Treasurer) and Miss Forgan  
(Secretary).

Apologies. Apologies were intimated  
from Miss Anderson, Miss Bell,  
Miss Gray Buchanan, Mr.  
Drummond, Miss Gray, Mr.  
Kidd and Miss Thomson.

Minutes. The Minutes of last  
meeting were read and approved.

Arising from the Minutes  
it was reported that Mrs.  
MacLachlan had received a  
retrospective licence from the  
S.C.D.S. to use the following  
Six dances published in the  
Borders Book: -

Triumph

Petrouella

The Nut

Cumberland Reel

Glasgow Highlanders

Dash up White Sergeant.

It was also reported that it would not be possible to publish a list of members in the Bulletin owing to the expense involved.

Financial Report. The Treasurer reported that there had been an Autumn School surplus in 1934 of £3.16.10<sup>d</sup>; that Aberdeen had refunded their £10 grant, Cupar £2 grant, and Stirlingshire £10 grant; that £5 had been received from Miss Bapty's St. Andrews class towards the general funds of the Society.

### International Folk Dance Festival.

The Chairman announced that the following Branches had offered to send couples to the Festival & to help with their expenses:-  
Banffshire 3 couples,

29<sup>th</sup> April 1935.

Dundee 4 couples  
Edinburgh 6 couples  
Perth 1 couple.

Glasgow would send as many men as were required, and Fife, Aberdeen and London had offered to send women dancers, and thus 25 couples would easily be collected.

Donations. The Treasurer reported that donations towards the expenses of the Festival team up to date amounted to £54.12/-. Glasgow had sent £50, Dunfermline £1, Hamilton £1, and Cupar £2.12/-. £70 more would be required.

It was decided on the recommendation of the Publications Committee to send the team to the Festival,

and that the Secretary should circularise all Branches asking for donations towards the expenses of the Team.

Dances. As only five minutes of the programme was to be allotted to the S.C.D.S. team, the dances chosen were "Duke of Perth" and "Glasgow Highlanders".

Dress. It was decided that the men should wear Rover kilts, white short sleeved shirts, leather sporrans, dark shoes and stockings, and that the women should wear white sleeveless tennis dresses, tartan sashes, light stockings and black shoes.

Music. It was agreed that Mr. Reid & his son be asked to play for the Team.

Summer School. It was decided that



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The Summer School Committee by dispensed with and that Miss Milligan and Miss Forgan be held responsible for the Summer School arrangements. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August was fixed for date of Summer School dance.

A. B. M. The date of the Annual General Meeting to be held in Perth was fixed for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Book 10. It was agreed to leave the selection of dances for Book 10 in the hands of the Publications Committee. This ended the business.

H. Murray

9th November 1935

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday  
9th November 1935, in the Salutation Hotel, Perth.

Present

Lord James Stewart Murray (chair) Mrs Stewart, Miss Anderson  
Miss Ballantyne, Miss Bow, Mr Duncan, Mr Guthrie, Miss Ferguson  
Mr Forbes, Miss Gray, Miss Gray Buchanan, Miss Jarvis, Mr Lewis  
Mr Mackay, Miss Macmillan, Mr Pinkerton, Mr Pritchard,  
Miss Smith, Miss Slater, Mr Thomson, Miss Thomson, Mr Robertson  
Mr Texas (Treasurer) Miss Wallace (acting Secretary).

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Hamilton - Perth, Mr Lewis  
Mr McDavid and Mr Drummond.

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Financial

The Treasurer went over the Report and pointed out the further  
refunds from Branches and also further donations towards  
the London expenses. Attention was drawn to an error in  
the printing of "Payments" "Alterations to Book 3" should read  
"Alterations to Book 5".

Publications

The chairman reported that the Committee had selected the  
Committee Report with four dances for publication with the Bulletin. These were  
① Eight-own Reel & Frisco Pipers ② Jenny's Bowtie & Blue Cadets.  
③ that the Committee recommended that the Society should not  
take a stand at this year's Highland Show and that they should  
consider the advisability of ceasing to do so in future

③ that the Society should publish Book II this year. The reason for this recommendation was that a further book would give three books for publication in Booklet form in 1937. It had been found that the Booklet containing only two books was not so successful as those containing three. There was also to be considered the great interest aroused by a new book, especially amongst those who had been members of the Society from the beginning. The recommendations of the Publications Committee were all approved.

Projector

As the projector had been so little used the Chairman proposed that it should be sold. This was agreed and it was left to the Treasurer and Mr. Forbes to sell it to the best possible advantage.

Typewriter

The Treasurer reported a great increase of correspondence and asked permission to buy a typewriter. This was granted and Mr. Jones empowered to purchase one immediately.

New Branch

The formation of the Manchester Branch was reported and a loan to the Branch of £5 was granted.

Other Business

Mr. Mackay (Greenock) asked that in future the Minutes of the General Meeting be read at the next Executive meeting. This was agreed.

Miss Jarvis (Stirling) asked if it were not possible

to have more variety in the S.C. dances played by the B.B.C.  
This met with unanimous agreement, and after discussion it  
was decided that everything possible should be done by the  
Society to bring pressure to bear on the B.B.C. to improve both  
the items of the programmes and their performance. It was  
suggested that individual members might write to the  
B.B.C. or use whatever influence they might have.

Treasurers

Stomasarium <sup>20/7</sup>

It was unanimously agreed to grant the Treasurer  
his usual Stomasarium.

Mr Kidd

Sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mr Kidd  
the representative from Grenock.  
This ended the business.

James Stewart Murray

16<sup>th</sup> May, 1936.

A meeting of the Executive  
Council was held on Saturday  
16<sup>th</sup> May, 1936, in the North British  
Station Hotel, Edinburgh at  
2.30 p.m.

Present.

Lord James Stewart Murray (Chair),  
Mrs. Stewart, Miss Anderson, Miss  
Ballantyne, Mrs. Coupland, Miss Dow.

Mr. Drummond, Miss Kenyon,  
Miss Macmillan, Mr. Mackay, Miss  
Milligan, Mrs. Pinterkou, Mrs.  
Robertson, Miss Slater, Miss Smith,  
Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Terras (Treas.)  
and Miss Forgan (Secretary).

Apologies. Apologies were intimated from  
Mr. Duthie, Miss Gray Buchanan,  
Mrs. Liddell & Mrs. Hamilton Meikle.

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

Arising from the Minutes it  
was reported that the sale of  
the Projector had realized  
£20-14/-, and that the  
Treasurer had purchased a  
Royal Portable typewriter for  
£14-14/-.

It was agreed that in  
future the minutes of the  
General meeting, instead of  
being published in the March  
Bulletin, be published in the

October Bulletin, so that they might be taken as read at the General Meeting in November.

The chairman welcomed Miss Forgan on her return from abroad, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Milligan who had so kindly undertaken the work during the secretary's absence.

B. B. C.

Miss Milligan reported that she had been in communication with Mr. Ian Whyte, the Scottish Musical Director of the B.B.C. and at his request was arranging for a demonstration by an S.C.D.S. Team to be held in the B.B.C. Hall in Edinburgh. This demonstration was to be accompanied by the B.B.C. orchestra, and be broadcast and open to the general public. Miss Milligan was waiting

to hear from Mr. Whyte  
before fixing the date.

It was suggested that a  
selection of dances be made  
so that Mr. Whyte might be  
given an arranged programme  
for the demonstration, and  
the following were selected as  
suitable from notes taken at the  
meeting:-

New Rigged Ship

Hamilton House

Jessie's Hornpipe

Edinburgh Volunteers

Isle of Skye

Come ashore Tally Tar

Chief's Fair

Lady Mary Douglas

Scott's Bonnet

Dalkith's Strathspey

Peggy's Lown

River Cree.

Financial Report.

Mr. Terras reported that there was a surplus of £15-18/- from the Autumn School, which was most satisfactory. That Edinburgh had given a donation of £10 towards the expenses of the International Folk Dance Festival in London, which brought the deficit down to £28. That the following Branches had repaid grants:- Dunfermline & West of Fife Centre £2, Fife £4, (payment of residue), Edinburgh £10 and Hamilton £3.

Book II.

It was reported that the following dances were prepared for Book II:-

- Knit the Pocky
- Monymusk
- Johnny Mcbill
- Duch of Perth
- Sleepy Maggie
- Dainty Davie



The Moudiewort  
The Long Chase  
Glasgow Flourish  
Guntercauld's Reel  
Rakes of Glasgow  
Miss Murray of Bchtestyre.

Summer School. It was agreed to hold the Summer School Dance on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

A. G. M. It was agreed that the date of the Annual General Meeting, to be held in Glasgow, be fixed for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1936.

After a discussion on the 18 years age limit for candidates for the Teachers Certificate, it was proposed that a list of examination rules be added to the Constitution. This was agreed and will be included in the Agenda of the Annual

Meeting in November.  
This ended the business.

J. Murray

7<sup>th</sup> August 1936

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1936, at University Hall, St. Andrews, at 2 p.m.

Present.

Lord James Stewart Murray (Chairman),  
Mrs Stewart, Mr Low, Miss Anderson, Mrs Low,  
Mr Drummond, Miss Halligan, Miss Kenyon,  
Miss Slater, Mrs Robertson, Mr Duncan,  
Mrs Hamilton Hinkle, Miss Smith, Mrs Ballantyne,  
Mrs Bailie Hamilton, Mrs Liddell,  
Mrs Robertson, Mrs Jarvis, Mr Texas (Treas.) and  
Mrs Fagan (Sec.).

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Miss Gray,  
Miss Gray Buchanan, Mr Mackay, and Mr Funchard.

Minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. - Arising from the minutes it was reported that so far the B.B.C. had not arranged for the S.C.D.S. demonstration, but

it was expected to be held sometime during the coming winter.

Secretary.

Regret was expressed by the Chairman, on behalf of the committee, at the resignation of the Secretary who was leaving to take up another appointment. The Chairman thanked Miss Toigari for her work for the Society and extended his best wishes to her in her new position.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Miss Gwyn Brown, of Edinburgh, as the new Secretary at the same salary, and the members extended a very hearty welcome to her.

Treasurer.

The question of the Treasurer's honorarium was then considered and it was agreed to raise the honorarium to £1 per week, to date as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1935, with a bonus of £25 for the same year.

The Committee expressed great appreciation of the work done by Mrs Lewis.

Financial report.

Mrs Lewis reported an increase of £40 in the balance on hand, and predicted a further increase by the end of the financial

year. He stated that a donation of £4 had been received from one of Miss Huggins's private circles, that royalties on dance books (1-5) for the present year amounted to £42.17.2d, and that gramophone records sold to date since April amounted to £1.16.9d.

### Annual Report.

The Annual Report was read and passed for circulation amongst members.

### Constitution.

It was agreed to submit the following alterations and additions to the constitution to the members at the A.G.M. in November.

That Rule 4 be revised as follows —

"The annual subscription shall be 5/-  
life membership subscription £3.3/-  
members who have paid an annual subscription for four consecutive years may become life members on payment of £2.10/-, and those who have paid for ten consecutive years may become life members on payment of £1.10/-"

That Rule 10 should read — "An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in November....."

That the following Rule be added to the Constitution —

"An examination for teachers certificate shall be open to members of the Society only, and there shall be no entrance fee. Candidates must not be less than 18 years of age. They shall be examined first in Book I and having passed the test enter for Book II examination. No one who fails in an examination may take it again for three months.

The form of the examination shall be: —

(a) Practical. Candidates must be able to dance correctly and teach the dances according to the standard set up by the Society.

(b) Theoretical. Candidates must be able to answer questions on the dances. This part of the examination may be either written or oral, and demands a full knowledge of the details of technique and formation, of the difficulties and faults which may be corrected, and of the methods whereby the correct spirit and deportment is gained."

Dress.

It was agreed that there should be a special dress for S.C.D.S. demonstration bands. This was left to the Publications Committee to consider.

Vice-  
President.

It was unanimously agreed that Dorothy Ruggles Bush be asked to become an Hon. Vice-President of the Society, in recognition of her valuable help in research work.

Summer  
School.

It was agreed that in future at the Summer School, teachers should report to the Office if there were any people in their classes who were hindering the progress of the other members, and that such people be moved to a less advanced class.

It was decided that in future programmes be dispensed with at the Summer School dance.

It was unanimously agreed that a presentation should be made to Mrs. Forgan on leaving.

This ended the business, and a vote of

thanks was accorded to the Chairman.  
At the close of the meeting a typewriter and  
a fountain pen were presented to Miss Milligan  
as a token of appreciation of her work for  
the Society and for her interest in it.  
James Murray

14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1936. A meeting of the Executive Council was  
held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. within the  
St. Andrew's Halls, Glasgow at 11.45 a.m.  
Present. Lord James Stewart, Chairman  
Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Hamilton Marble,  
Miss Kempson, Mrs. Mc'Daig, Miss Gray,  
Miss M<sup>rs</sup> Lachland, Miss Storer, Mrs.  
Ballantyne, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Wilkie,  
Mrs. Stork, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. MacKillop,  
Miss Lawson, Miss Smith, Mrs. Robertson,  
Miss Anderson, Mrs. Coupland, Mrs. Dodd,  
Miss Dow, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mr. Row,  
Mr. Duncanson, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Forbes, Mr. R.  
Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Texas (treas.)  
Mrs. Gow Brown (Sec.)

no suitable date had been fixed. The chairman said that he would arrange an interview with Mr. Ian Whyte of the B.B.C.

### Financial Statement.

The Treasurer reported that the Balance in hand of the Society now stood at £472, an increase of £80 from the previous year. He stated that there was an increase in memberships and an increase in sales of gramophone records, and that the Summer and Autumn Schools had shown a good profit.

### New Branches.

The chairman reported that 4 new branches had been formed.

- (1) North Ayrshire
- (2) West Ayrshire
- (3) Kirkcaldy.
- (4) Glenkens.

The Secretaries of the new branches were present at the meeting and spoke about the start of the branches, memberships etc. Mrs Murray, Sec. of the Glenkens Branch reported that in her district there was a



comparatively small memberships and  
transport difficulties, and that she would  
like to apply for a grant.

It was decided to give a grant of £5  
to the Glenkens Branch.

Correspondence.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mackay  
Stewart suggesting that the Society  
should be represented on the Committee  
of the International Folk Dance Festival.

It was proposed that Mrs. Down should  
be asked to represent the Society and  
that conditions of affiliation should be  
inquired into.

Letters were also read from Mr. Albatross  
and Miss. Debus.

This ended the business.

Next Week

1st May 1937 A meeting of the Executive Council  
was held on Saturday, 1st May 1937  
within the north British Station Hotel  
Edinburgh at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs Hamilton Mackay (Chairman)

Miss Milligan, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Mackellan,  
Miss Slater, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Robertson,  
Miss Gray, Miss Myers, Mrs. Stark, Mrs.  
McLachlan, Miss Murray, Mrs. David,  
Miss Wilkie, Mrs. Grant, Miss Rankin, Mrs.  
Anderson, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mrs.  
Dunbar, Mrs. Low, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. ~~Robert~~,  
Mrs. Brown (sec.) Mrs. Texas. (treas.)

Before any business was transacted Mrs.  
Hamilton made the chairman made reference to  
the great loss the Society had suffered by the  
death of Mrs. Shaul. She said that she  
would be missed not only for her musical  
ability, but also for her personal  
qualities.

Apologies. Apologies were intimated from Mrs. Stewart,  
Mrs. Low, Miss Dow, Mrs. St. Clair Mackay  
Mrs. Leddell.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were taken  
as read, were approved and signed. In  
business arising from the minutes the  
Secretary read a letter from Miss Karpels  
stating that the International Folk

Dance Committee has ceased to function, and that it had been formed to deal with the International Irish Dance Festival

Financial Report. Mr. Teras in giving his financial statement said that he was glad to report that income from all sources had been maintained for the present year. With the addition of the four new branches, whose results show that they have made a successful start, the amount of Branch subscriptions ought to show an increase. He stated that there had been no unusual expenditure and that the balance in hand in September should show another increase.

Details of Donations: -

Financial Report. £1:1/- four hundredths Country Dance Club per Miss Dow.

£1:1/- Dundee Highland Society Class per Miss Dow.

£7:2/- Miss Kelligan's private circles

Autumn School.

It was reported that the Autumn School had shown another surplus, the amount being £3:8:10

Gramophone Records. Over £15 had been received for Royalties on Gramophone records since last September. This represents a sale of over 5000 records.

Repayment of Grant. It was reported that the Perth Branch had now repaid their original grant of £10.

The late Mrs Annie Shand. Letters were read from Aberdeen subscribers stating that there would be no balance available for the Society from Mrs Shand's Estate.

Manchester Branch. Letters were read by the treasurer from the Secretary of the Manchester Branch regarding the heavy expenditure incurred in the running of the Branch. The meeting decided that it would suggest that the Manchester branch be put on the same footing as the London branch, namely that the branch would receive 50% of the subscriptions, but that the branch would pay the travelling expenses of its representatives to meetings.

B.B.C.

Lord James Stewart however reported that he had held meetings with Mrs. Ian Whyte, and that the playing of the B.B.C. band had certainly impressed the Real time being better than the Skallygo. The Studio's band was still too quick, but it was felt that with occasional reminders the improvement would be maintained.

It was reported that the Publications meeting had decided that a letter should be sent to Mrs. Ian Whyte with reference to the licensing of the music and that the B.B.C. be asked to broadcast the Summer School Dance.

Gramophone  
Records.

It was reported from the publications meeting that Mrs. Walker of the Bellinger Company would be glad of suggestions for records.

It was decided to suggest Book 10.

- (1) General Stewart's Reel.
- (2) There's nae link about the House.

Book 11 — all dances

The Council felt that Miss Hurligan should have an interview with Mr. Walker in order to make suggestions regarding the orchestra for the recording of the records.

new pocket edition

The Secretary reported that the proofs of the new pocket edition had been accepted and that it would soon be ready for distribution to members.

Summer

School Dance

It was reported that the Summer School Dance would be held as usual in the Younger Hall on Friday 6th August and that the meeting of the Council would be on the same date.

Annual Gen. Meeting.

It was stated that the date of the Annual General Meeting had been fixed for November 13th.

This ended the business.

John Smith McKee

6th August  
1937.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Friday 6th August 1937 at University Hall, St Andrews at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Hamilton Herble (Chairman), Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Mulligan, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Dew, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Beattie Hamilton, Mrs. Kempster, Mrs. Storer, Mrs. MacKulloch, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Brown (Sec), Mrs. Lewis (Treas)

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Lord James Stewart Murray, Mrs. Wilkie, Mrs. Duthie, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Purchard, Mrs. Siddell, Mrs. Smooder, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Allan.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated amongst the members were taken as read, approved and signed.

Publications  
Meeting  
Report

It was reported from the Publications meeting that Mrs. Reid had been asked to broadcast S.C.D. music in Edinburgh on 30th August at 6.50 p.m.

The Council expressed their satisfaction and it was hoped that members would interest others so that a widespread interest would be taken in Mr. Reid's playing of S.C.D. - In order that the time might be quite correct for dancing a team of experienced dancers were going to practise with Mr. Reid at the Summer School.

It was also intimated that Mr. Reid by request was taking his band and a team of dancers to the Beavers Gathering when they would perform Scottish Country Dances before the King and Queen.

Book 12. Mrs Stewart showed the Council a collection of about 24 dances selected by her and by Rexd James Stewart nursery. From this collection the new book shall be formed, and it was decided that some members of the committee might try out these dances at the Summer School.

Pocket Edition

The new pocket edition was shown

new  
edition

Summer  
School

Summer  
meeting



to the Council

Gramophone  
Records

Miss Halligan reported that the Decca Record Co. were going to make records of all the dances in Book XI and of certain dances in Book X. New records were also being substituted for some of the less satisfactory ones.

It was suggested that Secretaries of branches should find out from their members at the beginning of the season how many want records and send the order to Miss Halligan. — The Secretary was instructed to put a notice in the October Bulletin to that effect and a statement emphasizing that records ordered in this way bring greater profit to the Society.

Financial  
Report

Mr. Texas gave his Financial Statement and reported that Receipts on 10 Dance Books (1-5) received for the present year amount to £43.4.4, a slight increase from last year.  
Gramophone Records sold to date from

Over £4 has been received this year  
from the sale of Dance Leaflets  
which were sold at 2d each.

Angus Branch has now repaid £2.10/-  
to Headquarters leaving remainder of their  
original grant of £5.

Manchester Branch has accepted the  
decision of the Council that they be  
allowed to retain 50% of their  
subscriptions as from 1st October 1937  
and that in future the Branch be  
responsible for their own travelling  
expenses to meetings.

Mr Tarrant also reported that the  
present increase in the Balance on Hand  
was about £40. The predicted increase  
for the end of the year was between  
£50 and £70, so that the Balance  
on Hand at end of year should be  
well over £500.

Annual  
Report.

The Secretary read the Annual Report  
and it was passed for Publication.

Bonus to  
Mr. Lewis

It was unanimously decided that  
the same bonus of £25 should be  
granted to Mr. Lewis for his excellent  
work during the year.

London  
Branch  
Team.

Mr. Baillie Hamilton told the  
meeting of the success of the London  
Branch team in Brittany and how  
very greatly their singing had been  
appreciated by thousands of people.  
This ended the business.

### Just Bank Notes.

A meeting of the Executive Council was  
held on Tuesday, 13th November 1937  
in the Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen  
at 11-45 a.m.

Present:-

Mr Hamilton (Chairman), Mr  
Mulligan, Mr Pearson, Mr McLaughlan,  
Mr Gardner, Mr Dow, Mr Robertson  
Mr Gray, Mr Becher, Mr Murray,  
Mr David, Mr Gough, Mr Kemp,  
Mr Robertson, Mr Rankin, Mr Allan,  
Mr Macmillan, Mr Reid, Mr Anderson,  
Mr Stewart, Mr Slater, Mr Baird

Sarah James Stewart Murray, Mrs  
Purchard, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Dethie,  
Mrs Drummond, Mrs Buxton (Sec.)  
Mrs. Texas (Treas.)

Apologies. Apologies were received from Mrs  
Stark, Mrs Law, Mrs deSilva.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting having  
been circulated amongst the members,  
were taken and read, approved and signed

Business  
Announcing.

Members of the Council were told that  
Mrs Reid was giving a broadcast on  
Monday 15th November from 6.30 to  
7 p.m. on the Regional Programme.

Financial  
Statement

Mrs Texas stated that the funds of  
the Society showed another increase of  
£130. The balance in hand now stands  
at £605. As regards Income there has  
been an increase in subscriptions of  
£50, more than £20 has been received  
from royalties on gramophone records  
and £15 on broadcasting fees. These  
fees are due to the Society as copyright  
owners of numbers arranged for

broadcasting.

Sale of books - Dance books showed a further increase of £7  
Summer School - With a profit of £44 the Summer School was a financial success.

Grants: - Repayment of Grants and Donations was down about £17.

Expenditure: - Expenditure compared with last year was down about £30 due mainly to the fact that no reprints of dance books were made.

Mr. Teras suggested that the present balance should be maintained as the Society was still growing, and larger sums of money were remembered in expenses.

The chairman thanked Mr. Teras for his excellent work during the year.

Publications Mrs. Hamilton's motion said that the next Report should be based on the fact that the Committee with the present examination system, and she asked Miss Huggins

to speak on this matter

Miss Hilligan said she felt that although members gained Book 1. and 2. Certificates they did not necessarily have a full and comprehensive knowledge of S.C.D. She thought that a selection of dances published in leaflet form and making use of all the important particulars would make a better examination.

Certif. 1. Miss Hilligan reported that the  
Exams. Publications Committee suggested the following twelve dances in next time for Certif. 1. examination

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Petronella               | General Steint's Red |
| 2. Triumph                  | The New Poppy Step   |
| 3. Circassian Circle        | How to be done       |
| 4. Dances of Perth          | Lower Poppy          |
| 5. Fight about the Turicade | The Plum Tree        |
| 6. Dances of the Dunes      | Red + house          |

Field  
Certif.

The following seven dances in Strathpey and five dances in next time were suggested for the Field Certificate

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| 1. Glasgow Highlanders                 | Scottish Rumble                      |
| 2. Houghs o' Groundale                 | Territ Budge                         |
| 3. Honeycomb                           | Lady Susan <sup>Real</sup> Stewart's |
| 4. There's nae luck about<br>the House | The Merry Dancers                    |
| 5. Tulloch Gown                        | The Punch Band                       |
| 6. Dalbaird's Stralshpoy               | Eight + Awey                         |

Mr Pritchard proposed the adoption of the new system of examination and Mrs Murray seconded the proposal. The meeting was unanimous in accepting the new series of dances, but felt that this season it would be an alternative form of examination and next season a compulsory one.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Branch Secretaries, Physical Training Colleges and any other known centres for examinations of the Executive Council's decision.

It was also reported from the Publications Committee that the following four dances were suggested for publication with the next Bulletin.

1. Fight about the Triside
2. Haugh's o' Crowdale
3. Light and Army
4. Scottish Rumble.

The Executive Council passed this selection of dances for publication

A.G.M.

Mr Dutton on behalf of the Edinburgh Branch, extended an invitation to the Council to hold their A.G.M. in Edinburgh in 1939.

It was hoped that it would be possible to hold the meeting in January in 1939.

Records of gramophone records was a very good one. Mrs Milligan reported that the sale of gramophone records was a very good one, that the price of the new records had been raised to 3/-.

The Chairman reported that there were three new affiliated Societies

1. Richmond Caledonian Soc.
2. Peterborough & District Cal. Soc.
3. Colchester & " " "

Mrs Grant from Inverness spoke of the difficulties she had found in



teaching the "ponsette" and of the unnecessary length of time it took to teach. There was discussion on this matter. Miss Keayon, Glasgow, who has taught girls and boys of varying ages suggested that there should be no change made and made a proposal to this effect.

Mrs Drummond, Edinburgh said that success in the teaching of the "ponsette" lay in the devices used by the teacher and seconded Mrs Keayon's proposal.

life members. The meeting agreed to the proposal. On the proposal of Mrs Bruce it was decided to give cards along with receipt to life members on payment of their subscriptions.

Townsome  
Bell

Mrs W. David, Newton Stewart, asked for a ruling on the sequence of the Townsome Bell. The meeting felt that no definite ruling could be given, but that the dances must

learn to follow the tempo of the  
band. The Society recommended that  
an equal number of Real and Steptony  
Steps should be done to ensure finishing  
up with our partner

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e  
Tife  
Branch. Mrs Gray, Sec. of the Tife Branch,  
asked permission of the Council to  
disband the Tife Branch and to  
allow the separate Branches to function  
as main Branches of the Society.

The Council agreed to this request and  
felt that it would be the best plan.

Mrs Pankin Hamilton asked for  
advice about the extension of the Hamilton  
Branch. Mrs Hamilton herself thought that  
the Branch would be wise to extend  
as it was a convenient centre for  
other districts

Mrs McEachern Peibltsgon said  
that she thought that members were  
not clear as to the correct time to  
pay their subscriptions. The

Secretary was instructed to put a notice in the October Bulletin to the effect that subscriptions are now due.

The Chairman intimated that the Executive Council had been written to by the Aberdeen Branch. This ended the business.

John Smith Mackie.

19<sup>th</sup> March 1938. A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh, at 2.30 p.m.

Present. Mrs Hamilton Mackie (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Kenyon, Miss Milligan, Mrs Siddell, Miss Forbes-Sempill, Miss Allan, Miss Mackillan, Miss Smith, Mrs Rankin, Miss Brighton, Miss Murray, Miss Slater, Miss Gray, Mrs Stark, Mrs Grant, Mrs Compland, Miss McLachlan, Mrs Pinkerton, Mrs Robertson, Mr Mackay, Mr Duthie, Mr Duncan, Mrs Brown (Secretary) & Mr James (Treasurer)

Apologies were received from Mrs Stewart, Miss Dow, Mrs Law, Mrs Bruce, Lord James Stewart Murray, and Mr Drummond.

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

### Financial

#### Statement.

Mr Terras reported that the Autumn School held in Aberdeen, November 1937, had shown a profit of £2-6/- and that a donation of £1-1/- had been received from the Dundee Highland Society Scottish Country Dance Class. He also stated that the sales of Books and Dance Leaflets for the past six months amounted to £73, only 1/4 less than those for the whole of last year, that gramophone record sales were still increasing. Records had been sold to the extent of £11-7-10, giving the Society a clear profit of £2-12-3 to date, from 1st October 1937.

The Treasurer also said that although several Branches had still to forward their subscriptions, those who had already done so had in most cases shown an increase in membership.

### Publications

#### Meeting Report

The Secretary reported that the letter press for Book 12 was now in the hands of the printers and that the following list of tunes had been chosen:-

1. Grant's Rant
2. Green goes the Rashes
3. Jenny Dang the Weaver.
4. The Border Reel or the Wright's Rant.
5. Fiddle. Fiddle (All. Tune - the Miller of Drone).
6. Kiss Quick, my Heather's Coming.
7. The Yellow Haired Laddie
8. Reel of Glauis
9. Sodger Laddie
10. The Black Dance
11. The Earl of Home
12. The Machine without Horses.

Empire Exhibition  
Demonstrations.

Miss Milligan reported that the Glasgow Branch of the Society had been asked to provide teams to dance at the National Fitness Pavilion in the Exhibition during certain weeks, the first week being from June 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. In order to make the dancing representative, the Glasgow Branch had suggested that teams from various Branches in Scotland should take part in these demonstrations, and that the Glasgow teams should dance at hours that might be inconvenient for visiting teams. The meeting

agreed that the Demonstrations would be good propaganda. Miss Keayon kindly agreed to deal with the correspondence relating to the demonstrations and Secretaries of Branches were instructed to write to her.

Miss Killigan said that the National Fitness Council were giving a maximum grant of £10 per week for demonstrations. It was realised that expenses might be heavy for visiting teams and the meeting felt that £30 might be granted from the funds of the Society to help with expenses.

Mr Duthie suggested that the sum might be £50. There was no further discussion regarding the sum of money, but it was hoped that some Branches might be able to pay part of their expenses.

Correspondence. A letter was read from Mrs Liddell, Secretary of the Manchester Branch, expressing dissatisfaction with the holding of examinations in Liverpool and at Anstey College, Birmingham, without notification being sent to the Secretary of the Manchester Branch.

Miss Killigan explained the position regarding the examinations, which Mrs Liddell accepted.

The meeting agreed that if a sufficient number

Of candidates were presented, an examination should be held in Manchester in order to help this Branch.

This ended the business.

John Brown Secretary.

5th August 1938

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Friday, 5th August, 1938 in the University Hall, St. Andrews at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Mrs Hamilton Meikle (Chairman), Mrs Stewart, Miss Mulligan, Miss Anderson, Miss Don, Miss Slater, Mrs Robertson, Miss McMillan, Miss Gillespie, Miss Keayon, Mrs Baillie Hamilton, Mrs Liddell, Mrs W. David, Mrs Pinkerton, Miss Kidd, Hon. E. Forbes-Sempill, Mrs Stairs, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Drummond, Mrs Brown (Secretary), Mrs Tennant.

Apologies.

Apologies were intimated from Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr Duthie, Miss Allan, Mrs Law, Miss Gray, Mrs Bruce, Miss Brown & Miss Purdon.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated amongst the members, were taken as read, approved and signed.

5<sup>th</sup> August 1938

Annual Report: The Secretary read the Annual Report and it was passed for publication. The Council expressed satisfaction with the progress that had been made by the Society during the past year. Miss Milligan proposed the adoption of the Annual Report, Miss Kidd seconded.

Johannesburg Branch: The Council decided that the Johannesburg Branch should be placed on the same footing as the London and Manchester Branches, retaining 50% of their members' subscriptions.

Treasurer's Report: Mr Terras reported that since the last meeting the following donations had been received: £1 from S.C.D.S. Class at Aberystwyth, Perthshire and £5.57 from Miss Milligan's Circles. The Treasurer also reported that income from the following items had shown an increase from last year: - Royalties on Dance books & Gramophone Records, Broadcasting fees and Sales of Books, Subscriptions from Headquarters and Branches. Regarding the funds Mr Terras predicted another good increase from last year the balance then being £605. He thought that the balance in hand should reach a figure in the region of £700 by the end of the present financial year. Mrs Stewart moved the adoption of the Financial Statement and Miss Anderson seconded the adoption.



Report of  
Exhibition  
Demonstrations.

Before any discussion of demonstrations, Mrs Hamilton Meikle proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Kenyon for the excellent work that she had done regarding demonstration arrangements. Both Miss Milligan and Miss Kenyon gave excellent reports of the performance of the various Branches, and said that good propaganda work had been done by the Society.

Colonel Findlay, the Officer in Charge of the Fitness Pavilion, had given a very satisfactory account of all the arrangements.

Expenses of  
IX. Demonstrations.

Mr Terras reported that with the Grant of £30 allowed for assistance to Branches participating, the amount already allocated to Branches was £25.2.6. Against this a Grant of £10 had been received from the National Fitness Council, making the net expense £15.2.6 for the first week of the Demonstrations. A letter was read from the Edinburgh Branch asking if it would be possible to have more financial assistance from the National Fitness Council, but it was pointed out that the £10 already received was the maximum Grant to be given. The Executive Council decided that no further sum be granted from the funds in this connection. Miss Anderson proposed & Miss Gillespie seconded, that the Edinburgh Branch should accept the sum of £3 allotted to them.

5th August 1938

Book 12. Great satisfaction was expressed by the Council with the dances in Book 12.

Summer School

1939

There was some discussion about future Summer School arrangements. The main feeling of the meeting was that it would be a good plan to book Chalton House if possible and St. Katherine's Gymnasium, as well as the University Gymnasium & the O.T.C. and to let the members of the School take alternate evenings for social dancing.

B.B.C.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the very unenterprising nature of the B.B.C. programmes. The Secretary was instructed to send a bound volume of Books 1-8 to Mrs Jan Whyte.

It was suggested that a notice should be put in the Bulletin to the effect that the bound volume of Books 1-8 was for sale and could be had from the Secretary.

Secretary's Salary.

Mrs Hamilton Neikle suggested that as there had been an increase of work in the past few years, the Secretary's salary should be raised. Miss Bulligan proposed and Miss Slater seconded, that Mrs Brown should receive an honorarium of £10.10/- in August for the work of the past year, that £20 instead of £10 should be given for office expenses in September for the future.

and that the salary should be raised from two guineas per week to three guineas from Oct. 1st. 1938.

Mr Terras has again to receive a bonus of £25 for his excellent work during the past year.

Autumn School. A letter was read from Miss Martin Stewart stating that the Lord Provost of Edinburgh will invite the Officials of the Society, members of the Executive Council and Representatives of Branches, to a Luncheon in the City Chambers on 5th November.

The Executive Council received this news with great satisfaction. It was the unanimous wish of the Council that Mrs Stewart should be invited as a guest to the Summer School, for a week every year.

This ended the business.

John Stoddart Mackenzie

