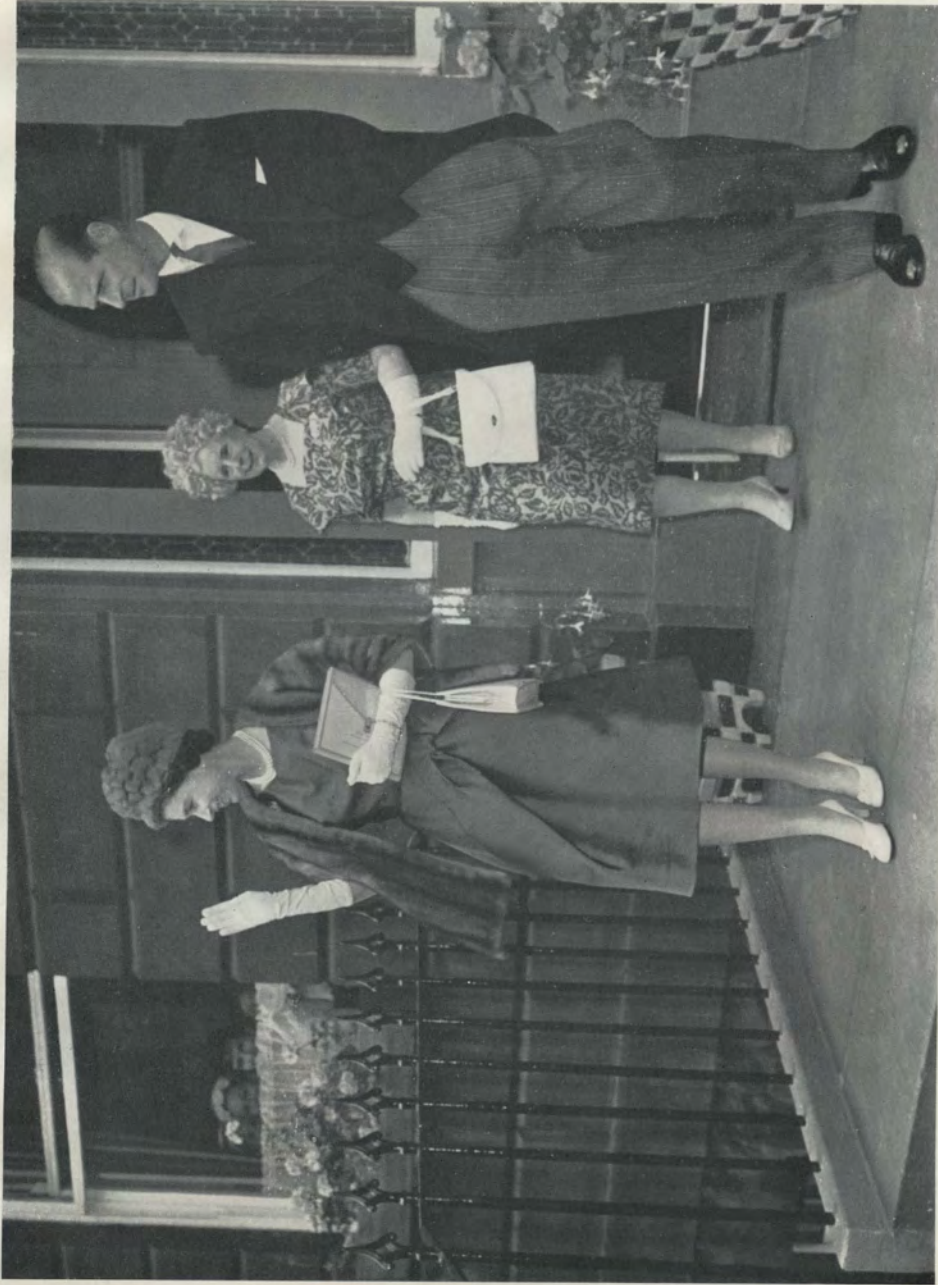


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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WITH THE
PRESIDENT THE COUNTESS OF ELGIN, D.B.E., AT HEADQUARTERS, 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
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Annual Report

AN outstanding event in the history of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society was the visit to the Headquarters in Edinburgh of Her Majesty The Queen accompanied by His Royal Highness the Prince Philip. There was a representative gathering, not only from Britain but also from countries overseas to greet the Royal Party on 28th June.

It was a very special occasion in the life of the Society, although the visit was marked by a happy informality. Our President, the Countess of Elgin, presented the Office-Bearers to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip and also four of the Honorary Vice-Presidents, the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Atholl, the Countess of Galloway and Miss Gray-Buchanan. Miss Milligan, Chairman of the Executive Council, presented representatives from Branches in Hamilton, Ontario, Nairobi, Toronto, Montreal, Boston and New York, as well as members of the Society's sub-committees from a number of Branches in Britain.

The Royal visitors signed a joint portrait and a visitors' book. They showed keen interest in two maps which pin-pointed the Society's 88 Branches and 196 Affiliated Groups. The maps were the work of Mr Iain Robertson.

The Queen and Prince Philip were also shown a collection of the Society's publications and books of old music, including manuscript music notes belonging to the late Duke of Atholl. They were also shown notebooks containing manuscript notes of some of the dances in the earlier books collected by Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch, who, with Miss Milligan, founded the Society.

A team of dancers, who were presented by Miss Milligan, gave a lively, spirited performance of "Captain McBride's Hornpipe," "Up in the Air" and "Miss Mary Douglas." The music was from gramophone records made by the Park Film Studios Ltd. Before leaving, the Queen was presented by Lady Elgin, on behalf of the Society, with a record folder, bound in blue morocco, containing nine gramophone records made under the auspices of the Society.

The Society records its deep appreciation to Her Majesty for visiting Headquarters and also for the friendly interest and pleasure that she and Prince Philip showed throughout the half-hour programme.

The Society with its large collection of dances continues to play an important part in instilling a proper love and pride of country. This starts in our schools and it is heartening to note this excerpt from the January issue of the *Scottish Educational Journal*: "Teachers of physical education have accomplished a great deal in the past decade in improving the teaching of their subject. To them must be given great credit for introducing the bulk of the well-known country dances and few leave school today without knowing some of the most popular. Credit must also go to the B.B.C. for popularising this form of recreation and to Scottish Television for following in its footsteps. The television authorities have done much not only with adult programmes but also with broadcasts for schools, to make pupils aware and proud of their Scottish heritage."

A problem that concerns the Society is the recognition of the opportunities that are given to Scottish country dancing in school and the gap that exists after school, and this problem needs a great deal of practical attention.

We must persist in our efforts to attract teachers who will make our Scottish dances interesting and alive to young people of both sexes as well as to adults—teachers who are

not only knowledgeable about steps and formations, but who have fire, enthusiasm, originality and insight regarding methods of approach and teaching. To follow up the recommendations made by the Albemarle and Wolfenden Committees, the Society must cater for all sections of the community. While there is evidence that this is being done, there is no room for complacency if the Society is to continue to play its important role in schools, colleges and in adult life.

Miss Milligan's Portrait.—Members will be pleased to hear that the Society commissioned Mr Raeburn Dobson of Edinburgh to paint a portrait of Miss Milligan, to be hung in the Society's Headquarters, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh. The artist completed the portrait in time for the Royal visit, and after the departure of the Queen and the Duke, Lady Elgin in a short speech handed over the portrait to the Society and expressed appreciation of the work. All those who have seen the portrait think it is an excellent likeness.

Annual General Meeting and Autumn School.—The thirty-first Annual General Meeting was held in Perth on 5th November 1960.

Before the meeting a Civic Luncheon was given to the Executive Council at which the Society was warmly welcomed by the Lord Provost.

On Friday evening a Ball was held in the City Halls and on Saturday morning classes were taught by Miss Maclagen and Mr Clement. After the meeting Miss McLaren, Glasgow, deputising for Miss Milligan, taught the dances from the newly published Graded Book to a large number of members.

Perth Branch provided a most enjoyable week-end and this opportunity is taken by the Society to express its thanks.

New Publication.—Book 21, containing 12 attractive dances, has been published and will be given to members who have paid their 1961-62 subscription, which became due on 1st July.

The dances were selected by the Publications Committee from a number sent in by members. Miss Milligan has again been responsible for choosing suitable traditional tunes and these have been arranged for the piano by Miss Carnie, L.R.A.M., Dalcroze Certificate.

Membership.—The Society has 88 Branches, 196 Affiliated Groups and approximately 18,480 members.

Examinations.—During the year examinations have been held in the following Branches:—Ayr, Birmingham, Dundee, Dunfermline, Dunbartonshire West, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hamilton and Clydesdale, London, Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield.

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

In the Preliminary Test there were 279 passes and 60 failures. In the Teachers' Certificate there were 107 passes and 22 failures.

Summer School.—The Summer School at St. Andrews from 24th July till 21st August, was, as usual, fully booked. This year it was possible to accommodate forty-two extra people owing to alterations in one of the residences and because of this the waiting list was reduced.

The Executive Council takes this opportunity of thanking Miss Milligan and her staff of teachers and pianists for all their work during the month.

Branch Reports

ABERDEEN. Secretary, Miss A. O. Cumming, 19 Mile-end Avenue, Aberdeen.—Branch membership 300 Ordinary and 145 Life Members. Throughout the session 4 Adult and 4 Children's Classes met weekly. A Demonstration Class met from October to December. In September a four-week Refresher Course was held on Book of Graded Dances.

A very enjoyable Dinner and Ball took place in the Station Hotel, while in March a Dance was held in the Students' Union.

At the 1961 S.C.D. Festival the Branch was represented by 4 Adult and 12 Children's Teams. The Lady Sempell Trophy was won by the R.S.C.D.S. Team in Women's Open Class.

At Edinburgh Music Festival in May, a Mixed Team from the Branch won the R.S.C.D.S. (Edin.) Trophy, while a girls' team from the Branch's Young Peoples' Class won the newly awarded Juniper Green Cup.

As usual the Society has been asked to provide teams to dance in Union Terrace Gardens on four Tuesdays in June.

Miss M. Anderson has been invited to instruct and adjudicate in Nairobi during the month of July. The Branch regards this invitation as a great honour and hopes that her visit will give great pleasure.

The S.C.D. Club completed its tenth year. The members were greatly uplifted by the renewed interest shown in it and hope that this trend will continue.

ADELAIDE. Secretary, Mrs M. Sinclair, 111 Cheltenham Street, Malvern, South Australia.—Members of this Branch are enjoying a most successful season. Attendances are very stable, only one fly in the ointment—lack of male dancers. Miss Irene Forbes continues to conduct the classes with Mrs Goldie relieving her once a month. Our gratitude to the two ladies for their splendid work. On Saturday, 8th April 1961, the Adelaide Highland Games were held on the Adelaide Oval. A demonstration of Scottish Country Dances was performed by members of the Country Dance Society to the delight of the spectators, the stars being a team of children ranging in age from eight years to twelve years, who danced beautifully and were a credit to their instructress.

AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs A. O. Inglis, "Greystones," Plains, by Airdrie.—The membership this year fell to 92 with 1 Life Member. The Advanced Class was well and enthusiastically supported but the Beginners' Class had to be discontinued as the numbers attending were very small. The juvenile classes, however, went from strength to strength. Another was started in Airdrie, so that now five different classes are held there on a Saturday morning. In Coatbridge, a second class was opened for older girls. Teams were again sent to local festivals and acquitted themselves well. The Annual Dance, held in February, was a great success and children's displays held in Coatbridge and in Airdrie were very well attended and much appreciated by all who watched them.

ANNAN. Secretary, Mrs B. M. Richardson, The Bungalow, Summergate Road, Annan.—The Branch has had a very satisfactory year, last year's increased membership being maintained. Three classes were run weekly during the session. Monthly social evenings were held and in September the International Folk Dance Teams, who were the guests of the Dumfries Branch, were entertained at a Social Evening. The Highland Ball was held in March and was well attended by members and visitors from neighbouring Branches. It was with feelings of deepest regret that we accepted the resignation of our President, Mrs Walker, who has given many years of valuable service to the Branch.

ARBROATH. Secretary, Mr George G. Sinclair, 5 Waverley Terrace, Arbroath, Angus.—In spite of a slight drop in membership to 225, which includes 18 Life Members, the Branch had a very successful year.

Weekly classes were held at Arbroath, Brechin, Kirriemuir and Montrose during the session.

All the classes were well attended and the social spirit was much in evidence. Annual balls were held at the four centres and were well attended and enjoyed by many members and visitors from neighbouring centres.

At the examination held in Dundee, two members of the Branch gained their Teacher's Certificate.

AUCHTERARDER. Secretary, Mr Ian L. G. Garrie, Larchfield, Auchterarder, Perthshire.—The past season showed practically no change on the previous year as far as membership and attendances were concerned.

We were fortunate in once again obtaining the services of Miss C. R. Duff as Class Teacher and also Mrs R. O'Hare, L.R.A.M., as musician. The session proved most enjoyable and during the period, two parties were held at which guests were present from neighbouring Clubs.

To mark the close of the session, an enjoyable and profitable Dance was held in the Aytoun Hall. The members are looking forward with keen anticipation to a similar function, arranged for March 1962, when Ian Powrie and his Broadcasting Band will provide the music. All that is required is the introduction of some new young members to help swell the membership of the Branch.

AYR. Secretary, Miss Jean W. S. Matheson, 48 Westwood Avenue, Mainholm, Ayr.—The Branch enjoyed its usual busy and pleasurable season. Membership remains pretty constant at just over the 300. During 1960-61 we persevered with the two new classes started in 1959-60 and also offered two additional social functions which were very well supported. The 4 Adult Classes and 6 Children's Classes offered were all enjoyed by those attending and thanks are due to Branch teachers and pianists. The attendance at the senior established Branch Class was particularly gratifying. Miss Robertson and, at extremely short notice, Miss McLaren and Miss Adams carried through our Week-end School most competently and enjoyably. During the season we were happy to meet again members from Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire, Glasgow, N.W. Ayrshire and Duns and District Branches, and some of our members had much pleasure in attending the Dinner-Dance held by Kilmarnock Branch on their 25th Anniversary. Our teams were again in much demand and demonstrated at a variety of events. This autumn, Ayr Branch is to have the pleasure and privilege of hostessing the parent Society Annual General Meeting. Previous visitors to Ayr Branch will not need assurance of our good will and welcome, and we hope those members who are coming to Ayr for the first time will feel as much at home with us as in their own membership Branch.

AYRSHIRE, East. Secretary, Miss Sheila Carle, 88 Glaisnock Street, Cumnock.—Although attendance at our Branch has decreased somewhat since last year, enthusiasm amongst our members is still as keen as ever.

The Ladies' Demonstration Team was greatly in demand and fulfilled many enjoyable engagements—not least those entertaining the sick and disabled.

Our Annual Dance was well attended despite poor weather conditions—an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Unfortunately our teacher, Mr McCammont, was unable to complete the session due to ill health. The members of the Branch extend to him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

AYRSHIRE, North-West. Secretary, Mrs N. Dunlop, Bradda, Fairlie.—Although our membership dropped to 475, 1960-61 was an enjoyable and successful season. Dances were held regularly throughout the district with the Christmas Ball in the Marine and Curlinghall Hotel, Largs, and the Easter Dance in Castlecraigs, Ardrossan, the highlights of the season. Perhaps the most popular dance was the Ball at Christmas for younger children and their parents—the demand for tickets was phenomenal and the excited enjoyment of the small dancers heart warming. The Teenage Ball, a week later, was also enjoyable, though, by contrast, a much more sedate affair. The excellent music of Newlands' Band contributed greatly to our pleasure on all occasions except the Easter Dance when, for a change, we had the stimulating music of Jimmy Blair's Scottish Dance Band. At a dance in May, in aid of King George's Jubilee Trust, Mr Newlands and his Band helped us realise £32 for the fund.

All the established classes for children and adults continued and three new ones were started—a Children's Class in Dalry, a second class for children in Ardrossan and Saltcoats, and a very enjoyable Demonstration Class which was held about once a month and provided dancers for displays given during the year.

An adjudication was held in October, and we were fortunate in having Mrs Lesslie to select our three Festival Teams. These teams had a very successful season. At the Renfrewshire Festival, the Mixed Team won the Edinburgh-Renfrewshire Shield with the Ladies' "B" and "A" Teams second equal and third equal, and, at the Ayrshire Festival, the Mixed Team was successful in gaining the "Paterson Sloan" Challenge Quaich, while the Ladies' "A" Team won the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Trophy. There were also three children's teams from the Saltcoats class dancing at festivals. At the Youth Festival in Ardrossan and at Ayr, they were a credit to their Instructor and to the Branch.

BANFFSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Jean Bruce, 54 Well Road, Buckie, Banffshire.—The Branch had a successful season with a slight increase in membership.

Our Annual General Meeting was very well attended.

The Annual Rally held at Buckie at the beginning of the season proved popular and was supported by members from the different classes in Banffshire and our neighbouring County of Moray. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr Patterson and his Demonstration Team from the Aberdeen R.S.C.D.S., who gave us an excellent display at the Rally.

A most successful evening at Macduff, where Ian Powrie supplied the music, was enjoyed by country dancers from the district.

The fact that country dancing is still popular with the young folk of today is shown in the recent Banffshire Music Festival in which no less than approximately fifty teams participated. The adult representation, however, was disappointing.

BATH. Secretary, Mr R. C. Lidstone, "Little Barn," Limpley Stoke, nr. Bath.—The Branch has again had a satisfactory year with only a very slight decrease in membership.

We welcomed Miss Brown back after her illness, only to lose her again whilst she made preparations for her marriage to our former Secretary, Lt.-Com. Towers on 12th August. The gaps they both leave will, indeed, be most difficult to fill.

The usual number of dances were held, but this year the Summer Dance was incorporated in a Scottish Dance held in conjunction with the Bath Festival. This proved most successful and it is hoped to hold it again next year during Festival Week.

BELFAST. Secretary, Mr Patrick Fergusson, 434 Lisburn Road, Belfast, 9.—The Branch has continued to increase its numbers and classes have been well supported. During the year the Branch suffered a serious loss through the death of Mrs Elsie Fergusson who was one of the most popular and successful teachers in the Branch. The Branch also lost one of its pianists, Mrs Moore, who died just at the end of the previous season. These deaths have necessitated changes in teacher and pianist for several classes.

The usual social programme of dances and parties took place and was successful from every point of view.

The Autumn Week-end School had Mrs Gudger as the visiting teacher and the Spring School had Mrs Wadsworth who was paying her first visit to Northern Ireland.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED. Secretary, Miss D. D. Martin, 17 Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—We have to report another successful year's activity in the Branch. We have had an increase in membership this year to 104 Adults, 8 Teenagers and 91 Children. Unfortunately it proved impractical to run a special class for teenagers this year as the number of enrolments received was too small, however, it was possible to absorb those interested into the other classes. All classes were well supported throughout the session, and our Annual Ball was a great success, as was our "Members Only" Christmas Party. The end of session dance held in April was not so successful, largely due to the number of other functions in the district at that time. The Children's Class "Open Night" was a tremendous success; as usual it was organised for charity, and as a result of the support

it received from parents and friends a donation of £20 was made to the newly formed Border Spastic Association.

At our Annual General Meeting we accepted with great regret Mrs Edney's resignation as Chairman after a very successful term of office, and in her place we welcomed Mrs E. D. Mackay, who has been a member of the Branch ever since its inception. We also regretted the resignation of our Hon. Treasurer, Mr R. F. Ramsay, but were fortunate in the appointment of Mr Peter Steel to that office.

BIRMINGHAM. Secretary, Mr Peter J. Smith, 34 Wroxall Road, Solihull, Warwickshire.—There has been a further increase in membership which now stands at 289, including 32 Life Members.

A Week-end Course run in co-operation with the Wolverhampton Branch at the C.C.P.R. National Recreation Centre, Lilleshall Hall, last autumn was fully booked. Teachers for this were Mr Duncan Macleod and Mr Innes Russell.

Our Third Annual Non-Competitive Festival, held in May, was an unqualified success with teams of adults and children from many parts of the Midlands dancing both individually and collectively to the music of Andrew Rankine's Band. Over 300 dancers took part. Attendance at the two Dances and at the various socials run by the Branch, including Children's Socials, has been excellent.

During the year four members of the Branch obtained their Full Teaching Certificate and twelve were successful in the Preliminary Test. One examination was conducted by Miss Milligan whom we were delighted to see in Birmingham again.

BOSTON. Secretary, Miss Doris J. Weller, 310 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.—Classes on elementary, intermediate and advanced levels have been held weekly from September through July. During the leave of absence of our Dance Director, Miss Jeannie R. B. Carmichael, Mrs Marianne Taylor has been our principal teacher, with the assistance of some of our other certificated teachers. In addition to the weekly Monday night classes, Mr and Mrs Charles Campbell have held two new classes at their home twice a month—one for advanced technique, and the other for children. Our news sheet, *The Tartan Times*, has continued its bi-monthly publications. Among the demonstrations given this year have been those for the Brookline Highland Games, a television programme "Dateline Boston," the New England Folk Festival, the National Folk Festival in Washington, D.C., and two different Scottish guild benefits—St. Martha's and St. Margaret's of Scotland.

This has been a very social year, beginning with the celebration of our Tenth Anniversary in October, under the chairmanship of Priscilla Raymond, and continuing with four "class-night" parties arranged by Marianne Taylor, and five "dance circle parties" organised by Doris Weller. Needless to say, the co-operation of our Social Chairman, Wendy Dorman, contributed in large part to the success of all these events. Our social season came to a climax with the beautiful Highland wedding of the same Miss Wendy Dorman, now Mrs Andrew McIntosh.

We look forward to more wonderful events, namely, our annual Pinewoods Week-end in July, and Miss Milligan's visit to this part of the world next fall, when she returns for another big New Hampshire Week-end at the Crawford House.

On 28th June our Branch had the great honour of being represented at the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to R.S.C.D.S. Headquarters in Edinburgh. Miss Doris Weller, who made the trip especially for the occasion, was presented to the Queen with five other representatives of overseas Branches.

CAPE TOWN. Secretary, Miss M. R. White, 8 Clee Road, Observatory, Cape Town.—The 1960 session began in April at a Scout Hall in Claremont. This hall could not be considered as a permanent home for classes and in August we were lucky enough to obtain the use of the Rondebosch Parish Hall (St. Thomas's) which is centrally situated and suitable to our needs. We hope this will be permanent. After this our numbers increased considerably and there were quite a number of newcomers during the latter part of the year.

Several social evenings were held which were most successful, enjoyable and well attended. We were joined on these evenings by members of the other Cape Town Clubs and Societies.

In December we held a most successful Ball at Pinelands—once more loyal support was given by other Societies. Classes were suspended for the hot summer months and were re-started in April of this year. During February a highly successful dance was held to raise funds for the Cape Town Highland Gathering and as a result we were able to hand over a substantial cheque to the organisers of the Highland Gathering which took place on 1st April. There was a S.C.D. competitive section and several teams entered in each group—one team entering from the R.S.C.D.S. This was a very popular feature of the Gathering.

We look forward now to another happy year of Scottish Country Dancing.

CARNOUSTIE. Secretary, Mrs M. Keillor, Ravensby Lodge, Barry, Carnoustie.—The weekly class continues to be a source of enjoyment and for this we are greatly indebted to our teacher and pianist. The membership this year is 24, with 1 Life Member.

The Annual Dance was held on 26th November—the music on this occasion being supplied by the Olympians Broadcasting Band. It was a most enjoyable evening.

The Juvenile Class concluded the session on 28th March with a party.

CASTLE DOUGLAS. Secretary, Miss C. E. Greggan, 9 Greenhall Road, Bridge-of-Dee, Castle Douglas.—The membership of the Branch during session 1960-61 was 60 Ordinary Members and 6 Life Members. Attendance at the Adult Class throughout the session was very good. In accordance with recent practice, a beginners' half hour was arranged before each Adult Class, and advantage of this was taken by a small number of members. The Junior Link Classes were continued as in previous years, under the instruction of Mrs Walker and Mr Little.

The Branch were very happy to welcome Miss Milligan to Castle Douglas on 17th and 18th February 1961. On Friday, 17th February, Miss Milligan attended a Dance arranged to mark the tenth birthday of the Branch, and on Saturday, 18th February, she conducted two classes and gave instruction on the 1960 Book and other dances. These classes were very much enjoyed by all members who attended, and the Branch wish to record their sincere thanks to Miss Milligan.

Teams were entered in the course of the session for the Galloway and Dumfries Festivals, and good marks were achieved. As usual, teams gave demonstrations at various activities in the district.

Thanks are again due to the Stewartry Education Authority for the use of accommodation in the Primary School, Castle Douglas, for both the Adult and Junior Link Classes.

CHELTENHAM. Secretary, Mrs M. D. Rowlands, Glendronach, Christchurch Road, Cheltenham, Glos.—Once again we have come to the end of our season's activities.

We have held four regular classes during the past year: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced and Highland; also a very enjoyable Week-end School under Bill Ireland.

Our Demonstration Teams have been quite busy with both Country Dancing and Highland, and we like to think they have pleased a good many of our local "Old People."

Three informal dances have been held and also two slightly bigger affairs. We are sorry not to see more people from other parts, but perhaps we too are not so willing to go abroad! My kind regards to Mr George Rowlands of Christchurch, New Zealand.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs J. O. Thomson, 25 Ann Street, Tillicoultry.—Although there was a slight drop in membership (Ordinary Members 108, Life Members 17), the Branch classes in Alloa, Dollar and Tillicoultry enjoyed their usual weekly classes and end of term parties. Two Branch dances were held: the first in Tillicoultry when the sum of £25 was raised in aid of the Scottish National Institution for War Blinded, the second in the Town Hall, Alloa. Mrs Thomson, as a member of the Finance Sub-Committee, had the honour of being presented to H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh when they visited Headquarters on 28th June.

DERBY. Secretary, The Misses B. and M. Moore, 10 Repton Avenue, Derby.—The Branch has had another enjoyable and successful year and classes have been well attended.

In February, the Branch celebrated its fifth birthday with a party, which was enjoyed by all.

Other highlights this year have been the monthly social evenings, which, with the kind help of one of our members, Mr A. Marshall and his Band, have proved most successful.

Some of our members gave a dancing display in a Festival of Dance, held at Derby, which was in aid of the King George VI Memorial Fund.

DUMFRIES. Secretary, Mrs J. H. Henderson, Braeside, Moffat Road, Dumfries.—This year has been another very successful one, with our membership still as satisfactory as ever. The Branch entertained, in September 1960, folk dance teams from Germany, France, Holland and Belgium. Miss Milligan attended the Civic Reception and the Branch Dance given for our overseas visitors, and an enjoyable week was had by everyone. This summer our own dancers have already visited Erbach, nr. Heidelberg, and Paris, and are going to Holland and Belgium in July.

Classes and social occasions have been well attended, and the Demonstration Teams have been kept busy. Both Adult and Junior Link Teams have won trophies at various musical festivals.

DUNBARTONSHIRE, West. Secretary, Miss Lilian Meikle, 61 James Street, Helensburgh.—We have again had a happy and successful year, during which our membership increased to 217, including 3 Life Members.

The attendance at our Elementary and General Classes was very satisfactory, and in addition to these classes, we held a Certificate Class. At the examination in Helensburgh, five of our members gained the Preliminary Certificate.

The Branch Ball in October, where the music was provided by Ian Powrie and his Band, was a very happy occasion, and the informal dances held in various centres in our district, proved as popular as ever.

DUNDEE. Secretary, Miss H. F. Crichton, 317 Blackness Road, Dundee.—Membership shows a slight increase this year and now stands at 463 of which 153 are Life Members. Three Adult Classes and one Junior Class were held during the session, also a Summer Term General Class. These were greatly enjoyed although numbers were not so good as usual.

Teacher's Certificate Classes were held during the summer term. At the examination held in June, three passed the Preliminary grade and five gained the full Certificate. Mrs Lesslie and Miss Jarvis were examiners.

The Annual Ball held in March was again an outstanding success and we were pleased to have with us our Hon. President, Lord Provost Maurice McManus and the Lady Provost. Both took part in the dancing and greatly enjoyed the evening. We were also pleased to welcome members from neighbouring Branches. An Informal Dance was held in May. Music at both functions was provided by the Olympians Dance Band.

The Club, run in conjunction with the Branch, had a good season with capacity attendances each evening. Much regret was expressed when dancing terminated in Kidds Rooms, the venue of the Club since its formation in 1949. This building came under the first phase of the City's new Development Scheme and is now demolished. The Club has been fortunate in finding suitable alternative accommodation.

DUNFERMLINE. Secretary, Miss Jean W. Laurie, 37 St. Leonard's Street, Dunfermline.—The Branch again made progress during 1960-61, and the membership stands at 180 Annual Members and 16 Life Members.

In addition to the Junior Mixed, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Classes, we found it necessary to form a Teenage Class and separate Demonstration Group, as also a Highland Class for Men and these new classes were well attended. A class for the First Part of the Teacher's Certificate has just ended and we were gratified to learn that twelve of the fourteen candidates were successful—which reflects great credit on the teacher, Mrs Mina Corson, Edinburgh, to whom the Branch is indebted.

A team from the Branch visited Germany last summer and represented Scotland at an International Dance Festival and the tour was an unqualified success. The Demonstration Group have had a very busy season, giving many demonstrations locally, and also appeared at Edinburgh under the auspices of the Scottish Tourist Board. They took part in a Scots Concert organised by Dunfermline Highland Society when Jimmy Shand topped the bill.

The Branch, for the third year in succession, won the Silver Quaich at Perth, and tied for the Bronze Statuette. Our thanks are due in large measure to Miss Loftus who coached the teams; to Miss Anderson, our pianist and to Mr Rennie and Mr Clark, our pipers.

We were very honoured to have one of our members, Miss Marie Hood, chosen to dance in the team at Headquarters on 28th June, on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

On the social side, we held on Social Evening which was most enjoyable but, owing to difficulty in arranging both band and halls, we were unable to arrange subsequent socials. Our Christmas Dance was well attended, as also our Closing Dance which was held in the Music Pavilion, Pittencrieff Park, for the first time. Friends from Perth, Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy and other districts joined us for both functions.

One of the highlights of the season was the visit to Kirkcaldy of Miss Milligan on 3rd February, and we are indebted to Kirkcaldy Branch for extending to us an invitation to join them. A party of approximately forty persons travelled to Kirkcaldy; for many of these this was their first meeting with Miss Milligan.

DUNS and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Margaret A. Rae, Penrhyl, St. Abbs, Eyemouth, Berwickshire.—As a new venture we ran classes for children at Ayton, Eyemouth and Reston. These were well attended and proved most successful. A set back was felt when our Chairman, Mr D. G. Robertson, left us to take up an appointment in Dundee, but Mrs Elder ably carried on as Interim Chairman. Functions throughout the winter were well supported, the Annual Ball in Duns again being a "sell-out." The St. Abbs Week-end in May is now proving a pleasant re-union for dancers from both sides of the Border, but we were pleased to welcome new friends as well. Miss M. Anderson, Mrs Gudger and Mr MacLeod helped us with classes. The Sunday afternoon talk by Mrs Wight of Grants-house and tea on the lawn at the Sheiling gave a fitting finish to a very happy course.

EAST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss J. J. Storie, 2 Station Road, Haddington, East Lothian.—The membership during the past year reached exactly 200, an increase of about 10 per cent.

The dances held during the year were very well attended, and, for the first time, a Ball was held at Dunbar which proved very successful.

Once again we had a visit from Mrs Lesslie and her evening's instruction was greatly enjoyed.

EAST SURREY—WEST KENT. Secretary, Miss Joan M. Harmer, 20 Godstone Mount, Downs Court Road, Purley, Surrey.—The Branch membership continues to show a steady increase. Classes in connection with the Branch are held in Beckenham, Croydon, New Malden, Norwood, Reigate, Sanderstead and West Wickham. A Branch Dance was held during the year and a Hogmanay Dance was organised by the West Wickham Country Dance Club as well as weekly Class socials. The Summer Dance took the form of an open air dance. A very successful One-Day School of Dancing was again held at which Bill Ireland and Innes Russell were the teachers. Mixed and Ladies' Teams were entered for the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival, the Mixed Team retained the Rose Bowl for the second successive year and the Ladies' Team won the cup presented by this Branch to be competed for by ladies' teams only. A Junior Team from Reigate shared in a trophy with a team from Edinburgh.

ECCLEFECHAN. Secretary, Miss J. M. G. Kerr, Tullich Lodge, Middlebie, Lockerbie.—The activities of the Branch followed very much the same pattern as in previous years.

It was disappointing that we had to cancel our Highland Ball, arranged for early December, owing to foot-and-mouth disease in the district at that time.

EDINBURGH. Secretary, Mr Alex. Falconer, 11 Sydney Terrace, Edinburgh, 7.—Membership has fallen slightly, but is still over 1,400 with 200 Life Members, and is in a healthy state. Twenty graded classes were run in each of the autumn and spring terms, and four in the summer term. All were well attended.

Demonstrations have again numbered over 100. This figure includes 9 appearances in "The Kilt is My Delight," many for cultural and charitable organisations, and culminated on 1st July in the spectacular Holyrood Serenade at Holyrood Palace in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh. The dancers had the honour of being presented to the Queen and the Duke, both of whom displayed a lively and knowledgeable interest in the dances and the dancers.

Two teams have toured abroad. One spent a very energetic but enjoyable fortnight under the leadership of Tom King, in Norway, Sweden and Lapland, reached the Arctic Circle and travelled over 2,000 miles. Another with Mrs C. Brown as leader, represented Great Britain at the Cultural Fair in Dortmund, West Germany, where their performances were received with great enthusiasm. In the coming months we have many interesting demonstrations in view, including a visit to the Wexford Festival in Eire.

Yet another Branch stalwart, Miss Laurel Gray, has decided to retire. Miss Gray is well known at St. Andrews as well as at Branch classes and has been particularly helpful to Certificate candidates in steering them through the mysteries of correct number of bars, etc. Her playing and faultless choice of tunes will be greatly missed, but we all wish her well in her retirement.

The Annual Ball was held in the Assembly Rooms and Music Hall and was very successful. Many friends from other Branches joined us and we hope to see them again next year on the 22nd March.

"An Edinburgh Fancy 1960" was again an artistic and economic success. By the time this reaches print, another Edinburgh Fancy will have taken place, and many more visitors from the far corners of the world will have been introduced to the spectacle of Scottish Country Dancing. In addition, we will doubtless have had visits from the now familiar bus parties from many parts of Scotland.

In January, the Lord Provost and Corporation paid us the honour of according a Civic Reception in appreciation of our years of service in entertaining Civic guests and visitors.

ELGIN. Secretary, Mr Crawford Herald, Craigmhor, Mayne Road, Elgin.—Although there has been a slight decrease in the membership of the Branch the year just finished has on the whole been very successful. While the attendances at the classes were somewhat disappointing, the Monthly Social Evenings were very well attended. The session was rounded off by a very successful Dance held in April 1961, at which Ian Powrie and his Band provided the music and which was very well attended by our Branch members, and also those from adjacent Branches.

FORFAR. Secretary, Mrs D. W. Bruce, 125 Glenclova Terrace, Forfar.—This year has been an enjoyable one, although membership continues to fall. This now stands at 27 Life Members and 89 Annual Members. Two Adult Classes were held throughout the winter months; these were well attended during the first half of the year but dropped somewhat after the Christmas break.

The Branch started a Children's Class, and, due to the response, we had have to organise two classes per week for the children.

On the social side, we held monthly dances in an effort to keep our members together; an enjoyable bus trip; Christmas and Closing Parties; and, of course, the Annual Ball which was an undoubted success.

FORRES. Secretary, Miss M. M. Ross, Morven, Castle Street, Forres.—During the season 1960-61 there was a large increase in the membership—89 compared with 51 the previous year.

Demonstrations have this year been very popular—the R.S.C.D.S. having been asked to give twenty-one demonstrations in local hotels and at private organisations.

A team was entered in the Banffshire Festival and gained a First Class Certificate.

FORT WILLIAM. Secretary, Miss J. M. Henderson, 87 Claggan, Fort William.—The Branch had a satisfactory year socially and financially. Membership remained steady. It was particularly gratifying that the second term showed an improvement in attendance as formerly there was a tendency to drop after Christmas.

The Team danced at various functions, including the Ben Nevis Race and the Scottish Camanachd Cup Final, the latter being before an audience of 5,000.

On the social side, two late nights were held and the Annual Dinner Dance which was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

Once again we would pay tribute to our Instructors and Musicians.

FRIOCKHEIM. Secretary, Miss Ella K. Robb, 45 Millgate, Friockheim, Angus.—After a lapse of a few years, an Adult Class was resumed in Friockheim and, along with the two Junior Classes, showed a fair amount of success. The classes at St. Andrews (Arbroath) and at Strathcathro Hospital again proved to be very popular, and a number of well-attended and most enjoyable dances were held at Strathcathro to the music of Jim Cameron and his Band.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr W. Macpherson has resigned as Secretary of the Friockheim Branch, a post which he has most capably held for a number of years. His tireless energy and unflinching enthusiasm will be greatly missed by the Friockheim Branch and Club, of which he has been an active member since its formation in 1946.

The Friockheim Team, now in its twelfth year in existence, with five of the original team still dancing, has had a busy year fulfilling a long list of engagements in the North-East of Scotland.

GATEHOUSE. Secretary, Miss Janet Telfer, 17 Digby Street, Gatehouse-of-Fleet.—The year has been a very successful one with a greatly increased membership; and much keenness amongst the new members.

In the summer of 1960, the Branch, at the request of the Dumfries Branch, entertained teams of Folk Dancers from Belgium, France, Germany and Holland. The teams were provided with a picnic tea by members of the Branch—this taking place at Ardwell, by kind invitation of Mrs Walter McCulloch who also entertained them to sherry before going to the Town Hall where the foreign teams provided a most interesting and enjoyable display before a large audience. This was followed by a Buffet Supper in the Anwoth Hotel given by our Branch. Our own teams took part in this entertainment as they also did on various other occasions throughout the season.

The usual dances were held and were well attended. Our teams again competed in the Galloway Festival and got good marks.

Once more we are very grateful for the most expert and stimulating instruction given to us by Mrs William Little.

GLASGOW. Secretary, Miss Margaret Prentice, 263 Churchill Drive, Glasgow, W.1.—Once again it is disappointing to have to say that although our membership dropped by only 60 our social functions have been poorly attended. It is gratifying to know that those who did attend our Annual and Spring Balls so generously subscribed to the Tombola that we were able to donate to the Scottish National Institution for War Blinded the sum of £59. In addition to the balls, six dances were held.

Sixteen classes commenced in October 1960, two of these being Certificate Classes, two a Children's Class and one a Demonstration Team Class. As the season progressed, two classes had to be cancelled owing to lack of numbers, one of these being a new venture at the request of members resident in the East of Glasgow. All the other classes were very successful and thanks must be given to the teachers and pianists for their good work. In addition to the above classes, two others of a purely social nature were held during the spring. The sudden death of Miss Alice Thomson, one of our teachers, was a great shock to all who knew her.

No Week-end School was held owing to being unable to obtain a suitable date, but the Palace of Arts has been booked for 1st and 2nd December 1961.

Demonstration Teams were fairly active during the year and thanks are due to all who gave their leisure time in furthering the interests of the Society.

HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE. Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road, Hamilton.—There was a slight decrease in the number of members during the past season—600 Branch Members and 30 Life Members.

The various classes were held as usual, with the numbers falling slightly after Christmas. The Certificate Class was carried on and worked very hard under Mrs Rankin's guidance. All the candidates were successful at their examination, nine members gaining their Full Teaching Certificate, and three members their Preliminary Certificate, a most satisfactory result.

The usual programme of functions was carried out, but it is disappointing to report that the attendances dropped both at the Ball and at the Christmas Party. This is no doubt largely due to the almost continuous round of parties held by the many classes throughout the Branch.

HAMILTON, Ontario. Secretary, Mrs Ena Culm, 196 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.—The Hamilton Branch has had quite a successful year in spite of the fact that membership was not as high as in former years. The Basic and Intermediate Classes started in mid-September with the Advanced and Demonstration Classes starting in November. The Branch also supplied teachers for several local and out-of-town groups and an entirely new venture, the Children's Class, was also started this season. Our Annual Week-end of Scottish Country Dancing in September was a great success as was the Annual Ball in March which was immensely enjoyed by all. There was a waiting-list for Ball tickets this year and quite a number of people were disappointed at not being able to attend. This is good evidence of the popularity of the Hamilton Ball. This year also saw the long-awaited publication of our dance, "Miss Jean Matheson." Incidentally, the original music for this dance was written by Mr J. Stanley Hamilton, formerly of the Ayr Branch, now of London, Ontario. One of the highlights of the year was the Kiwanis Festival in April in which the two Hamilton teams won Second and Third Places. The number of demonstrations given this year was exceptionally large and the monthly dances held throughout the season were remarkably well attended with many visitors from out-of-town. We managed to visit quite a number of out-of-town groups during the season, and several of the Hamilton Branch teachers have been guest teachers at other Canadian and American "week-ends." Now with our regular classes finished until September, our instructor, Miss Branigan, is busily engaged in preparing a class of teacher-candidates for Miss Milligan's forthcoming visit. The members of this Branch were indeed pleased and very happy to have our Chairman, Miss Hannah Vose, as our representative at R.S.C.D.S. Headquarters on 28th June, for the Royal Visit. We extend our thanks to the parent body for this wonderful opportunity.

INVERNESS. Secretary, Mrs M. J. Bennie, 79 Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.—

KILMARNOCK. Secretary, Miss Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.—The Branch has had another successful season. Attendances at weekly classes has been good, and enjoyable dances have been held in the District. The Branch had two dances during the season, one in November 1960 and one in May 1961. This May Dance was to celebrate the Branch's 25th Birthday, and we had guests from Ayr, North-West Ayrshire and East Ayrshire Branches. Tickets had to be limited as so many wanted to attend. However, tickets were issued to as wide an area as was possible. It was a most enjoyable dance.

Classes begin again in October, and a Dance has been arranged for 24th November, when we hope all our friends will again support us.

KINLOCHLEVEN. Secretary, Mrs I. MacDonald, 12 Lochaber Road, Kinlochleven.—The Branch has had another happy and successful year. Numbers remain fairly steady and the Class has been well attended. We were pleased to welcome members of other Branches and Clubs in the district to two late nights and our Annual Dinner Dance, all of which proved most enjoyable. Members took part in an open air Country Dancing Demonstration at the North Lorn District Sports.

KIRKCALDY. Secretary, Miss Nancy J. Arnott, 30 Bogilly Road, Kirkcaldy.—A Beginners', two Intermediate and an Advanced Class, were run weekly from October till March. The "Combined" Night, held before Christmas, was well attended and greatly enjoyed by everyone. The Annual Dance in March, though attended by fewer numbers, was still an enjoyable occasion.

The highlight of the year was on 3rd February, when Miss Milligan visited the Branch. Miss Milligan first addressed members which included 50 from Dunfermline, 22 from Leven, and at the end made a plea for them to recruit new people. The film "Scotland Dances" was shown, suitable comments being made by Miss Milligan, which added greatly to the interest. A second coloured film was shown, "The Heart is Highland," offering beautiful shots of familiar scenes. Then came the dancing to Miss Milligan's teaching and to Miss K. McLauchlan's playing—something to be remembered by those, who, unfortunately, are unable to attend Summer School. The Branch is deeply grateful to Miss Milligan for her inspiring address and teaching, and to Miss McLauchlan for her wonderful accompaniments.

Requests for demonstrations have been met by a Mixed and a Ladies' Team.

Of the representatives of Branches who work on the sub-committees of the Executive Council, Miss Arnott was one of forty guests invited to meet Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of the Royal Visit to Headquarters on 28th June. This was indeed a very happy and memorable afternoon for those present, and all had an opportunity of signing the visitors' book after the Royal Party left.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT. Secretary, W. J. Thomson, The Stell, Kirkcudbright.—The Branch has had a very satisfactory year and we are pleased to report an increase in membership.

Our Christmas Party and our summer socials were very successful.

LADYSMITH, Natal. Secretary, Mr Malcolm Sinclair, 3 Shearer Road, Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa.—The Club is maintaining its position, holding two classes weekly for beginners and the more advanced dancers. The demonstration teams are in demand at local functions and further afield. Open socials to stimulate interest in country dancing are held regularly and attract many people. Although the Club has lost some of its most talented dancers this year, through transfer and marriage, new members have filled the gap and kept the flag flying!

LANARK. Secretary, Mrs M. P. Cuthill, Braeside, Hyndford Bridge, Lanark.—The Branch activities followed much the same pattern as previous years and there was a slight increase in membership. Again we were indebted to Miss Richardson for conducting our Week-end Course, and our Annual Ball was well supported by members and friends from other Branches. Towards the end of the session the Branch suffered a great loss in the death of our President, Dr Ian Cummings. His passing caused great sorrow and regret to all members, past and present.

LEVEN. Secretary, Miss M. Duncan, 8 Robertson Avenue, Leven, Fife.—The Branch has had an enjoyable and successful year. Several new members were welcomed.

The class, under the instruction of Miss Mowat, was well attended throughout the session. The Dances, held in December and March, were well attended by members and friends from neighbouring classes and were enjoyed by all. Members also attended a very interesting evening at Kirkcaldy Branch when films were shown, and Miss Milligan gave a talk and instructions on Scottish Country Dancing.

We look forward to another successful session beginning in October.

LIVERPOOL. Secretary, Mr Kenneth Macaulay Jones, c/o School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey, Cheshire (*Temporary*).—There has been a slight decrease in the number of members this year—the full membership being 119, plus 5 Life Members and 5 Associate Members.

The Demonstration Team has been busy throughout the year, and we were particularly pleased to receive an invitation to dance at a Festival at Morecambe, organised by the English Folk Dance and Song Society. This was gratifying as we consider that as much liaison between the two Societies (whose work is surely complementary) is the finest type of propaganda we can enjoy.

The Branch held what we hope will be its Annual Dance at the beginning of 1961, which was a great social success and was much enjoyed by all those who attended, but we are at a loss to explain the comparatively small number of members who supported the event. (About half the membership.) Needless to say, the Annual General Meeting stimulated even greater lack of interest.

We are indebted to our teachers for maintaining the high standard of teaching which we enjoy; we were sorry to lose the services of Mr D. Haynes in this respect, he leaving for pastures new. We were glad to accept the services of Mr Cecil Pickavance as Treasurer, and hope that he will continue to serve in this capacity.

LOCKERBIE. Secretary, Miss A. M. H. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie.—The membership of the Branch this season was 61, which includes 6 Junior Members.

The session opened with a Highland Ball when four Continental teams, who were visiting the Dumfries District were entertained.

Socials were also held during the session and were much enjoyed by all who attended.

The Demonstration Team had several engagements during the winter and the selection of dances was well received on each occasion.

A Silver Rose Bowl was given by this Branch to the Dumfriesshire Musical Festival to be presented to school children gaining the highest mark in the 12 to 15 years class for Country Dancing. This Trophy is to be known as the "Isobel R. Andrew Memorial Trophy."

LONDON. Secretary, H. G. Draper, 43 Rochester Road, Northwood Hills, Middlesex.—The Branch had another successful year. Thirteen classes were run in Central London, including Demonstration and Certificate Classes. Two examinations for the Teacher's Certificate were conducted by Miss Milligan and a very high level of passes was achieved. Successful dances for members and friends were held and the Annual Ball in the Hyde Park Hotel, now an established favourite, was most successful. The Demonstration Team was in demand and their activities included visits to San Remo, Italy, and Annemasse, France. Week-end Schools were organised during the year and a week's holiday in Arran with social dancing in the evening was most enjoyable.

Next year's programme has been planned on similar lines and visiting members will be welcome.

LORN, Argyll. Secretary, Miss Grace G. Fraser, c/o Calderwood, Blair Villa, Oban, Argyll.—The Branch now has a membership of 118.

The pattern of our Branch's activities this year has not been coloured by outstanding events but we have had a very happy year nevertheless. Our Annual Dance held in Oban in December, with music by Ian Powrie's Band, was greatly enjoyed. In addition, throughout the year we held six dances on a smaller scale. We again had a General Social Class for adults and over a 100 children attended our 3 Children's Classes.

The Demonstration Teams, Adults, Teenagers and Children again gave open air displays during the summer and also danced on over thirty other occasions.

MANCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs Helen Lee, 35 Lindum Avenue, Manchester, 16.—We have had, as usual, a busy and enjoyable season, with a membership of 246 and 9 Life Members. All our classes were well attended and much enjoyed. We had six of them, including a Highland Class and our teachers and pianists worked hard to make them the success they undoubtedly were. At one stage during the season, the Advanced Class was so large that it had to be divided and we had two Advanced Classes running on the same evening. A Certificate Class was held this year and 10 members obtained their Preliminary and 3 the Full Certificates. We were pleased, on the occasion of the examinations, to welcome Miss Milligan back again to Manchester. Our teams danced at seventy-five demonstrations during the year and received many letters of appreciation from those who had seen them dance.

It was a disappointment to us all that we could not obtain accommodation for our third popular Teachers' Week-end Course this summer, as we have always had a happy

time in Coniston with Miss Milligan, but we are hoping we shall be able to arrange one in the near future.

Our parties opening and closing the season and our dance at Christmas were all enjoyed immensely and the Annual Ball, always the highlight of the year, was well attended. We are lucky enough to have in our Branch two excellent bands, composed almost entirely of our own members, and needless to say, we use them on all occasions. In April this year we held a joint Concert with the Manchester Gaelic Choir and our friends in the Prince Charles Edward Pipe Band, which everyone enjoyed, and we hope this has done something to spread the fame of Scottish Dancing and music generally.

We have had great success with Mr Gibb's Historical Booklet and sold over 2,500 copies, both in this country and abroad. Letters of appreciation have been received from America, India and South Africa, but mostly from Canada and New Zealand. We have been happy to hear from these Groups and to write them in answer, telling them a little about our activities.

We wish all our friends, everywhere, a most successful season.

MOFFAT. Secretary, Miss Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—The Branch has enjoyed another successful session, with numbers showing a marked increase. Various social evenings and dances organised by neighbouring Branches were supported by members throughout the year, and the customary mid-term and end-of-season dancing parties were held once again in Moffat House Hotel.

MONTREAL. Secretary, Mr Ian C. P. Hodgson, 4565 Coolbrook Avenue, Montreal, 29, P.Q., Canada.—The Montreal Branch has just completed another successful season. Our membership continues at about the same level due to the fact that Montreal is a transit city and many of our members go from here to points west. It is very heartening, however, to find that new members find out about our Branch very soon after their arrival. It is not unusual to meet a new member at a class who has stepped off the boat or plane just a day or two before.

We have again held a very enjoyable Dinner and Dance and also, in May, our fourth Annual Country Dance Week-end at OTOREKE in the picturesque Laurentians, where approximately 120 dancers enjoyed the instruction of six guest teachers as well as the fresh air and good food of the camp. This year it was a little cooler than before as we had a two-inch snowfall the day before and cabins were not heated.

The Branch Team has carried out some eighteen demonstrations during the season, including a very successful one for a television programme and also another in front of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa for members of the Cabinet.

The Branch is now looking forward to the projected visit of Miss Milligan who is coming over in the fall.

NAIRN. Secretary, Miss M. F. Marshall, "Glenerne," Nairn.—On the resignation of Mrs Henderson we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs L. Kerr.

The Class made a happy start with a membership of fifty but there was a sharp drop in attendance after Christmas, resulting in a financial loss over the year.

We held an enjoyable party in December and were well represented at dances in the area.

NAIROBI. Secretary, Mrs Joy K. Stirling, P.O. Box 245, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.—This year could have been a bad one for the Branch as most people in Kenya are feeling uncertain of the future, but thanks to the efforts of an extremely hard-working Committee, we have prospered and our target of £200 to bring an Adjudicator out from Scotland was reached.

Our Festival this year was once more held in the City Charter Hall over a period of two days and twenty-five teams took part. Demonstrations were danced by two teams throughout the Festival, and a grand finale at the end was danced by four teams.

Throughout the year Classes have been held for Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced and Demonstration. A great deal of work has also been done in primary and secondary schools by Branch teachers and enthusiastic Branch members.

Instead of having social dancing every Monday evening, we have been holding special buffet dances once a month in the Caledonian Sports Club Hall and these have been very well attended indeed. The Ball was once more held in December in the Charter Hall with about 200 attending.

Miss Margaret Anderson of Aberdeen, made a wonderful impression at our Festival, and her adjudication was appreciated both by the teams and the public. On the Saturday afternoon we had an audience of 500. She is now teaching an Intermediate Class followed by an Advanced Class on Fridays and a Women's Highland Class on Wednesdays, all of which are being enthusiastically attended. The Branch have also been enjoying dancing to music played by Nan Main on a tape, in the absence of our own pianist, Mr Lockhart, on U.K. leave. Mrs Lockhart, also on leave, has had the honour of attending Headquarters, Edinburgh, when Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip were present.

NETHER LOCHABER. Secretary, Mrs J. W. Clark, Loch Leven Hotel, Onich, Inverness-shire.—The Branch has had another satisfactory year with the membership remaining much the same as last year. Our teams danced at summer ceilidhs and there was one very satisfactory late night with Alasdair Downie playing, when over 100 came from all the neighbouring Branches. There were quite a few smaller late nights including a most enjoyable New Year Party for members and friends.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs M. F. Cooper, 16 Westfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.—This year I am very pleased to report that we have enrolled 93 new members. Our membership now stands at 368, which is an increase of 30 over last year's total membership.

Our classes were well attended, there being eight classes this year as well as a Ladies' Highland and Children's Class. Our Children's Classes were a huge success, there being no less than 100 children enrolled.

The Durant Hall dances were much enjoyed. One dance this year was planned particularly with beginners in mind and proved to be very successful.

Those who attended the Highland Ball will agree that we all had a most happy evening. Unfortunately the tickets had to be limited and only those who made early application were able to attend.

The two Brighton dances were pleasant occasions, and enjoyed by all who attended. We shall be holding two again during the coming season.

Several demonstrations have been given this year. At the Carlisle Festival this year three of our teams came first. The Branch was also presented with the Carlisle Highland Association Silver Cup for the best all-round performance in the adult events. I am sure you will agree with me that this was a very fine performance by our teams.

Otterburn Hall Week-end was again a great success. Mrs Wadsworth helped by Miss McLaren, contributed much to the week-end, and everyone enjoyed the tuition as well as the social dancing. Owing to illness Miss Price was unable to come and take a class on the Saturday as originally arranged.

The dancing festival held this year, was due mainly to the determination of Miss Crone and Miss Errington, and the co-operation of the Headmaster of Heworth Modern School, who kindly loaned us his school hall. No less than 304 tickets were sold to dancers and 68 to spectators. Mrs Wadsworth came to adjudicate and we all benefitted greatly from her humorous and kindly criticisms.

NEWTON STEWART. Secretary, Mrs R. Monteith, Strathlea, Minnigaff, Newton Stewart.—We had a very successful year, with good attendances at the classes all winter. The Christmas Party and Annual Ball were much enjoyed. At the Closing Social a presentation was made to our teacher, Miss McGarva, who leaves us to be married.

The Junior Class continues to increase in membership. At the end-of-term Open Night there was some fine dancing to be seen. The children also paid tribute to Miss McGarva's excellent work among them.

NEW YORK. Secretary, Mrs S. Lapiner, 39-23 49th Street, Long Island City, 4, New York, U.S.A.—The Branch is eagerly anticipating Miss Milligan's return visit to these

shores and is arranging a Week-end School to be conducted by her on 28th till 29th October.

This past season the Branch had occasion to hold a reception in honour of members of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders when they were in New York. Naturally enough, Scottish Country Dancing played an important role during the evening.

Among the more noteworthy events of the year was a series of delightful dance parties. The first of these, at Hallowe'en, featured the lilting music of Stan Hamilton and the Clansmen, of London, Ontario.

There were a number of demonstrations, mostly at festivals. The National Folk Festival in Washington, D.C., saw the demonstration team join forces with sister units from Boston Branch and the Washington and Keyser, West Virginia, Groups.

During the sojourn abroad, in the spring, of Miss Jeannie R. B. Carmichael, our Director; Jean Tufts of Exeter, New Hampshire; Marianne Taylor of Lexington, Massachusetts; and Doris Weller of Boston were invited to act as guest teachers. Their visits proved to be most rewarding and enjoyable for all. Mrs Tufts had the opportunity to represent us on the occasion of the Roysl Visit to Headquarters.

There will be more New Yorkers at the 1961 St. Andrews Summer School than in any previous year and it is hoped that this will be exceeded in 1962.

N.W. CRAVEN. Secretary, Mrs Winifred Nock, "Greensleeves," New Village, Ingleton, via Carnforth, Lancs.—Membership of the Branch has remained fairly steady throughout the past year. During the winter, classes were held at Malham, Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale.

We are sorry that our teacher, Mrs Cook, has, for medical reasons, been unable to take her usual active part in all our functions.

We congratulate one of our members, Mrs Nock, on gaining Part I of her Certificate at the Summer School at St. Andrews.

Enthusiastic members have ventured even further afield to dances in the area, gaining new friends and experience in different dances. Again, our most successful dance was the one held at the Ingleborough Hotel in March, with the added enjoyment of a demonstration provided by members of the Loyne S.C.D. Group. We hope to hold a dance with band in the coming season.

NORWICH. Secretary, Mr Vernon S. Kemp, 3 Westgate Close, Norwich, Norfolk. NOR 56F.—The Branch is pleased to report a continued increase in membership to 182 during the past year. Encouraging features of its activities have been the large Beginners' Class and the very well-attended Junior Classes. It was also pleasant to welcome newcomers with previous experience of Scottish Country Dancing.

During the year the Branch has given a number of demonstrations in aid of good causes. The Branch was particularly pleased to accept an invitation from Anglia Television to give an interlude of Scottish Country Dancing.

The Annual Christmas Dance was again a great success. Two hundred and twenty members and friends had the pleasure of dancing to McBain's Band and of meeting visitors from other groups in East Anglia. Additionally, five social dances were held.

The Branch now has four fully certificated members and four with Preliminary Certificates. We are indebted to them for their services as instructors and also to Mrs Cross and Mrs Lear our pianists. The Branch continues to be represented at the St. Andrews Summer School and this annual tonic is invaluable to us in maintaining a reasonable standard of performance in this comparatively remote stronghold for Scottish Country Dancing.

NOTTINGHAM. Secretary, Miss M. K. Dickson, 2 Marlborough Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.—We have had a very happy and successful year. Our membership is now 160, including 10 Life Members. Classes have been held for Beginners, Intermediate and Technique, and in addition three new ventures were introduced into our programme: (a) Highland Class—mixed; (b) Teaching Class—with a hope of encouraging more members to take certificates; (c) Pre-Beginners—this Class was necessary as new members joined the Branch each week having had no previous experience in Scottish Dancing.

Our President's Party in October, was the opening social event, and gave us an opportunity to meet and welcome the new members. The highlight of the evening was the demonstration given by our teams, and the dances introducing the Highland steps were particularly popular.

Evenings of social dancing were held monthly throughout the year and proved to be very popular.

Our teams have delighted many audiences. The Mixed and Ladies' Team entered for the 1960 Nuneaton Festival of Arts and were placed first and second in their respective groups. The performance given by the Progressive Team at our last monthly social was very well received, particularly by their fellow members in the Beginners' Class.

We had a record attendance of 145 students at our Week-end Course in October. It was a great disappointment that Miss J. Milligan was unable to be with us, but the tutoring was in the able hands of Mrs M. E. Gudger, Mrs Greenwood and Mr Andrew Grant. The hospitality offered by our members to our visitors on this occasion added greatly to the friendly spirit that pervaded the whole week-end.

27th April, marked another milestone in our Branch activities—our first Ball, which was attended by 300 enthusiastic dancers, dancing to the delightful music of Andrew Rankine's Scottish Dance Band.

The hours of instruction given by our teachers, Miss Ann Prior, Miss Margaret Donaldson and Miss Alison Reid have enabled many of our members to travel further afield and enjoy the courses, and social events of other Branches, and make many new friends which we hope to meet again in 1961-62 session.

PEEBLES. Secretary, Mr Gordon M. Barr, 7 Thorburn Gardens, Peebles.—Classes were fairly well attended during the past session throughout the country.

Dances were held during the winter at Broughton, West Linton, Innerleithen and Peebles.

Our final dance in the Chambers Institute, Peebles, on 4th May, was a capacity event. The Atholl Players' Band with a bus load of our Edinburgh friends, also a bus load from Penicuik, were specially welcomed, as were the dancers from Galashiels, Innerleithen, Broughton and West Linton.

PERTHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Catherine Angus McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—Branch membership was 317 Ordinary and 83 Life Members, a total of 400.

The outstanding event of the year was the Autumn School which took place on 5th November, when we welcomed members from Branches all over the world. A Ball was held on the Friday night and an informal Dance on Saturday—both being held in the City Halls and very well attended. Members seemed to enjoy both functions and appreciation was voiced as well as the many letters received.

The classes were all well attended. "The Queen's Bridge," a dance devised and music composed and arranged by local members, was demonstrated after the Open Forum, Her Majesty The Queen had graciously agreed to accept a copy; the dance had been so called to commemorate her visit to open the New Queen's Bridge, and published by the Branch as a souvenir of the Annual General Meeting.

Children's Classes were ran on Saturdays during the season. Rhodesian schoolgirls visiting the Fair City, were thrilled by the exhibition of dancing, music, etc. which some of the members treated them to. The same members danced at the Hobbies Exhibition arranged by the Rotary. Miss MacLagan adjudicated at the Youth Hostel Competition and also at the English Church Youth Festival held in St. Ninian's Cathedral Hall. Mr J. Williamson retained his place as one of the six elected members. Mr J. Harding, as Chairman of the Branch, was faced with a busy year—his first as Chairman. The Club still functions twice weekly in the Salutation Hotel. The Branch Trophy was jointly won by the Dunfermline Branch Team and the St. Johnstoun Dancers at the Musical Festival where Mrs Cramb again adjudicated and Miss Todd acted as accompanist.

PETERHEAD. Secretary, Miss I. Chalmers, 13 Grange Gardens, Peterhead.—This season the membership was 52 Life Members and 46 Ordinary Members. We had one class on Tuesday evenings with Miss Collie as instructress and Miss Kinghorn as pianist,

and it proved a most enjoyable and successful class. Two delightful parties were held during the season.

We were sorry to lose the services of our efficient Treasurer, Miss D. Forbes, who had to leave town on gaining promotion. However, we were fortunate in having Miss A. Mair as Interim Treasurer, and now Miss C. Angus has taken over this office.

Mrs Carnegie was thanked for the valuable services rendered by her as Secretary during the past seven years, and we are pleased that she is now a member of the Committee.

We feel honoured that Miss Collie was present when H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh paid a visit to Headquarters on Wednesday, 28th June.

PORTRUSH. Secretary, Miss L. Faulkner, Kantara Hotel, Portrush, Co. Antrim.—The Branch continues to function with great enthusiasm from all members, and membership shows a slight increase. The Annual Ball, held in the Northern Counties Hotel, Portrush, attracted dancers from all over the Province and proved to be one of those delightful occasions when everyone is obviously enjoying Scottish Country Dancing to the full extent.

On the second week-end in May, some thirty members spent a most enjoyable time in the beautiful Donegal Highlands, at Port-na-Blagh, where dancing in the evenings, motoring and rambling in the morning and afternoon were the order of the day. Perfect weather made the venture an event which must surely prompt a request for a repeat "performance."

RENFREWSHIRE, West. Secretary, Miss M. E. Barron, 24 South Street, Greenock.—The past session has followed the usual pattern. The Demonstration Team received and accepted a goodly number of invitations.

The Annual Ball which took place in March, was declared a great success by all who attended.

RICHMOND, Yorks. Secretary, F. Rutherford, 25 Frenchgate, Richmond, Yorks.—The Branch continued with the usual classes and Children's Classes. The highlights of the year being the Dinner Dance and the Annual Ball.

Though the Branch and Scottish Country Dancing in general lost a good friend in Mrs Stephen, it can be said we were all the better for knowing her. Her personality, teaching and cheerfulness giving many an abundance of pleasure.

ROCHDALE. Secretary, Miss I. T. Waddell, 6 Kenion Road, Rochdale.—We have run two successful classes during the autumn and winter terms and one joint class, exceptionally well attended during the summer term.

An innovation this year has been Saturday monthly socials. These have functioned most enjoyably and successfully throughout the winter.

The Annual Ball was socially a great success—we were so delighted with David Findlay and his Olympian Band, that we have booked him for our next Ball on 10th March 1962.

ROXBURGHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss M. E. Grieve, Braefit, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire.—1960-61 has been an uneventful but an enjoyable session, with good attendances at all the classes.

Dances and festivals have been well supported, and the Annual Ball, held in April, was acclaimed a great success.

At the Annual General Meeting the Secretary retired, and was succeeded by Miss Grieve of Newcastleton, Miss Cannon remaining as Representative to the Executive Council.

ST. ANDREWS. Secretary, Mrs T. C. Lamb, Theaves Rigg, St. Andrews.—The retiring President, Mrs Croll, is succeeded by Miss A. A. Kaye; Miss I. Redford remains as Delegate to H.Q. Executive Council; Instructresses for 1961-62 are:—Miss Kaye and Miss M. Brown, and Mrs Caithness continues taking the Technique Class. Membership continues steady. It is encouraging to note how many members (including most of the beginners) patronise the St. Andrew's Night Dance, which allows of very few tickets being offered to Branches outwith St. Andrews.

Mr Crowe continues to please with his playing at classes and dances.

SHEFFIELD. Secretary, Mrs E. Bagguley, Greenlaw, 36 Northern Common, Dronfield Woodhouse, Derbyshire.—We have enjoyed another good season, though there has been a slight drop in membership—not unexpected in this university and steel-making city which has a large floating population of young people. We now have 100 members.

Four classes were held in the Branch, two Elementary, one intermediate and one for Preliminary Certificate candidates. Another class, under the West Riding Educational Authority, was instructed by one of our teachers.

This overload on our three teachers now bids fair to be relieved. Two ladies passed the Preliminary Teaching Stage at St. Andrews last summer, and Miss Milligan accepted four of our five candidates in Sheffield on 29th March. Miss Milligan's adjudication and helpful criticism were enjoyed by the candidates, and still more by the large gathering of "stooges." Many of the latter had not previously had the privilege of seeing this redoubtable personality in action!

Apart from this event, our season included the usual activities—a most enjoyable Annual Ball, three informal dances and a few demonstrations. One of these was notable in that the team were guests at the Centenary Ball of No. 106 Field Engineering Regiment, Royal Engineers (T.A.). Competing with the traditional dances of Scotland were the efforts of a professional formation-dancing team, one of whose "numbers" was the Can-can!

We have again supported the S.C.D. Festival of the N.E. Midland Association of Scottish Societies, held this year at Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. A mixed team from our Stannington Section danced the lovely "Kelvingrove," the ladies' team gave a graceful display and the juniors (under 21 years) won the Caldwell Trophy in competition with six similar teams.

It is worthy of record that nearly 1,000 people attended the evening dancing at the Leeds Festival, despite the fact that the only branches in this area are as far apart as Sheffield, Manchester, Nottingham and Derby. Can no one start a Branch of our Royal Society in Leeds to bring in some of this potential crowd as Society members?

SOUTHPORT. Secretary, Miss Betty M. Griffiths, 67 Hall Street, Southport.—The past season has seen the largest yearly increase in membership since the formation of the Branch, an increase of 54, bringing the total membership to 186—we hope to pass the 200 mark next year. Attendances at the weekly classes remained consistent. In January, Mrs Gudger conducted a very helpful One-Day School, much appreciated by those present. The big event of the winter was our 3rd Festival on 19th November. We thank all those who took part, particularly the trio of ladies who found themselves doing a solo in what was intended as a massed display! The evening Social Dance really went with a swing—even the harassed organisers thoroughly enjoyed it! Our next Festival is on 11th November, when we look forward to seeing all our friends again, and will welcome new ones. During the winter, Branch Socials were revived, to allow members of the various classes to meet socially and dance a programme of "requests." Enjoyable evenings were spent at dances organised by the classes at Lytham St. Annes; Hesketh Bank and Tarleton; Formby; Crosby and Preston. Memorable was the display at Formby by the "Reserve" Team—we invite (or "dare"!) them to repeat it at the Festival! An outdoor Midsummer Dance was arranged in the Floral Hall Gardens. We were lucky with the weather and it was enjoyable for dancers and onlookers.

For the past three years we can report a 100 per cent increase in Summer School attendances—from 1 in 1959, to 4 in 1961! Last year, the Secretary, fearful of receiving a court summons for wrong parking, was thankful to return home with her Teacher's Certificate instead!

At the time of writing, our Branch Team is busy with demonstrations at various garden parties. Thanks to the loyal co-operation of the "faithful few," all requests have been met. Winter displays ranged from the Mayoral Ball to an evening at an old folks' home. We must admit to feeling more at home at the latter, but that was due to the happy atmosphere and is no reflection on the age of our team (it included some of our youngest members)! At the Centenary Celebration of the Church Hall that is the home of the

Southport Class, we were pleased to have a member of the Airdrie Branch, temporarily resident in our district, dancing with us. We shall always be pleased to welcome dancers from other Branches at our classes, insofar as Education Committee Regulations permit.

Our thanks to the teachers of all the classes, and those invaluable assistants, the pianists, for a happy season. We are very pleased that, despite various rumours to the contrary, Alex. Queen is still with us, and we hope to have his invaluable services as dancer, piper and teacher for many years yet.

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

Membership is now 296, including 23 Life Members, this shows an increase of 19 on last year.

The pattern was much the same as in previous years. Seven classes were held in Stirling and District and were well attended.

Many and varied were the requests for the services of the team. Besides delighting the residents of the David Watson Home, giving displays at the Hobbies Exhibition, etc., they had the novel experience, along with Jim McLeod and his Band, of appearing in a film produced by Radio Diffusion Television Francaise, depicting life in Scotland. The team thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Two enjoyable Branch dances were held and, to aid the funds of the Batterflats Association and Gaelic Mod 1961, dances were held in the Albert Hall when dancers from the neighbouring districts supported us. The season ended by a Ball organised by the Branch on behalf of Stirling Festival Committee and was most successful!

The Branch was very pleased and honoured when Miss Norah Hill was invited to be a member of the team demonstrating dances before H.M. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Headquarters in June.

STIRLINGSHIRE, East. Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.—There are 306 members this year, including 13 Life Members.

Numbers attending classes were somewhat down on last session. Twelve Adult Classes, however, were held successfully. The number of young folk attending classes in Falkirk, Grangemouth and Banknock has increased to 400. The class in Banknock was a new venture and attracted over 60 children.

We had seven class dances during the session. An enjoyable Members' Dance was held in February.

Demonstration teams were called on frequently and gave demonstrations at various functions in Kilsyth, Grangemouth, Linlithgow, Stirling and Falkirk. The weather favoured us this year and we had a successful evening of public dancing and demonstrations in Dollar Park in June, to the music of Andrew Rankine's Band.

Thirteen teams took part in the Central Counties Musical Festival. A girls' team (12 to 15 years' group) shared the Trophy. Three teams were first in their respective sections, while all teams acquitted themselves well. A mixed team gained 91 marks in the Edinburgh Festival. Plans are in hand to attract new members in the coming year.

STOCKPORT. Secretary, Mr Arthur Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester, 19.—The season proved satisfactory both socially and financially. Attendance at classes was generally well maintained, though there was a slight falling-off in the Junior Section after Christmas. The merging of the Beginners' and Intermediate Classes into a General Class resulted in a marked improvement in attendance on the previous year, and we are duly grateful to the teacher, Mrs Bennett, for suggesting the change.

The Branch suffered an irreparable loss last November by the sudden death of Mrs Rhodes, our dearly-loved pianist. She was ever-willing to sacrifice herself in the service of others, and was held in high esteem by all with whom she was acquainted.

Our ladies' demonstration team has again been in good demand and thirteen displays were given over a wide area. The number of requests for repeat performances proves conclusively that their efforts are fully appreciated and well worth while.

We are much obliged to our three teachers and hard-worked pianist, Mrs Mills, for the able and conscientious manner in which they carried out their duties.

The three parties held provided participants with the usual liberal measure of pleasure, the last two being exceptionally well supported. It is proposed to arrange four parties next season.

STONEHAVEN. Secretary, Miss Lilian E. Cameron, 56A High Street, Stonehaven.—Although membership fell slightly, the season was a happy one, with visits to the dances of various districts. Another most successful Annual Ball was held—so successful that next year numbers may have to be limited. Steps are being taken to encourage younger members, and to improve membership next season.

STRANRAER. Secretary, J. Kinghorn, Schoolhouse, Drummore.—1960-61 was at the same time an encouraging and a frustrating time; encouraging in the way the classes went, in the achievements towards the Society's aims; frustrating in the set backs caused by lack of accommodation, which limited sadly the demonstration class, and the monthly dances.

Three regular classes were held—Beginners, Advanced and, a new class which taxed the capacity of the hall, a Childrens' Class. The membership and attendance at the classes were quite satisfactory, although they could have been better.

The Branch's entry in the Galloway Festival, for such a young and inexperienced Branch, did very well. The Branch held a very successful and enjoyable Ball in December, and maintained contact with its neighbours, both by receiving their members and accepting invitations to their functions.

On the whole a good working year with no spectacular achievements, but some progress made.

SYDNEY. Australian Representative, Mrs H. V. S. London, 2 Black Street, Vacluse, New South Wales.—Classes continue to be most happy, but membership numbers are down, traceable to several factors, apart from "the Tely." This is our tenth year as a Branch, and some of the original members begin to feel "the weight of years." The younger near-City generation we find tends to be more concerned with educational classes at night, for job advancement and the like. A handicap to development is our isolation from Headquarters (Scotland), and the impossibility of securing Teacher's Certificates in Australia, which would enable us to open suburban classes in the vast "sprawl" of metropolitan Sydney, with its self-contained communities who literally never come into the City once in a year! The opportunity is there, particularly among adolescents, but our lack is trained teachers and pianists to form and carry on such groups. And there we have the \$500.00 question . . . how can we get our Certificates without going overseas for at least a period of two years?

Meanwhile, we continue to enjoy ourselves no end—and seem to be finding an avenue of service in taking programmes of Scottish Country Dancing to groups of senior citizens, many of whom have themselves danced in their youth in Scotland, and positively "eat" the programmes we present.

TEES-SIDE. Secretary, L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.—Once again we are pleased to report an increase in membership and an increase in class attendance. This is a pleasing trend which we hope to continue by diligent effort and by fostering the *comraderie* which has been prevalent in this Branch since its inauguration. Apart from the weekly classes, at three levels this season, we have enjoyed our monthly social dances and the attendance at these has been so good lately that we are now obliged to seek larger accommodation. One "Super Social" was held in November in larger premises, this too was sold out to capacity as was the New Year Ball in Middlesborough Town Hall. Andrew Rankine provided the music for both these functions. For the End-of-Season Dance we had Ian Powrie and his Band, and this too was another full house. Demonstration teams have been out frequently during the season keeping us in the public eye and creating interest in our activities, and teams were entered for the Darlington S.C.D. Festival. Our own Billingham Festival has been postponed this year

to November, which we consider to be a more suitable time. We again close the report with an open invitation to any dancer, who may find themselves in the area on business, or pleasure, to come and spend an hour or two with kindred spirits in very reasonable Scottish Country Dancing.

TORONTO. Secretary, Miss Margaret M. Cook, 36 Westoverhill Road, Toronto, 10.—With our membership remaining at the same level as last year, we have once again had a most successful season. Our classes of instruction have continued with good attendance on the whole and our various groups continue to flourish, including our children's group. The Branch team has given forty-three demonstrations, including three television appearances.

The Ball was once again a very happy occasion and the sum total of enjoyment must have been about the highest ever. For this, much credit must go to the M.C., Mr Ian Rodgers, who kept everyone moving, so that the spirit of the Ball was infectiously cumulative.

This fall we look forward to another visit by Miss Milligan who will be examining candidates for the Teacher's Certificate. While here, Miss Milligan will be joining us in a new venture which our Branch is undertaking. We plan to hold our first week-end school of dancing at the Blue Mountain Resorts, Collingwood, and Miss Milligan has agreed to teach there.

We look forward to another full programme in the coming year, and we extend to any newcomers a cordial invitation to join in our activities.

WEST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss G. H. Miller, Carriden Lodge, Bo'ness.—The Branch has again had a very successful year. The usual classes were held in Armadale, Bathgate, Blackburn, Bo'ness, Linlithgow, Stoneyburn and Uphall. A new class of 50 members was formed in Greenrigg School, Harthill. Branch membership has increased considerably. We now have 289 Ordinary Members and 28 Life Members, an increase of 64.

On 8th October last, we had a visit from Mrs Cramb and Miss Nan Main, Aberdeen, who gave interesting talks to musicians and dancers. Mrs Cramb taught a few interesting traditional dances, also dances from "Graded Book." This visit was so much enjoyed, we hope to hold similar events in the near future.

Official dances were held in Armadale, Blackburn, Bathgate, Stoneyburn, Linlithgow and Uphall; all were highly successful.

WHITEHEAD. Secretary, Miss G. A. Streight, Ardnaree, 47 Cable Road, Whitehead.—The great event was the Ball in the Royal Hotel on Friday, 21st October, which was very much enjoyed by the members and visitors from various Branches and classes.

We had a visit from a team from Queen's University, Belfast, Killead Class and Greenisland Class, and we visited Ballymena, Greyabbey and Greenisland Classes as well as the Ballymena Ball in March.

Our membership is down from previous years but we think this is only a temporary lapse and expect an increase next season.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Secretary, Miss Helen Gardiner Jones, The Flat, Penn Vicarage, Wolverhampton.—10th June marked the conclusion of a very enjoyable year for the Branch, marked by an increasing membership and steady attendance on Monday evenings.

One of the highlights of the year was the week-end at Lilleshall in the autumn, in partnership with the Birmingham Branch when members enjoyed some entertaining and profitable instruction from Duncan MacLeod (Glasgow) and Innes Russell (London).

Our Annual Day School in February was an outstanding success in spite of our great disappointment that Miss Milligan's visit had to be postponed since travelling was out of the question for her at that time. Mrs Gibb (Manchester) and Innes Russell more than made up for our disappointment, however, and we had a delightful day's dancing. Miss Milligan has promised to come down for our next Day School on 17th February 1962—so we're all very busy keeping our fingers crossed.

We regarded our Annual Dance on 17th March (a most enjoyable affair) as the climax of the winter's activities, but since then we have found ourselves dancing giddily at other people's functions all over the West Midlands.

Affiliated Groups—Great Britain and Ireland

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

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

Banbury and District Scottish Dancing Group.—Mr G. STEVENS, Schoolhouse, Middleton Cheney, Banbury, Oxon.

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

Barnes Green, Muntham Scottish Country Dance School Group.—Mrs K. ANDREWS, Muntham House School, Barnes Green, nr. Horsham, Sussex.

Barnstaple, North Devon Caledonian Society.—Mr J. A. SIMPSON, 4 Tew Vale, Barnstaple, N. Devon.

Beckenham St. Mary's Dancers.—Miss A. M. Saward, 7 Uplands, Beckenham, Kent.

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

Berkhamsted Strathspey and Reel Club.—Miss P. D. MACGREGOR, Forge Hill, Bovington, Herts.

Bexleyheath, Bostall Park Scottish Dancing Group.—Mr J. A. MATSON, 2 Marley Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent.

Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society.—Mr D. G. YOUNG, 10 Fininstall Close, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, Warwick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Camberley Reel Club.—Mrs M. H. BROWN HOVELT, Frogmore Park Cottage, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey.

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

Cambridge University Strathspey and Reel Club.—THE SECRETARY, c/o Lloyds Bank, Trinity Street, Cambridge.

Cardiff Caledonian Society.—Mr J. BARCLAY BROWN, 134 Tyglas Road, Llanishen, Cardiff.

Charing Eight Scottish Country Dance Group.—Miss C. TOWNSHEND, Shackleford, Pilgrims Way, Charing, Kent.

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

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

Chester Caledonian Association.—Mr C. N. RIBBECK, 10 Dee Hills Park, Chester.

Chester St. Andrew Society.—Mrs S. A. DAVIES, 10 Earlsway, Curzon Park, Chester.

Chesterfield and District Caledonian Association Dance Class.—Miss A. MCDUGALL, 4 Riverside Crescent, Holymoorside, Chesterfield.

Chesterton (Staffs.) Scottish Dance Society.—Dr J. A. W. BROWN, The Mount, Chesterton, Newcastle, Staffs.

Chichester Scottish Country Dancing Class.—Mrs C. F. CRAIGIE, Broom Cottage, West Wittering, Sussex.

Consett, Castleside Country Dance Club.—Mr M. MILNER, 8 Wesley Terrace, Consett, Co. Durham.

Crosby Caledonian Society.—Mr W. B. MCILVEAN, 11 De Villiers Avenue, Great Crosby, Liverpool, 23.

Crowborough Scottish Country Dance Group.—Miss D. M. ASTLEY, The Gables, East Beacon Road, Crowborough, Sussex.

Darlington Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr T. GOLDSBROUGH, 21 Dundee Street, Darlington.

Darlington, Paton & Baldwin's Reel Club.—Miss G. A. TOSSELL, Paton & Baldwin's Ltd., Darlington, Co. Durham.

Derbyshire, Heanor Scottish Country Dancing Club.—Mr WILLIAM MUIR, 3 Church View, Loscoe, Derbyshire.

Dunster and West Somerset Scottish Dance Group.—Miss C. S. OBBARD, Tregoning, High Street, Dunster.

Eastbourne Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr A. TORRANCE, Kelvinside, 29 Baldwin Avenue, Eastbourne.

Epsom and District Caledonian Association.—Mr E. COOPER, 47 Higher Drive, Banstead, Surrey.

Enfield and District Scottish Association.—Mrs H. R. KING, 9 Durants Park Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex.

Farnham Scottish Dancing Club.—Mr C. LOWSON, Tamarisk, 78 Lynch Road, Farnham, Surrey.

Gainsborough Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr L. W. REID, 152 Lea Road, Gainsborough, Lincs.

Guildford, Blue Bonnets Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr N. SMITH, 28 Maple Grove, Guildford, Surrey.

Harrogate Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss J. B. DRYLIE, Flat 5, 7 Glebe Road, Harrogate.

Harwell, A.E.R.E. and District Caledonian Society.—Mrs E. A. BATTERSHILL, 2 Hillside, A.E.R.E. Harwell, Berks.

Hastings and St. Leonards Reel Club.—Miss AUDREY C. BARBER, 78 St. Helen's Road, Hastings, Sussex.

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

Henlow, R.A.F. Henlow Scottish Country Dancing Society.—Flt. Lt. H. GRAHAM FLEGG, M.A., D.C.Ae., 16 Northern Avenue, R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow, Beds.

Hereford Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr H. D. JAMES, 22 Moor Farm Lane, Hereford.

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

Hitchin, North Herts Reel Club.—Miss P. ALLEN, 26 Hampden Road, Hitchin, Herts.

Huddersfield St. Andrew's Society.—Mrs J. R. HORSFALL, 10 Goldington Drive, Oakes, Huddersfield.

Ilkley College of Housecraft S.C.D. Group.—Mrs M. YARKER, Southway, Manor Park, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorks.

Isle of Man, Caledonian Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss H. M. FRASER, Sunnybank, Derby Road, Peel, Isle of Man.

Isle of Man, Ramseian Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mrs C. D. SHIMMIN, Sea Haven, Vollan Crescent, Lezayre, Isle of Man.

Isle of Man, Manx Folk Dance Society.—Mr P. D. DEVEREAN, 7 Belgravia Road, Onchan, Isle of Man.

Jersey, Caledonian Country Dance Party.—Mrs E. C. BADDELEY, 3 Westbourne Terrace, St. Saviour, Jersey.

Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss M. BULMER, 86 Exley Road, Keighley, Yorks.

Kings Lynn Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr JOHN G. W. DOUGLAS, 1 St. Peter's Close, West Lynn, Kings Lynn.

Larkhill, Garrison Officer's Club.—c/o School of Artillery, Larkhill, Wilts.

Lewisham, Lee Thistle Club.—Mrs J. HONEBON, 51 Quentin Road, Lewisham, London, S.E.13.

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

Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr T. H. JACK, 36 Parkland Crescent, Leeds, 6.

Leeds University Union Scottish Country Dance Society.—Hon. Sec. Leeds University Union S.C.D.S., University Union, University Road, Leeds, 2.

Lillington (Community Centre) S.C.D. Group.—Mrs G. E. GOODE, 91 Wathen Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Lincoln Caledonian Society.—Mr P. MCOWAT, 37 St. Margaret's Gardens, Lincoln.

Lincoln Scottish Association.—Mr R. W. DODDS, The Little Grange, Heighington, Lincoln.

Loyne Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr H. F. EVANS, Hest Bank Farm, Hest Bank, Lancaster.

Luton Scottish Reel Club.—Mrs J. O. STEWART, 49 Swiftgreen Road, Luton, Beds.

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

Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Class.—Miss M. D. W. WALL, Elton, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead.

Malvern Scots Club.—Mr A. H. MORTON, 33 Blackmore Road, Malvern, Worcs.

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

Northampton Town and County Scottish Association Dancers.—Mr J. C. RODHOUSE, 17 Edinburgh Road, Northampton.

Northwich and District Scots Society.—Mrs M. C. OLIVER, 17 Mere Lane, Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire.

North Staffordshire Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss A. COX, 235 Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Newcastle.

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

Nuneaton and District Scottish Society.—Mr R. J. GOSDEN, Turtle Hill, Nuneaton, Warks.

Plymouth, Caledonian Society of Plymouth and District.—Mr JAMES P. ROBB, 4 Albemarle Villas, Plymouth, Devon.

Portadown Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs A. Crookes, 20 Elm Park, Richill, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland.

Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs VERA HILL, 10 Pitreave Road, Cosham, Hants.

Portsmouth, St. Andrew Scottish Country Dance Class.—Mr A. K. MUNROE, "Canmohr," 43 Grant Road, Farlington, Portsmouth.

Preston and District Caledonian Society.—Mr T. SMITH, 64 Tulleth Road, Ashton, Preston.

Reading, St. Andrew's Scottish Dancing Society.—Mr KENNETH A. WALLACE, 4 Redhatch Drive, Earley, Reading.

Richmond Caledonian Society.—Mr J. ARCHIBALD, 48 Popes Grove, Twickenham, Middlesex.

Romford Scottish Association.—Mr R. A. MACDONALD, 88 Parkside Avenue, Romford, Essex.

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

St. Annes-on-Sea, Balgownie Dancers.—Miss M. SINCLAIR, 22 Cavendish Road, St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire.

South Devon, Salcombe Scottish Dance Club.—Mr D. McDONALD ASHFORD, "Armadales," Malborough, Kingsbridge, South Devon.

- Scarborough Caledonian Society.**—Mr S. MCINTOSH, 79 Cross Lane, Scarborough.
- Southampton Scottish Association.**—Mrs E. DAVIDSON, 157 Midanbury Lane, Southampton.
- Southampton University Scottish Dancing Association.**—Mr A. K. G. JAMES, Glen Eyre Hall, Southampton.
- Southend-on-Sea, The Allan Dancers.**—Mrs JUDKINS, 62 Avenue Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.
- South-East Essex Scottish Society Reel Club.**—Mrs R. W. SMITH, "Cromarty," 3 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
- South-East Herts Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss B. ALLEN, St. Kilda, 11 Farquhar Street, Bengoe, Hertford.
- Southsea Reel Club.**—Mr S. A. COTTRELL, 5 Chelsea Road, Southsea, Hants.
- Stafford and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr M. G. THOMPSON, The Hayes, Longton Road, Stone, Staffs.
- Swansea St. Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr R. ALAN KERR, A.C.A., 20 Le Breos Avenue, Uplands, Swansea.
- Stone Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr H. A. HARVEY, 119 Lincoln Avenue, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs.
- Stourbridge and District Scottish Society.**—Mr S. F. J. PILLEY, 25 Pargeter Street, Stourbridge.
- Stratford-on-Avon Caledonian Association.**—Mrs E. M. SOMERVILLE, 47 Albany Road, Stratford-on-Avon.
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- Yelverton Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs D. CREWE, Glenhaven, Beechfield, Yelverton, South Devon.
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Hastings, St. Andrew's Scottish Country Club.—Miss J. C. BENTLEY, 800 Kowtai Street, Hastings.

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WEST INDIES

Jamaica, Scottish Country Dance Society of Jamaica.—Miss G. ANDERSON, P.O. Box 679, Kingston, Jamaica.

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, M.B.E.

In May, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, one of the Society's Honorary Vice-Presidents, died after a prolonged illness. To many of our older members, this news must have brought a feeling of sadness along with thankfulness that she had been spared further suffering.

For many years Mrs Hamilton-Meikle took a keen interest in the affairs of the Society and acted as Chairman and Vice-Chairman over a long period. Her regular visits to the Summer School were much appreciated and when she was unable to take part in the classes she attended Miss Milligan's class and really enjoyed watching.

Owing to ill health, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle resigned from all her activities a few years ago but to the end she remained interested in the Society and was so pleased to have been invited to Headquarters on the occasion of the Royal visit.

Those who knew her will cherish very happy memories of her gracious and charming personality.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 5th November 1960

Minutes of the Thirty-First Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 5th November 1960, at 2.30 p.m., in the City Halls, Perth.

Present.—The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, and an approximate attendance of 400 members, of whom 91 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting the Lord Provost of Perth, on behalf of the City, extended a very warm welcome to all delegates and members. Lady Elgin very graciously thanked the Lord Provost and expressed on behalf of the Society her appreciation for the hospitality that had been shown by the City to the Society. Owing to pressure of business the Lord Provost was unable to wait for the rest of the meeting.

The President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Lady Elgin also mentioned that, at the Queen's convenience, Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to visit Headquarters in Edinburgh. A message was also read from Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch, co-Founder of the Society. Lady Elgin then went on to express the distress of all delegates and members at the indisposition of Miss Milligan, Chairman of the Society, and asked the approval of the meeting to the sending of flowers and a message wishing her a speedy recovery. The suggestion was enthusiastically acclaimed by all present.

Chairman's Remarks.—The Countess of Elgin welcomed all the delegates representing England, Ireland and Scotland and pointed out that this year there were no delegates from overseas.

The President drew the meeting's attention to the fact that once again the Society had had a very successful year with an increase in individual membership of over 2,000; she said that growth was necessary for survival and had been glad to notice that efforts were being made to keep the young people interested, both by teaching in schools and by television in such programmes as "The Kilt is My Delight," "Jig Time" and "The White Heather Club." She also mentioned the new records made under the auspices of the Society and encouraged those present to make full use of them as they were really excellent both from the dancing and the listening points of view. It was interesting to note, she said, that a guitar was one of the instruments in the band and surely this was something new for Scottish country dancing.

Lady Elgin had been pleased to note that in five of the eight training colleges in Scotland, Scottish country dancing was part of the curriculum and hoped that in the three remaining colleges the subject would soon be included.

The President then told the members of her recent visit to South Africa and how pleased she had been to meet Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch. On asking Mrs Stewart about her early research in Scottish country dancing, Lady Elgin was delighted to hear that Mrs Stewart, when collecting tunes, used her knowledge of whistling to great advantage by first learning to whistle the tunes and write them down.

The President ended her remarks by thanking all members of committees for so regularly attending meetings; all Branch Secretaries and Committees for their unstinted work throughout the year; and the staff at Headquarters.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th October 1959, having been circulated in the *Bulletin* were approved and signed.

Confirmation of Appointment of President and Honorary Vice-Presidents.—Mr Sharpe, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council, proposed the re-appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich and The Duke of Hamilton. This was seconded by Dr Robertson Wilson, Southport, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

Appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents.—The President proposed the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society, The Duke of Atholl, Miss Gray-Buchanan and Mrs Hamilton-Meikle. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for 1960-61.—*Chairman and Vice-Chairman:* Miss J. C. Milligan and Mr G. Sharpe, being the sole nominees for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively were elected. *Six Elected Members:* The following were elected by vote: Miss Browne (Aberdeen), Mrs Lesslie (Edinburgh), Mr Murray (Inverness), Miss Robertson (Dundee), Miss Ross (Glasgow) and Mr Williamson (Perth).

Adoption of Annual Report.—Mr Gilroy (East Lothian) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr Raven (East Surrey West Kent) and approved by the meeting.

Adoption of Annual Accounts.—The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1960, circulated with the *Bulletin*, were presented by Mr Sharpe, Convener of the Finance Committee.

In the Revenue Account subscriptions showed a substantial decrease. This was mainly due to the different method now instituted for dealing with life membership subscriptions which are now set aside in a separate fund and a percentage only brought into Revenue Account each year. Investment income had again increased and now totalled £523. Surplus on Publications Account was £1,056, an increase of £419 over the previous year.

Turning to Expenditure it was pointed out that the Administration Expenses had slightly increased while depreciation of £50 on Furniture and Equipment and £250 on Property had again been charged against Revenue. The balance on Revenue Account was £1,705 and after making appropriations to Reserves totalling £1,400 the net surplus for the year amounted to £305.

The Balance Sheet showed total Assets at 30th June 1960, of £31,341; an increase of £1,455 over the previous year.

Mr Sharpe then examined the estimates for 1960-61, explaining the changes with those of the previous year.

Mr Ross (London) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr Fleming (West Lothian) and this was approved by the meeting.

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

Resolutions.—*From the Executive Council:* "That the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules should be altered as follows:—

(1) Page 3, paragraph iii (3)—omit words 'situated outside Scotland' to read: 'Firms, Companies, Societies, Clubs, Associations or other bodies interested in the objects of the Society may join as Affiliated Groups, provided there is not in their area any Branch of the Society of which the members of such body could conveniently become members. The decision as to whether any body shall be admitted as an Affiliated Group shall be at the absolute discretion of the Executive Council, who shall have regard to any

recommendations of the General Purposes Committee. In making the decision regard will be given to any views submitted by neighbouring Branches.' Mr Macleod (Glasgow), on behalf of the Executive Council, moved the resolution which was seconded by Miss Adams (Glasgow). Dr Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) proposed the direct negative, seconded by Dr Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire).

On a vote by a show of hands the resolution was carried.

(2) Page 4, paragraph iv (1)—add after 'President,' 'Vice-President' to read: 'The Office-Bearers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Honorary Vice-Presidents, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in the manner aftermentioned.'

(3) Page 10, Rules II (1) (a)—add, after 'In the absence of the President' 'the Vice-President of the Society, whom failing' to read: 'The President of the Society shall preside at the General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the Society, whom failing the Chairman of the Society, whom failing the Vice-Chairman, shall act as Chairman of the General Meeting.'

(4) Page 10, Rule II (1) (b)—add, after 'President,' 'Vice-President' to read: 'In the absence of the President, Vice-President, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, a Chairman shall be appointed by the majority of those present and entitled to vote.'

Resolutions (2), (3) and (4), taken together, were moved by Mr Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) on behalf of the Executive Council, and were seconded by Mrs Hutcheson (East Stirlingshire). Mr Mechan (Dundee) proposed that the *status quo* be maintained, seconded by Mr Cross (Glasgow).

On a vote by a show of hands the resolution was carried (52 for, 11 against and 28 abstentions). Later in the meeting Mr Mechan, on a point of order, enquired if, according to the constitution, p. 10, vii (2), the resolution received the vote of not less than two thirds of the delegates present and entitled to vote. When the result of the vote was rechecked it was found that a majority of two-thirds in favour of the resolution had not been received and the Chairman declared that the *status quo* should be maintained.

From Edinburgh Branch: "That the Executive Council should give effect to the Resolution, concerning recently devised dances, which was carried unanimously at the Annual General Meeting in 1956." Mr Cruickshank (Edinburgh) moved the resolution, seconded by Mr Brown (Edinburgh). The Secretary outlined the steps already taken by the Executive and pointed out that Branches had been asked to send in any dances which had been tried out and found popular, but since that time only one dance which was not already published was received. It was not necessary to take a vote on this resolution which had been previously passed, but the Chairman assured the members that should a sufficient number of suitable dances be forthcoming, the Executive Council would give the matter earnest consideration.

1961 Annual General Meeting.—The Chairman announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Ayr on 28th October 1961.

Vote of Thanks.—Mr Ross (London) thanked Lady Elgin for presiding at the meeting and for carrying out her duties so graciously. He also extended to the Perth Branch the thanks and warm appreciation of the Society for all the hard work which had been done to make the week-end arrangements so very successful.

PORTRAIT FUND

It is felt that members who are not in touch with Branches should be given an opportunity of contributing to the portrait of Miss Milligan and they are invited to send their donations to the Treasurer, Miss D. M. Vaughan, F.C.A., 108 Hanover Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Summer School, 1961

NO MATTER how much we have heard of St. Andrews and dreamed of coming ourselves, on the last bit of our journey we must all share a few doubts and misgivings. As I gathered my luggage and boarded the train for St. Andrews in Edinburgh, I wondered what I was doing so far from home. Several kind people took an interest in seeing that I and all my bags got on the right train at Leuchars. Finally we arrived in St. Andrews and after only two weeks of seeing Scotland, I could see and smell and feel the warmth, and the real Scottish "Scotchness" of this town. I asked the first passer-by—"Which way to the University?"—hoping I sounded more casual than I felt—and she not only told me "go to the next corner and turn right, then left, so that you can see where you are going, and it won't seem so far," but she also said "I'm walking your way as far as the corner. Let me carry that bag." It didn't seem a long walk—as I later learnt it wasn't—before I was at the front door of University Hall and there were Miss Milligan and Miss Hadden, making each new arrival feel especially welcome. The next people to appear in the hall as we were speaking were "the girls from Leeds." Miss Milligan, busy as all the readers of this will know, put me in the hands of these kind and lively girls. They promptly took me out to lunch and did their best to unAmericanise me. We drove to the chosen restaurant in town and as I jumped out of the car and started to hurry along the sidewalk, they said words to the effect that they had all afternoon! What was this hurry about? Nevertheless, in spite of a marvellous appearance of never being in a rush this was the first day of a fortnight of scheduled classes, evening parties and four meals a day, *all* on time, but with no one ever seeming to be the least burdened or the least in a hurry.

The fascinating demonstrations by Miss Milligan's team, by Bobby Watson, Miss Seddon's and Mrs Cramb's ladies Highland classes, are vivid memories for all who saw them. Miss Milligan's team in particular, would sometimes be showing us a dance they had just learnt for the first time together, twenty minutes before going on. They have been an inspiration, I feel sure, to the whole school. Impelled by Kitty's able performance on the piano, they flew through the pattern of the dance, one figure melting into another, with easy grace, perfect footwork and obvious enjoyment. Although it is impossible for a first-year foreigner to judge, it seems safe to say that years and years from now we may have forgotten many new dances and new friendships, but not one of us will ever forget these dancers, nor the great lady who directs them and us all at St. Andrews.

Miss Milligan's staff came up to her own high standards in every way. Quite a number of us have enjoyed not one week, but two of Miss Arnott's able instruction. Even exercise, always with the music—and what musicians we have had—became something we not only accepted, but even anticipated. Many people agree that the students make the school. Certainly at St. Andrews the students are a friendly and interested group, but with Miss Milligan's entire staff of teachers being so excellent, different yet the same, I feel they can give any dancer his maximal improvement possible within the time limit of the course. It is because of this, perhaps, that so many of the dancers return year after year.

Each Friday afternoon we all joined in a large class with Bobby Watson in the Younger Hall. He filled every minute of his lesson with fun, but still we came away with the satisfaction of having made some improvement, in spite of the mournful expression on his face as he watched us perform what he had just demonstrated so beautifully.

The new book, Book 21, was taught by Miss Milligan, for the first time, to our class. It seems a book full of gems. There was not one dance that we didn't enjoy, and three or four were unanimously judged to be headed for top popularity.

During the lull between dinner and our last evening party, bagpipes, heard in the distance, began to come nearer and nearer. Those not already assembled in the Stone Court outside the Hall hurried in that direction. Someone opened the door and in marched three pipers—one of them a young American girl—led by Bill Clement. They piped and marched up and down the dance hall for several numbers. Then, after a brief whispered conference, they marched through the hall and corridor and out the front door playing "Scotland the Brave." The pipers disappeared, the sound of their continued playing growing fainter in our ears. Kitty went to the piano, Miss Milligan took the floor and we

were launched on our last evening party, one of the very best. Later, during the dance, Mr Clement came back in the full regalia which he wears when piping as a member of the Duke of Atholl's own pipe band. Miss Milligan explained the significance of his outfit by making one of her famous announcements—"Now, I want to tell you about what Mr Clement is wearing . . ." After this, of course, we danced the Duke of Atholl's Reel to Mr Clement's piping. Later we had another rare treat; a Gaelic singer, as pretty to look at as to listen to, sang several beautiful songs and our French girl, Genevieve, showed us an interesting French folk dance.

The end of the course had come and we left with hopes to attend again next year, and in the meantime with plans to try to give to others what we can of what we learned at St. Andrews.

Furth of Scotland

It is interesting to note that during the last year correspondence has been received at Headquarters from quite a number of far-away places including North Borneo, Gwelo, San Diego, Tokyo, Liberia, Pennsylvania, Salonika, Muscat, Launceston, Qatar, Sarawak, Helsinki, Leopoldville, Shanghai, Barbados and Indonesia. While some of the letters are mainly concerned with orders for publications, many have interesting pieces of information and a quotation is taken from a letter from a lady in Indonesia who enclosed the police permit required for her class in Scottish country dancing: "Western dancing is generally banned throughout the country but over the past two years I have managed to get three-monthly permission from the police there to give lessons in Scottish country dancing. I have taught somewhere between twenty and thirty Indonesian boys and girls (of ages varying from about 14 to 24) to do about ten different country dances and, on the whole, found them very apt pupils. Their own local dancing being slow and stately they thoroughly enjoyed the fast tempo of Scottish dancing and became fans of bagpipe music as well. Last year eight of them gave a demonstration of the eightsome to some hundreds of spectators (the only time it had ever been done by Indonesians in their own country)."

A letter from Salonika tells of the writer, a Scot from Aberdeen, teaching her Sassenach, Greek and other friends some of her national dances about which they are all very enthusiastic. Another member, *en route* for Shanghai, mentioned that while they were still on board the ship a Swedish shipping agent asked "Do you do Scottish country dancing?" This lady is one of a group which consists of "one Scot, two part Scots, three English, one Swiss, two Swedes, three Danes and one Russian married to a Swede. Two more British and a Norwegian are currently being enticed—the latter at fifty thinks he is too old. We do not consider this a valid reason!"

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

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

SUMMER SCHOOL 1962

All members must apply to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, by 30th January 1962 for Summer School application forms, (enclosing stamped addressed envelope), which will be sent out in February. The approximate dates for the School are 23rd July till 20th August. Non-Residents must apply as well as Residents.



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